

11/12/2010 Jindezhen Social Welfare Institute Trip Report

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Director Zhou (male)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Li Xiaoyan, Wei and Niu (female))
- c) **Head of the Children's Division:** Director Wu
- d) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Pan Yuzhi
- e) **Person in charge of Amity Foster Care:** Pan Yuzhi who periodically visits the foster families and writes visit report twice a month, set up the children's files.
- f) **Number of Children:** There are more than 60 children in institute. Amity sponsors 20 children for foster care, 7 children are sponsored by Institute, and the remaining children (more than 30) still live in institute (most of them are children with cerebral palsy or low IQ's).
- g) **Situation of Physical exam and preventive inoculation:** Children receive physical exams and preventive inoculations on the recommended schedule.

2. Overall Impression of the Social welfare institute:

As of several months ago Mr. Zhou is the new Chairmen of the Institute instead of Chairman Yu. Ms. Niu started at the same time as Mr. Zhou and she is now responsible for the Administration of institute. The new buildings are finished and are called The Jingdezhen Social Welfare Center. It includes three buildings, one is Office building, one is for old people and the other is for children. Children in the institute now temporarily live in the first floor of Old people's building but they will move to the children's building very soon.



old people's building



office building



children's department on the left

3. Interviews

Amity staff Ms. Luo visited foster families and the 20 children in those families. The reports and photos of these children will be sent to their individual sponsors but here are a few photos and comments from the reports:



Excerpt from the report of this 22 month old girl with cleft lip and palate: “Her hair has gotten long, and she wears it in the cutest little braid. She likes to be where the excitement is so she's always wandering into the neighbors' houses to play. She has made great progress in her verbal development—she can now talk to people using one or two words, and she likes copying what other people say.



The cerebral palsy of this seven month old boy is mild enough that he is developing fairly normally on all fronts. He reacts at a decent speed, responds to his name, can babble to himself, reach out for things he wants, and stand for a few seconds if supported under the arms. He also likes it when members of his foster family play with him. He was not in good health when he first came to his foster home, having just been discharged from the hospital, but he recovered after a period of nursing and now falls sick much less.



This 18 month old girl “has a strong personality, isn't shy of strangers, and likes to be where the noise and excitement are. She sometimes gets into fights with her big sister and try to get her toys whenever they play together, though for the most part they get along fine. She is now walking more steadily than before and has learned to say “mom” and “dad”. She also likes to mimic her foster mother doing housework, taking up a broom whenever her foster mom sweeps the floor, or dragging over a stool and joining in whenever her foster mom sorts vegetables.



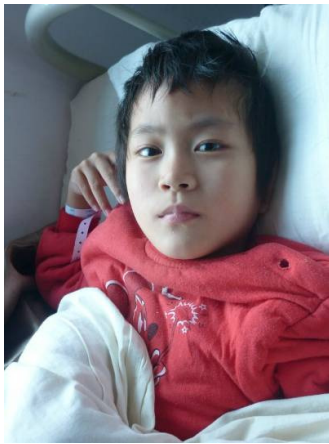
This one year old girl is currently shy of strangers but outgoing and lively at home, quick to laugh and always playing with her older sister. She can now stand while leaning on something, walk when led by both hands, and mimic what she sees (waving hello and goodbye, copying actors on TV, etc.). She can also say “mom”, “dad”, and “big sister”.



This five year old girl is now in preschool, where her teacher is teaching material close to first grade material. She is an earnest student and fast learner, able to read and write new characters, memorize and recite Tang poetry, and add and subtract fairly quickly. She is able to both take care of herself (for example dress self) and help out around the house.



This six month old has some developmental delays so is benefiting from the close attention of a loving foster mom.



This seven year old girl was in the hospital at the time of her visit, having received some surgeries for her cerebral palsy.



Another girl (four years old) in the hospital for surgery related to her cerebral palsy.