

## **Visit to Le Ping Social Welfare Institution May 2013**

Ms. Luo of Amity Foundation visited the children and the Hugging Granny being sponsored by Altrusa Foundation of Longview-Kelso and this is her report.

### **A. Basic Information**

1. Director: He Yuanming
2. Vice director: Hu, Li
3. Orphanage Staff person who oversees the Amity/Altrusa projects: Hua Chunfang. She visits the families twice a month; if she encounters with some special situation, she will take notes and report to the Head Director in the institution. In the photo below she is on the right and Ms. Luo from Amity Foundation is on the left.



4. Amity/Altrusa Hugging Granny: He Huolan (visits the foster family regularly, keeps record normally, if she encounters any special situations she will take notes and report to the Head Director in the institution)
5. The number of children: there are about twenty children under the care of the Leping SWI. Among which, three are sponsored in foster care by Altrusa Foundation; sixteen have been sponsored by Social Welfare Institution itself;

one has been sponsored by Family of Hope (Beijing)

6. Status of Medical Tests and Vaccines: Physical exam frequency varies by age, from two to three times a month to once every six months. Foster children will get vaccinated in the nearby epidemic-prevention station.
7. Two children have been adopted during 2012, and none so far in 2013.

## **B. Overall Impression**

1. Foster children sponsored by Altrusa: Because the family who fostered Le Pinghuan and Le Pingtao is unable to continue to raise them, the Social Welfare Institution has already assigned them to the new foster mother Cheng Linjiao. Two children have already been familiar with and had memory of their new foster mother Cheng (must be neighbors of the previous foster family) and are happy to be in Cheng Linjiao's home.
2. Foster Children in Le Ping Social Welfare Institution: most of the foster children are raised in the countryside, and most of them are disabled. The children are between one and six years old. Most of these children are suffered from cerebral palsy. The staff will visit each family to assess the need of the children.

## **C. Visit Details**

1. Visited the three foster children sponsored by Altrusa Foundation. Their individual report will be sent to their sponsor. Ms. Luo brought them some special food and treats (purchased with donations to Altrusa Foundation).



2. Grandma: Grandma He Huolan; Because Grandma was not there the day Ms Luo visited, the Social Welfare Institution sent her photos (below) and report.



Altrusa Hugging Granny He Huolan is in charge of visiting the foster families. She pays the visit to the foster families with staff Hua Chunfang on a monthly basis. They bring milk powder to the foster families for the children. Because all the children from the orphanage live with the foster families, Grandma He not only visits the children sponsored by Altrusa Foundation, but also visits the other children who are not under Altrusa's sponsorship. Grandma He will communicate with the foster mothers, seeing how things stand and provide some guidance on hygiene in the seasons. Among all the children in the project, LY, the child in the photos, is the oldest one. Because of her age and disability and her inability to take care of herself, she needs the help and care from the family members. She needs the assistance of taking bath, getting dressed and using the toilet. Her family members have a hard time to lift her up. Every time Grandma He visits this family, Grandma He chats with this girl, asking her to understand her mother and to better cooperate with her mother when she helps LY in daily life. LY always listens to Grandma He very carefully, nodding to show agreement.

3. Older orphan being sponsored in school: GFL is a junior at Jiangxi Economy Management College and is currently doing an internship in Nanchang doing some work related to accounting and auditing. Her individual report will be sent to her two sponsors.

