# 10/17/2009 Leping City Social Welfare Institution Interview

## Report

#### 1. Basic Information

- a) Institution Director: He Yuanming (何圆明)
- b) Institution Vice-Directors: Vice-Director Hu (胡院长) and Vice-Director Li (李院长)
- c) Head of the Amity Foster Care Project: He Huolan (何火兰), also an Amity Grandma who interviews foster families once or twice a month. She does not keep formal records of these interviews, but notes down any unusual situations and reports them to her supervisor.
- **d) Number of Children**: the Institution is currently responsible for over 30 children. Amity sponsors 7 of these for foster care while the Institution funds the rest.
- e) Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols: the person who oversees foster care at the Institution visits foster families near the end of every month to examine the children's health, deliver powdered infant formula, and pay the foster mother's salary. Foster families take foster children to the nearest disease control center for vaccinations on their own time.

### 2. Overall Impression

All the children at the Institution have been placed in foster homes. The Institution itself funds foster care for over 20 children. Among these, 10 are infants under one year of age still on baby formula, and they are sponsored by an organization in Beijing. While conducting these interviews, the interviewer also offered the foster families advice about caring for the children.

### 3. Interviews

a) Interviewed seven foster children and their foster families. The individual reports will be sent to their sponsors. Photos of a few of them:





b) Met with Amity Grandma He Huolan (何火兰) Before retiring, Grandma He Huolan worked in the Children's Department at the Institution. She is

a very loving person who likes children very much, and also a conscientious and responsible Amity Grandma. Her main duty is to conduct foster family interviews and check up on the foster children once or twice every month. She is familiar with every child's situation, and every child is always happy to see her—especially Le XS, who calls Grandma He "Mommy" whenever she comes to visit!



- c) Scholarship child ZXY has already graduated. As far as Amity Grandma He Huolan knows, he is now working in Leping City Industrial Park, not far from the Social Welfare Institution. He still takes his meals and spends his nights at the Institution.
- **4. New Needs:** The screws have come loose on GFL's artificial limb (see picture 2); the artificial limb itself and the leg straps are also broken (see pictures 3, 4). They intended to apply for the artificial limb to provide her with a new one.
- **5. Follow-up:** GFL has received and is using the English dictionary and audio recorder for which she applied in May 2009. She is very grateful for the financial aid. (Picture 5)







picture2 picture3 picture4



picture5