

## 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 110-120 children, of which 12 are living in foster care families.

## 2. Interviews

We met with the new director Mr.Wang who is in charge of the children's unit. Mr.Wang, the director of Jiujiang SWI was transferred from the Jiujiang Civil Affair Bureau in March, 2009. He used to serve in the army and has not had much experience in children's services. As we observed, he seemed cooperative when we visited there. Mr.Wang expressed his appreciation of the Amity Grandmas' volunteering work and our continuing support for the



school children. He hopes that the project should continue. There are about 110-120 children in the Jiujiang orphanage, among them 12 are in foster care (2 of them in Beijing for medical treatment). So there are about 100 children living in the institution, among which some are living in rooms in the old building and some are in rooms in rehabilitation building. About 85-90% of the children are handicapped.. The 50 to 60 babies and toddlers are living in 5 rooms, each of them have 10-15 children with 1 caregiver 24 hours and another 1 in daytime. Therefore there are 2 caregivers in each room in daytime. The others are mostly handicapped older children, some are living in the second floor of the children's building 6-8 children for each room and some are students living in three rooms in senior people's building.

The Jiujiang SWI does now have a rehabilitation center which has six people on staff. Two are in care from children's unit, three are from medical unit and one is administration.

They are planning a new children's institution in a new area, the former director Mr.Cao is now in charge of the planning and construction of new orphanage which will be in a new area. The new orphanage will serve the Jiujiang area which includes the counties. With the increased number of children with disabilities the current institution could not house all of them and fulfill their needs. The new Children's Welfare Center will serve only children and the current one will serve the elderly.

Interviewed 5 Amity Grandmas. Amity Grandmas work for 30 hours a week each one, 5-6 days for one week. 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.

We saw the Amity Grandmas working in the rehabilitation room in the orphanage in the new rehabilitation building. Ms.Luo talked with them individually. They would like to continue to



work with these children in special needs with care and love. Please see the case report later on. (Reports on each Hugging Granny were sent to their sponsors).



The 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 (Amity staff) think the Amity Grandmas are necessary if there are enough funds for all six of them. During our recent visit, the children who living in the orphanage 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, they also help with the children's medical care or daily care if there are any needs.

Interviewed 5 scholarship children. The reports will be sent to the individual sponsors. We were unable to meet scholarship child KQX as she was away doing an internship at the time. The Institution has provided a recent picture of her.



We visited Jiujiang College attached high school to see CHS who is in the grade two. She is a determined and independent girl. She told us that her first goal for the college education is Central Art College in Beijing, the second one is Nanchang College. She has been good at drawing since she was in primary school. She believes she will be successful in the entrance exam in near future.

In Jiujiang Bo'ai Special Education School, we met Cao YN and Cao BW. The teachers told us that BW made progress this semester. BW was encouraged to perform a story for us by sign language.



#### **Needs:**

1. Medical needs for CHS for a new pair of crutch, the current one is not in good condition. She asked for a new one. It will be cost 400RMB.
2. CHS's schooling fee did not apply in time then, they asked for her education sponsorship. It costs 600RMB for one semester.

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