

Leping Social Welfare Institute Report

MAY 2012

KEY FACTS

Institute Directors:	He Yuanming (何圆明)
Institute Assistant Director(s):	Director Hu (胡院长), Director Li (李院长)
Head of Amity Foster Care:	Hua Chunfang (华春芳) visits foster families in Leping twice a month; keeps records if circumstances are other than normal.
Amity Grandma:	He Huolan (何火兰) also helps visit foster families.
Number of Children:	The Leping Institute sponsors more than twenty children while Amity sponsors three children.
Physical Exam & 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.

OVERALL IMPRESSION



All of the children of the Leping Social Welfare Institute are still living in foster homes, and the majority are disabled but they are placed in families that pay special attention and care to their situations. The Institute has specialists who conduct home visits to help families understand each child's growth and development. Any of the Amity Grandmas can accompany the specialists to look after the children and instruct families.

In the Foster Care Program, two children switched to new families at the end of March. These new families have had foster children before and are experienced. Because the children had different life habits before, their foster mothers are still understanding the children. To this end, Amity Grandmas are working with the families and helping them understand the children's previous situations to help make the adjustment for the children and the new families faster and smoother. Also, there is a special emphasis on the children's rehabilitation situation and foster families are helping the children learn to speak and to walk.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VISIT

- Foster Families: Met with 3 foster children and their foster families.
- Amity Grandmas: Met with Amity Grandma He Huolan (何火兰)
- Scholarship child: We also met with Guo Fulei at the Jiangxi Economic Management College.
- Other: Purchased and brought some food items for children.



HUGGING GRANNIES

Grandma He Huolan 何火兰 is a retired Leping SWI employee who started as a Hugging Granny in March of 2007. She 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 unannounced monthly visits to each foster home to check up on the children and distribute powdered milk. Recently, Grandma He has been watching two children who changed their foster homes, and she has been checking to see how they are adjusting in their new lives. In the photo below, Grandma He is helping LP walk. LP takes a step, Grandma He praises her, and the child looks especially excited and seems much happier than before. Her walking has also improved dramatically. After the Pinghuan has exercised, Grandma He tells her foster mother how it went and offers a few tips to help with rehabilitation.



SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT



In the middle of June, GF's summer break begins, and she'll return on her own from school to the Leping Welfare Institute. After summer, she'll be a junior and halfway through the year her internship period will begin. Because she'll be starting her internship phase soon, GF is especially interested in learning more and more. The school will soon arrange internships for students in companies, but there are a few students who will have to line up their own internship locations. GF wants to see what the school can arrange first, and if there is no place she can then find her own internship. GF is anticipating graduation, and once she's found a good internship and has experience in a company she'll have a good foundation for finding work. In this way, the value of her studies will be realized.

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