

May 29, 2010 Jingdezhen City Social Welfare Institute Site Visit

Report

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Director Yu (于院长)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director(s):** Vice-Director Wei (危院长), Li Xiaoyan (李小艳)
- c) **Head of the Children's Division:** Ms. Wu (吴主任)
- d) **Head of the Foster Care Office:** Pan Yuzhi (潘玉枝)
- e) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Pan Yuzhi makes monthly unscheduled visits to foster families. She is establishing files for each foster child by filling out two visitation reports per child every month.
- f) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for a total of 60 children. Among these, Amity sponsors 20 for foster care, while the Institute funds more than 10 in foster care. More than 20 children, most of whom have cerebral palsy or are mentally disabled, reside at the Institute itself.
- g) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** all foster children return once a month to the Institute for a routine physical exam and any necessary vaccines.

2. Overall Impression

- a) **Social Welfare Institute:** the new building for the Jingdezhen Social Welfare Institute has been completed, and most of the Institute's elderly residents have already moved in. The Institute's children will have to wait another week before moving in due to time considerations.
- b) **Foster Families:** the great majority of the Jingdezhen Institute's foster families are located in the city proper, while a minority are in the suburbs and surrounding countryside. Some of these foster homes do not have the best living conditions, but the families provide the children with the love and warmth of a home. The children are also deeply attached to their families.

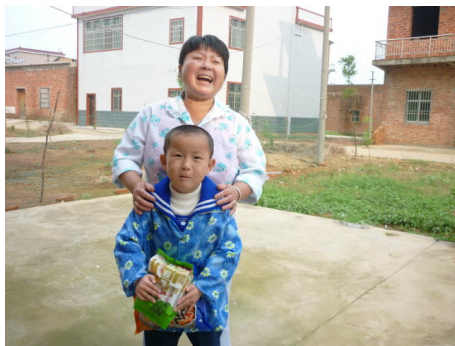
One foster family is located farther away than all the rest: about three hours roundtrip from the city. This family used to live in the city proper, but has now moved back to the countryside. The foster mother in this family takes very good care of her foster child, and the child is very attached to the foster mother in turn. The road to visit this foster child is now much longer, but we are putting her best interests first by keeping her with the foster family who provides her with a good life.

3. Interviews

- a) Met with 20 foster children and their foster families. Individual reports will go to each child's foster and school sponsors.
- b) Gave snacks and Children's Day (June 1st) gifts to the Amity-sponsored foster children (see pictures below):



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