

12/10/2009 Jiujiang City Social Welfare Institution Interview Report

1. Background Information

- a) **Institution Director:** Wang Qianrong (王前勇)
- b) **Institution Vice-Directors:** Director Liu (刘院长), Director Li (李院长) (responsible for the Senior Citizens Department).
- c) **Heads of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Secretary Yu (余书记), Wu Jie (吴洁) (also head of the Children's Department).
- d) **Number of Children:** the Institution is responsible for approximately 100 children, of which 20 are living in foster care families.

2. Interviews

- a) Interviewed 5 scholarship children. We were unable to meet scholarship child Ke Qiuxia (柯秋霞), as she was away doing an internship at the time. The Institution has provided a recent picture of her. Individual reports on the sponsored schoolchildren (with photos) were sent with the report and will be sent to the sponsor of each child.
- b) Interviewed 5 Amity Grandmas. We were unable to meet with Amity Grandma Yin Meizhi (殷美枝), as she had taken the day off due to matters at home. The Institution has provided a recent picture of her. Individual reports (with photos) of each Granny were sent. Here are excerpts from a few:



Grandma Jiang Muzhen – She volunteers at the orphanage six days a week and does physical therapy with disabled children and works on developing their cognitive abilities. She has this little boy walking on his own now and is also working on his language skills which are delayed.



Grandma Ou Yangyan (SHE NEEDS SOMEONE TO PROVIDE HALF HER YEARLY STIPEND WHICH WOULD BE \$330) In this photo Grandma Ou is currently working with MY. Grandma Ou is teaching MY to identify the different colors of her toys. MY's memory is not very good, and if you remind her of something she has learned before she will often forget what you have just taught her. Even so, Grandma Ou very patiently goes over the same colors, numbers, and words with Ming Yuan again and again. She has never gotten tired of repeating these lessons, and as a result of her persistence, MY can now remember and list out loud the numbers and colors Grandma Ou has taught her.



Grandma Cao Zhengmei (SHE NEEDS A SPONSOR FOR HER STIPEND – THE COST IS \$55 PER MONTH WHICH IS \$660 PER YEAR but any amount would help) Grandma Cao is very loving and attentive to CA, this boy with whom she often works. Even though CA is so much older than most other children in therapy, Grandma Cao still helps him complete his exercises on the therapy machine every day. CA is very happy to have Grandma Cao helping him. CA's enunciation isn't very clear, but he can tell Grandma Cao about anything that's bothering him and she will understand. CA is a mature kid and he often helps Grandma Cao take care of and play with another little child.

Additional Information on the SWI:

The new rehabilitation center at the orphanage has 6 people on staff, 2 are in care from children's unit, 3 are from medical unit and 1 from administration office. Amity Grandmas help with the rehabilitation and care for children in special needs. The 6 Amity Grandmas are kind and familiar with the children. Currently,

we think the Amity Grandmas are necessary if the funds are enough for 5-6. The number of children who living in the orphanage has increased and most of children have disabilities. The children are living in 6 rooms. It seemed that caregivers are limited to take care of the children in each children's room. The Amity Grandmas work in the rehab. Room but they also help with the children's medical care or daily care if there are any needs.

They are planning to build a new orphanage in other area. Mr. Cao, the former director is in charge of the new orphanage's planning.