

## November 29, 2011 Leping Social Welfare Institute Report

### 1. General Information

- a) **Institute Directors:** He Yuanming (何圆明)
- b) **Institute Assistant Director(s):** Director Hu (胡院长), Director Li (李院长)
- c) **Head of Amity Foster Care:** Hua Chunfang (华春芳) visits foster families in Leping twice a month.
- d) **Amity Grandma:** He Huolan (何火兰) also help to visit foster families
- e) **Number of Children:** The Leping Institute sponsors more than twenty children while Amity sponsors three children.
- f) **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.

### 2. Overall Impression

All of the children of the Leping Social Welfare Institute are still living in foster homes. The three children sponsored by Amity are healthy and still happily situated in their original foster homes and receive the best care from their foster families.

Cheng Linjiao is the foster mother for two of our sponsored children. She was also previously Le PC's foster mother as well. PC has since found a permanent home through an adoption agency, and she sent a greeting card, pictures and candies. Linjiao was very happy to see it and remarks on how much PC has changed, how beautiful she is and how happy she is with her family. Linjiao always wishes her happiness and good luck in her life. (photo below)



### 3. Interviews

**Foster families:** met with the three foster children and their foster families. Their individual reports will be sent to their sponsor. We purchased and brought some food items for the three foster children and their families and for the college student.



**Amity Grandmas:** Met with Amity Grandma He Huolan (何火兰)



Grandma He Huolan is chiefly responsible for visiting the Institute's foster families with Hua Chunfang, the head of the Amity Foster Care Project at the Leping Institute. Together, they make monthly visits to each foster home to check up on the children and distribute powdered milk. During our visit Grandma He was going to the foster homes of the three children sponsored by Amity/Altrusa. Now that winter has arrived, the weather is getting colder and colder, so Grandma He reminds the foster families to make sure the children stay warm and checks that they have enough clothes. Last time Grandma He was concerned about one girl's physical development (she has cerebral palsy) as well as her attitude towards her foster family. However during this visit Grandma He was pleased to find the girl is on much friendlier terms with her foster mother and listens to her, although sometimes her temper still flares up. Overall she has a positive and healthy relationship with her foster family.

The other two foster children (in the same home, both with cerebral palsy) are also doing very well although one is still having trouble learning to walk. Despite the difficulties, she is making small improvements and Grandma He is sure to check up on her progress each time she visits her and even helps her with her exercises. The other's language development is still lacking, but Grandma He is patient and helps him practice speaking when she visits and teaches the family to do the same.

**Sponsored Student:** We also met with GF at the Jiangxi Economic Management College. She is now a second year student in college. Although her course load this year is about the same as last year, it is more challenging. She is studying advanced accounting, so the subject matter is more specialized and complicated. She thinks the material is a little difficult and sometimes does not quite understand everything, but when this happens she asks her classmates for help. She is truly a strong-willed and independent young woman. Although this time she did not pass her industry accounting qualification exam, she is not discouraged and feels confident she will do well next time if she works hard. We wish her luck on her next exam!