

1/12/2010 Hengfeng County Social Welfare Institute Report

1. Basic Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Director Huang (黄院长)
- b) **Institute Vice-Directors:** Vice-Director Rao (饶院长) and Vice-Director Fang (方院长)
- c) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Liu Haiyun (刘海芸) visits and interviews foster families once a month.
- d) **Amity Doctor:** Zhu Tianfen (朱天芬).
- e) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for 80 children in all. Approximately 20 children live at the Institute. Among the rest, Amity sponsors 38 for foster care, and Care for Children sponsors 16.
- f) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** foster children are given physical exams once a month in their homes. Foster mothers bring foster children to their local epidemic prevention center for vaccinations.

2. Overall Impression

The Hengfeng County Social Welfare Institute saw a large number of children adopted in 2009. There seem to be no children over half a year old left at the Institute; those still in residence are mostly healthy babies born in 2010 or in 2009 from October to December. Foster families have also received a new cohort of healthy children born in this period.

3. Interviews

- a) Interviewed foster children and their families. Individual reports with a photo of each child will be sent separately to their sponsors. Here's some photos and comments from a few:



This is a healthy two month old girl.



This four year old boy had cleft lip/palate surgery the month before and is already speaking more clearly.



This little girl is a newborn with jaundice, she was only six days old when Amity visited.



An eight year old girl with congenital heart disease that we are also sponsoring for school.



Healthy eight month old girl.

- b) Visited Grandma Zhu Tianfen: Doctor Zhu Tianfen is a loving person who is very fond of children. She takes her responsibilities at the Institute seriously. She makes two rounds of the wards every day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon, and administers treatment the moment she discovers a sick child. She is not only concerned about the children at the Institute, but also about the children in foster homes. She visits foster families every month to examine the children and counsel foster mothers on sickness prevention.



- c) We were unable to meet with the university student who is attending Xianning University in Hubei province but the orphanage sent us a photo of her as well as a letter from her.

