

December 9, 2011 Jiujiang Social Welfare Institute Report

Visit by Ms. Luo, Amity Foundation staff person

1. Basic Information

- a) Director: Yu Lanping (余兰萍, the former secretary of the institute)
- b) Associate Directors: Vice-Director Hu (胡院长), Director Zhang (张院长), both transferred from the civil administration office
- c) Head of the Amity Project: Yu Lanping(余兰萍),

Head of the Children's Division: Cheng Liqin (呈丽琴), Deputy Director: Ma Jing (马靓)
- d) Number of children: the Institute is responsible for a total of about 100 children (this number often fluctuates), most of them with disabilities. The most common disabilities include congenital heart disease, cognitive impairment, and cerebral palsy. Twenty of them are fostered. Five school children are sponsored by Altrusa Foundation through the Amity foundation.

2. Overall Impression

- a) **Children Jiujiang Welfare Institute:** The Institute now has more and more disabled children, among those less than a year old some of the special needs are cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, heart disease, and other physical disabilities. Photo 1 shows a child with heart disease, photo 2 a child with a deformity of the hands, and photos 3 and 4 some of the disabled preschool children. Photo 5 shows mealtime - children were led by the Grandmas while lining up to eat and then were able to find themselves a good spot and sit quietly while the caregivers got them food. Some were able to use their own hands to eat; some needed help.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

3. Visits

- a) We saw the remaining two Grandmas; three others have left recently because of age and private reasons. The orphanage director has requested some new Grannies to replace the three that have left. We will add back one Hugging Granny so that we have a total of three but can't continue with five unless there is a lot more interest in donating to support these grannies. The current cost is \$102 per month per Granny.



Grandma Qian is responsible for teaching and doing physiotherapy with the children with disabilities at the Institute. On the day of the visit, Grandma Qian was helping CL, a child who has cerebral palsy, with his rehab exercises. CL's cerebral palsy affects his left side, so his left hand cannot grab and his left foot does not easily move. When Grandma Qian saw his situation she helped him every day with massages. Although they have completed a period of massage and his hands still cannot grab objects, the tension in the left hand and foot has improved dramatically. Also, after the daily massage, Grandma Qian helps with exercises. At the very beginning, CL could not stand very well and within a short period of time would squat on the ground. With Grandma Qian's instructions and encouraging, rewarding methods, he is slowly recovering. Because of Grandma Qian's therapy he can stand up for longer and longer. Now Grandma Qian's goal is to help CL learn to walk.



Grandma ZhongYanqiu is also responsible for teaching and doing physiotherapy with the children with disabilities at the Institute. When we visited, Grandma Zhong was teaching the above two children how to color. Because the children's memorization skills are not very good, the teacher and students were struggling and everything was continually repeated over and over. Grandma Zhong tried to teach the Chinese characters and colors, but the students couldn't remember and sometimes the students just didn't want to listen to Grandma Zhong. For example, while teaching math and looking at characters and colors, the students carefully copied Grandma Zhong, but when Grandma Zhong tried to help them do it on their own, repeating the same method to teach them how to recognize color and basic characters, the students weren't able. So Grandma Zhong used other methods to help them to learn a different way. For example, while teaching colors, Grandma Zhong looked at the picture while telling them every time which color to pick, and this gave the students a deep impression of understanding to remember the color.

- b) We met with four of the students we're sponsoring and bought them supplies and food as gifts (photos below). The fifth student was in Chengdu studying at college so we did not get to see her during the visit. But when she came back to the orphanage for Christmas vacation the orphanage sent us her photo and update (also below).





And then in January 2012 we received this photo from the Jiujiang girl that we are sponsoring in college along with this translation of her letter:



感谢信
敬爱的爱德基金会的朋友们：
你们好！
我是曹琳，是江西九江学院一名汉语专业，非常感激你们一直以来对我一直的支持和帮助。现在 我已经是九江学院一名大学生了。
在大学期间，我参加了很多活动，比如参加九江学院团委，参加大赛，在学院创新大赛，创业大赛，有白进了决赛，而我的进步和成长，感谢你们可以让我展示自己的能力，我期待自己成为一个有用的人，将来可以像你们一样帮助别人，帮助像你们一样需要帮助的人。
在九江学院，我学习的是 艺术设计专业，我很喜欢画画，而且，我相信，我努力学习，一定会有所成就，在学校的老师和同学对我很好，同学也非常友好，互相帮助，互相帮助，我也非常感激你们。
我将会继续努力学习，我相信这样才是对你们最好的回报，也我以人象你们报答，再次感谢你们的支持和帮助！
祝你们：
身体健康，工作顺利！
曹琳
2012年2月19日

Dear Sponsor:

Hello! This is CHS, a disabled teenage orphan from Jiujiang Children's Welfare Institute. I am incredibly thankful to you for your continuous help and support, and I am now a student at Chengdu University.

At university, I am participating in many different activities. I'm the class ambassador and have participated in art competitions, the Golden Apple Creativity Contest, and other creative competitions. I made the semi-finals in some; in others, I was cut after the first round. Taking part in competitions can improve my abilities overall. I hope that I can become a talented and able person and someday do the same as you and help support people like me.

My major at Chengdu University is animation. I love animation; also, I believe I am a hardworking student and will be able to succeed in life. Teachers and classmates are all very nice to me. My classmates always take care of me and kindly help me with many different things. I am also very thankful to them.

I will continue to study hard. I believe that only this way can I pay back all of the dear people ~ the very best people ~ who helped me out. Thank you again for your support and help.

I wish you good health and success!

CHS

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