

March 15, 2010 Guixi Social Welfare Institute Report

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Director Shao (邵院长)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Yang Dong (杨栋)
- c) **Head of the Children's Department:** Director Hou (候主任)
- d) **Head(s) of Foster Care:** Amity Grandmas Wang Huomei (汪火梅), Ye Jinzhu (叶金珠), Wang Lianhua (汪莲花), and Jing Qiuying (景秋英).
- e) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** foster children are brought back to the Institute every 30 days for physical exams and vaccinations.
- f) **Number of Children:** at present, the Amity Foundation sponsors 2 children for foster care, while the Institute funds 10 children for foster care (this number often fluctuates). 10 children reside at the Institute itself.

2. Overall Impression

Institute Children: Guixi Social Welfare Institute's foster children all currently live in rural foster homes. Last year, children were placed in foster homes in both the villages of Tanjia and Zuojia. This year, due to reducing number of orphanage children and for the sake of administrative, the Institute has gradually replaced foster homes in Zuojia village. Amity Grandmas conduct unscheduled interviews of foster families.

3. Interviews

- a) Met with 2 foster children and their foster families.



This healthy three year old foster child has made progress in her language abilities: she can now say a few short sentences and understands manners, taking the initiative to greet neighboring grandpas, older sisters, uncles, and aunties whenever she

sees them. She likes to play outside with the neighboring children.



This healthy two year old foster child is very close to her foster father. She likes to follow him wherever he goes, and so he always takes her wherever he goes. She knows her age and can count from 1 to 5, and recognizes everyday objects in the house. She also knows what things are hers and can put them in order. She likes to mimic others; she often mimics people singing and dancing on TV, and will sometimes sing and dance for her foster family members!

- b) Met with 4 Amity Grandmas, they visit foster children at their foster homes and take care of babies in the orphanages nursery.



Wang Huomei is pictured with one of the children sponsored by the SWI for foster care. She is a chubby baby who is developing well on all fronts. She is very attached to her foster mother and a bit shy of strangers. She wouldn't let Grandma Wang hold her at first, but came around after Grandma Wang played

with her a while. Even then, though, her eyes never left her foster mother, and she would begin crying if she ever lost sight of her.



Ye Jinzhu is pictured above with one of the children living at the Institute. Grandma Ye is particularly fond of this little girl; she plays with her and holds her every time she comes in to work.



Wang Lianhua is pictured above with one of our foster children. This girl is shy of strangers; she hides behind others whenever she meets someone unfamiliar. She won't let you hold her hand or even get near her if she doesn't know you. She is used to Grandma Wang, however, because she comes often to visit, and doesn't mind if Grandma Wang gets close or holds her hand.



Jing Qiuying is pictured a little girl born less than a month ago with a deformed left hand. She entered her foster family only days after she was born. The Grandmas check up on her more frequently because she is a newly fostered child.