

7/25/2010 Pingxiang City Social Welfare Institute Report

1. Basic Information

- a) **Institution Director:** Zhong Hui (钟惠)
- b) **Institution Vice-Directors:** Mr. Ouyang Ming (欧阳明) (transferred from the district government) and Ms. Xie (谢院长) (transferred from the township government)
- c) **Head of the Children's Department:** Chen Xin (陈欣)
- d) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Chen Xin interviews foster families once a month and keeps official records of these visits.
- e) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for over 60 children. Among these, Amity sponsors 12 for foster care, the Institute sponsors 20 for foster care, and the Dongguan Children's Home sponsors four. The remaining 30-some children, most of whom have cerebral palsy or are mentally disabled, reside at the Institute
- f) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** Foster children are given physical exams in their homes once a month. Foster families regularly take foster children to the nearest epidemic prevention center for vaccinations.

2. Overall Impression

- a) **Foster family:** Foster families of the Pingxiang City Anyuan District Social Welfare Institute are located mainly in 5 areas: urban field, suburban area, Anyuan district, Santian suburb and Qingshan coal-mining region. Though these foster families are lower income, every foster family is full of love for the children. They take good care of them and fulfill their responsibilities. Children are given warmth and care, and are living happily in the families with love.

3. Interviews

- a) **Grandma:** Met with three Amity Grandmas:

Liu Zhiwen (刘志文), She is responsible for physical therapy to the disabled children and caring for their daily life. On the day we visited, grandma Liu was giving training to a boy who is less than 2 years old and suffers from cerebral palsy. When he arrived at the social welfare institute he was paralyzed and could not sit steadily. Because of the grandma's therapy he is now capable of stretching his body and standing by leaning against something for a while. In addition, he can also stand up by holding on to something.



Huang Yueling (黄月玲): She is also responsible for physical therapy to the disabled children and taking care of their daily life. On the day we visited, Grandma Huang was administering physical therapy for walking for a boy with cerebral palsy. He cannot talk and stretch his limbs easily. When he first started physical therapy he was reluctant but now he is happy when he works together with Grandma Huang and is able to walk with support.



Luo Xinping (罗新萍) works on the language skills of the disabled children, often with singing. On the day we visited, Grandma Luo Xinping was telling stories and riddles, while the children were listening carefully and all of them had a sense of discipline. They all participated actively and Grandma Luo was able to hold their attention. She gave lots of praise to the children for solving the riddles.



- b) Interviewed 12 foster children and their foster families. Individual reports, with a photo of the foster child, will be sent to each sponsor. Here are some of our foster children:

A three year old with Down's Syndrome, from her report:

She is good at imitation and can learn things unconsciously. She recognizes her own facial features, knows her names and can count from 1 to 10. She dances happily when hearing music.



The eight year old girl on the right "is a lively and talkative girl. She loves sports and performed first in running and second in the long jump competition at her school's spring athletic competition. She feels happy and proud of her performance."



Another three year old with Down's Syndrome: "He is a lively child who can understand adults. Though he cannot communicate by sentences, he can use phrases with 1-3 words, along with gestures to express words he cannot say. Now he is capable of walking alone steadily and feeding himself though spilling a little. He loves playing outdoors."



A baby girl born in June, her foster mother "likes her very much", holds her often and feeds her frequently.



A four year old with cerebral palsy: "She recognizes her foster family, blabbering "ah" happily when they arrive back home. She likes playing outside with her foster father holding her by the arms. Her body leans towards the outside of doors indicating she wants to play outdoors every time her father holds her beside the door. She has trouble unbending her joint of her left arm but she is improving through her foster mother's massage."

