

June 25, 2010 Hengfeng County Social Welfare Institute

Interview Report

1. Background Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Mr. Huang
- b) **Vice president of the institute:** Mr. Rao, Mr. Fang
- c) **Project Supervisor of Amity:** Liu Haiyun (Liu Haiyun interviews once per month)
- d) **Amity Doctor:** Zhu Tianfen(朱天芬)
- e) **Number of Children:** over 30 children live at the Institution; Amity sponsors over 20 children for foster care
- f) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** foster children are given physical exams once a month. They are taken at regular intervals to an epidemic prevention station for vaccinations.

2. **Overall Impression of Foster Children in the Project:** Currently, foster children participating in Amity's Foster Care Project are living in the county and suburbs. As it won't take long to drive from the suburb to the social welfare institute, it's convenient for foster mother to go to the institute. In terms of the foster children, five of them have okay self-care abilities. Because some of them are 4-6 years old, it's time for them to begin kindergarten. Amity has discussed this with the institute staff and it will be arranged for them to attend kindergartens close to their foster families. If this is not the same kindergarten they would have attended if they lived at the orphanage then we will need to pay their school expenses.

3. Interviews

- a) Interviewed 16 foster children and their foster families. Individual reports and a photo of each child will be sent to their sponsor. Here are a few of the children with some comments that were written about them:



This toddler girl was undernourished but is gaining weight in her foster home and now becomes sick less frequently. “She is active and enjoys laughing. She especially enjoys it when her sister plays hide-and-seek game with her.”



This healthy seven month old girl is well attached to her foster family, especially her older brother.



This five year old with congenital heart disease loves playing with the neighborhood children.



This seven year old girl with congenital heart disease loves playing games and imitating her foster mother while she cooks. She's attending kindergarten which she especially enjoys drawing.



This five month old girl is described at "healthy and adorable".

- b) Met with our Hugging Granny Doctor Zhu Tianfen. She is treating children very day. According to Dr.Zhu, as Jiangxi Province is undergoing rainy season currently, children are vulnerable to the abrupt change of the weather, especially children who are raised in the orphanage. Children here are prone to become infected by any other child who has a cold. Consequently, Dr.Zhu considers it's better to cure sick children as soon as possible, which is beneficial to the sick children, as well as other healthy children (by preventing disease transmission).



- c) **School children:** As Qin Siyu(秦思雨) was attending school in Hubei and not on a school break we weren't able to meet with her.