# **Leping Social Welfare Institute (Orphanage) Report**

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Altrusa International Foundation of Longview-Kelso in the US working together with Amity Foundation in provide the following information:

#### 1. Basic information

Director: He Yuanming (何圆明)

Assistant Directors: Director Hu (胡院长) and Director Li (李院长)

Head of Amity Foster Care: Hua Chunfang (华春芳)

Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols: Foster children are given physical exams either every 2-3 months or every 6 months. Foster parents bring them as needed to the nearest epidemic prevention center for vaccinations.

Children: There are over 20 children, all of whom are living with foster families.

### 2. Overall impression

All of the children of the Leping Social Welfare Institute are now living with foster families, mostly in the countryside. Most of these children have some form of disability. Due to the distance, the Institution employees deliver powdered milk to these foster homes every month. In addition, these employees make unscheduled visits to monitor the children's growth, health, and development. When necessary, they offer advice and instruction on how to guide and rehabilitate these special needs children. In this manner, the children receive the warmth of a family and the rehabilitation needed.

#### 3. Visit Details

- ✓ We met the following three foster children and their foster families:
  - 1. LP was born on February 26, 2005 and suffers from cerebral palsy. He is generally dependent on adults for her basic daily needs. While she can dress and button her own clothes, she still needs help washing her face, brushing her teeth, and putting on her shoes. She is able to walk while leaning on something or if led by both hands. She has improved her fine mother skills in

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her hands and is now able to help her foster mother with stripping vegetables and shelling beans. LP has no problems understanding other people and is able to communicate in short sentences. She has a good appetite and can feed herself. She sleeps well and her bowel movements appear normal.



2. LY was born on November 13, 1998 and suffers from cerebral palsy. LP enjoys the weather and the air in the countryside. She is still unable to walk and is thus largely dependent on adults for her basic needs. She can eat on her own and alerts her foster parents when she needs to use the restroom. She is very kind to her foster mother and will tell her to rest if she sees her working hard or go see the doctor if she is not feeling well.



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- ✓ We met the following scholarship child sponsored by Altrusa sponsors:
  - 1. GF (photos on next page) was born on October 27, 1990 and suffers from complications from polio. She is currently at the Jiangxi Economic Management School. She has had her new prosthetic leg for more than one year now, and can walk around on it quickly and comfortably. One of her favorite hobbies is reading. She remains the same cheerful and optimistic girl who is applying herself to her studies. In addition to her college studies, she has been studying independently for the Self-Taught Accounting Professional Exam. The exam covers 13 subjects, of which she has already passed 3. At college, she is earning good grades and passing all her exams. She shares a dorm with 3 roommates and she is getting along great with them. They help take care of each other. We brought her some gifts and supplies.

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✓ We met the following Altrusa/ Amity Hugging Granny:

He Huolan (何火兰) attends to 20 foster children and their foster families. She started working at the Institute on March 2007. She works Monday through Friday. She is chiefly responsible for visiting the foster families with Hua Chunfang, the head of the Amity Foster Care Project at the Leping Institute. Together they make monthly, unscheduled visits to each foster home to check on the children and distribute powdered milk. She has also helped the older handicapped girl below be more friendly and obedient to her foster parents. Fostering the children with significant disabilities, especially as they get older, can be stressful for the foster families and they benefit from her encouragement and advice.

