

April 9, 2010 Gao'an City Social Welfare Institute Report

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Huang Zhiyong (黄志勇)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director (Head of Foster Care):** Ao Chunjing (敖春景)
- c) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for a little over 20 children. Amity sponsors 13 of these children for foster care, while the Institute funds less than 10. 2-3 older children reside at the Institute itself.
- d) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** foster mothers bring foster children to the same epidemic prevention station for vaccinations on the 20th of every month.

2. Overall Impression

- a) **Foster Families and Children:** most children at the Gao'an City Social Welfare Institute have been placed into foster homes, and relatively few still reside at the Institute itself. The Amity Foundation sponsors 13 of the approximately 20 Gao'an children presently living in foster homes. All Amity-sponsored foster children live in the Gao'an urban area in fairly comfortable homes. The foster families all take very good care of the children, while the foster children are in turn very attached to their foster families.
- b) As an example of how foster care is helping, one of our sponsored foster children has been weak and unhealthy since birth due to a disease of her blood cells. However her health has gradually improved and her days have brightened ever since she entered her foster home, thanks to her foster parents' warm love, good care, and meticulous nursing.
- c) And another foster child has Hepatitis B (which many of our Gao'an foster children do) but her foster parents treat her no differently from their own children. They love her, care for her, and support her in every aspect of her life and studies; they willingly spend the money to buy her new clothes and enroll her in classes outside of school. For this girl loves and feels profoundly attached to this foster family.

3. Interviews

- a) Met with 13 foster children and their foster families (their reports and photos have been sent to their individual sponsors).
- b) Scholarship child Gao CH (her report and photo has been sent to her sponsor).
- c) Delivered school supplies to scholarship children (see pictures below).



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