

# Jingdezhen Social Welfare Institute

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Zhou Bo from the Amity Foundation office in Nanjing traveled to Jiangxi province in July to meet with our Jiangxi coordinator. They visited four of the orphanages together and Jingdezhen was one of these. They met with the orphanage staff and reviewed our foster care sponsorship program with them. They reviewed policies for how to select the foster families and how to monitor them. They visited the foster families and saw that the children were living happily with their foster families and were also benefiting by being a part of the community where the foster families live.

A report on each child will be sent to their sponsor but here is an example of one of our sponsored children. This six year old girl has cerebral palsy and has improved a great deal since she entered her foster family thanks to all the loving attention she has received from the foster parents. The foster father is a Chinese masseuse and every day he spends about two hours with the girl, doing massage and exercises and helping with her walking and other activities. with full of love and care for her every day. Because of his attentive care, she is now walking steadily, can respond when someone calls her, can understand when someone is talking to her and is able to take care of herself on daily basis. The father told us that he has begun to practice language skills with her and is encouraging her to talk while doing exercises and playing with her. He believes she will improve even though her progress is slow. She likes attending kindergarten now that her classmates are willing to play with her since she has learned to be gentler with others.



The contrast between this devotion and time spent by the foster family and the life a child with cerebral palsy would often live in an institution is marked. I hope you can see what a huge difference foster care makes for this girl and for the other orphanage children! If you would like to sponsor a child from the Jingdezhen orphanage (or one of our other Jiangxi orphanages) please e-mail me at [peggy@gurrad.com](mailto:peggy@gurrad.com). Currently the cost is \$32 per month.