

November, 2012—Leping Social Welfare Institute Visit Report

1. Basic Information

I. Institute Directors: He Yuanming (何圆明)

II. Institute Assistant Director(s): Director Hu (胡院长), Director Li (李院长)

III. Head of Amity Foster Care: Hua Chunfang (华春芳) visits foster families twice a month; Keeps records if circumstance is different than normal.

IV. Amity Grandma: He Huolan (何火兰) also helps to visit foster families (her photo is below). Several of the foster care children have changed foster family many times even though grandmas know it's bad for children to change families too much. It is difficult to find a suitable family. As a result, two children had difficulty adapting to the foster family well. Grandma He will visit them many times to find out about their life and to instruct the foster families. Grandma He knows that children can eat well and have healthy mental state. In addition, she reminded the family to dress the children warmly for children because winter is coming

V. Number of Children: The Leping Institute sponsors more than twenty children including three Altrusa/Amity foster care children, sixteen children sponsored by the Leping SWI and three children

receiving therapy at The Home of Hope now. (Two in Beijing and one in Guangzhou)

VI. 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:

I. There are no children living in the SWI now because all are living in the foster families in the countryside that not far from the urban area. Hua Chunfang, the director of Foster Care, is now mainly responsible for children projects including visiting foster families and adoption affairs.

II. In the year of 2012, there are two children adopted abroad and five adoptive families visited the orphanage.

III. People in the following pictures (from left on the back): Luo Xiaowang, foster mother Hua Xiuping, Hua Chunfang, Grandma He Huolan. The two children are LPT (in black) and LPH (in yellow)



3.Visit Content:

I. **Foster families:** met with 3 foster children and their foster families.

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

III. **Scholarship child:** We also met with GFL at the Jiangxi Economy Management College.

IV. **Other:** Purchased and brought some food items for children





LPH pictured above in the yellow raincoat, changed to new foster family at the end of October and has adjusted to her new home quickly. The new foster mother is an experienced mother who has taken care of welfare institute children. The foster mother is so kind that she will give massage to Pinghuan because the mother knows that Pinghuan's hands and feet are affected by her cerebral palsy. LPH now has made big progress in her language skills and now can speak some simple phrases and will tell foster mother what she thinks. She will help foster mother to do house work and to take care of younger brother. She has good

appetite. She likes to watch cartoon and sleeps well.

LY, pictured above in the red coat, gets good care from her foster mother. LY sometimes will be warm her foster mother and say some grateful words to her; therefore her foster mother says LY is a small “warm lammy”. LY gets along well with her mother and will talk with her mother whenever she is happy or sad. Even though LY can only sit in the wheel chair (due to her cerebral palsy), her foster mother will take her outdoors to enjoy the sunshine. LY needs adults to take care of her and cannot speak clearly, but she can sleep well and eat well.

LP, the other in the picture with the girl in the yellow rain coat, changed to a new foster family at the end of October. Although he has been in the new family for only one month, he has adapted to the new family well. He likes to stay outdoors to enjoy the sunshine. He also has cerebral palsy and his language skills develop slowly but he can use single words to express his needs. He can understand what adults say. Even though he cannot manage his things independently, he can eat by himself. He has a good appetite but he still needs adults to help him with activities of daily living.



Above is GF who is now a junior student in university and she will begin to practice in the community after this semester. She goes to school at the Jiangxi Economic Management College. She is a little worried about the internship life as well as excited for the reason that she will soon go out of the school and start a new life. Even though she doesn't know what will happen in the future and what she can do for jobs, she thinks she is strong enough to struggle and to solve problems. She is confident in herself so that she is not afraid of difficulties. GF is working towards her bachelor degree of Accounting and keeps reading related books and taking exams every year. As a result, she has passed half of the results and she will finally succeed. Her hobby is reading.