

# Leping City Social Welfare Institute Report

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## 1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** He Yuanming (何圆明)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Vice-Director Hu (胡院长), Vice Director Li (李院长)
- c) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Hua Chunfang (华春芳) visits each Amity foster home once or twice per month. She generally visits foster families, and note down any unusual circumstances and report them to her supervisor at the Institute.
- d) **Amity Grandmas:** Grandma He Huolan (何火兰) assists with visiting and interviewing the Institute's foster families.
- e) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for over 20 children, among whom Amity sponsors 3 for foster care and 1 for education sponsorship, while Institute funds 20.

**Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** the foster children are given physical examinations once every 2-3 months, or once every half year. They go to the nearest epidemic prevention center for vaccinations as necessary.

## 2. Overall Impression

- a) **The Institute:** the Leping City Social Welfare Institute is currently responsible for about the same number of children, the majority of whom have some form of disability, as in the last half of the year. All the Leping children have been taken into foster families, so no children live at the Institute itself. Any new children will be placed as quickly as possible with a suitable foster family. Naturally, the Leping Institute also has a dedicated foster care staff; they make unscheduled visits to foster families to monitor each child's growth and development and give any needed guidance to foster parents.

### 3. Interviews

- a) **Foster families:** met with 3 children and their foster families. (Individual reports will be sent to their sponsors). All three (photos below) have cerebral palsy and are making steady progress with the loving support of their foster families and the help of Grandma He.



**b) Amity Grandmas:** met with Amity Grandma He Huolan (何火兰).



Since all of the Leping orphans are currently in foster care Grandma He is responsible for the overseeing the foster families, visiting together with Hua Chunfang (the orphanage staff person in charge of foster care) every month. During the course of visiting, they will pay more attention to those children whose development is delayed, providing the foster families with suggestions. Especially for the children in poor physical condition, they will visit more frequently. For children with disabilities, they also will provide the foster parent some rehab knowledge. The girl in the photo above has received good rehab support in a kindly family. With the guidance of Amity Grandmother He, her foster mother has learned different of ways to help this child, encouraging her to participate in the rehab practice actively. The foster mother also accompanies the girl to rehab sessions done at the orphanage. This girl can now stand up from a chair and walk with people's help and is very happy to see her own progress, she always smiles at the person who accompanies her to rehab because she found that walking is a happy thing!

- c) **Students:** met with the student we are sponsoring in college at the Jiangxi Institute of Economic Management.



Initially she had some difficulty adjusting to the college campus, especially with her disability. But the doctor was able to get her artificial limb fixed while waiting for a new one and get her a new crutch and she is settling in well now and getting along well with her classmates. Her major is accounting and her courses of the first semester are, basic accounting, Law of economy, senior math, English, Ideological and moral cultivation, and Basic Law

- d) Bought gifts of snacks for the children; see pictures below.

