

# Pingxiang Social Welfare Institute Report: January 18, 2012

## 1. General Information

- a) **Institute Directors:** Zhong Hui
- b) **Institute Vice-Directors:** Ou Yangming, Director Xie, Director Shi
- c) **Children's Ward Director:** Chen Xin
- d) **Amity Foster Care Director:** Chen Xin (Each month Chen Xin visits and interviews each foster family)
- e) **Number of Children:** The Institute currently has over 50 children, 12 of whom are in the Amity foster care program
- f) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** Each month, the families bring their foster children to the nearest clinic for a physical exam and any necessary vaccinations.

## 2. Overall Impression

The weather in Jiangxi has recently gotten colder so all the foster families are taking care to make sure their kids have enough warm clothing and are also turning on the heaters to keep their houses warm. During the monthly interview, all of the foster children had good spirits and positive attitudes and most of them have improved in their physical and mental development. For these improvements, we thank the wonderful love and care of the foster families. With the New Year upon us we wish these families and their children health, happiness, and prosperity!

## 3. Interviews

- a) Met with 3 Amity Grandmas: Luo Xinping, Hu Guilan, and Huang Yueling. As of December, 2011, Grandma Liu Zhiwen has resigned from her post and has been replaced by Grandma Hu Guilan.



Grandma Luo Xinping, a retired preschool teacher, is responsible for teaching the older children general knowledge and the younger disabled children nursery rhymes. At the time of this visit Grandma Luo was in the activities room teaching

songs to the children. First, she would sing a line, then the children would repeat the line back. Led by Grandma Luo, the children were able to perform the whole song for us! Because Spring Festival was fast approaching Grandma Luo had been teaching the kids some traditional holiday songs. When there was a longer, more complicated line in a song, Grandma Luo would break down the lyrics so the children could understand better. She is an excellent teacher who adapts her teaching methods to suit the levels of her students.



Grandma Liu Zhiwen left the institute in November, so Grandma Hu Guilan (retired Children's ward director) has taken over her old responsibilities. All the children in the institute really love Grandma Hu and get along with her well. They like to play games with her and go outside together when the weather is nice. Grandma Hu is always playing games or doing fun activities with the children, such as playing with a rubber ball or exercises. She sees these activities as an important opportunity for the children to exercise their limbs and improve their strength and coordination. With Grandma Hu the children are sure to be jumping and moving around and having fun!



Grandma Huang Yueling (retired Social Welfare Institute special education

teacher) is still responsible for physical therapy and caring for the physically disabled children in the institute. Every day she gives massages and does rehab exercises with the boy pictured above who has Cerebral Palsy. This child is about ten years old and the right side of his body is paralyzed. His right hand is clenched into a fist and he cannot voluntarily unclench it or use it to grab things. Grandma Huang has been working with him on exercises and massaging his hand to help ease the tension. There have been small improvements in his condition, and Grandma Huang is confident that with time, this boy will eventually be able to use his hand in everyday life!

- b) Met with 12 foster children and their families. Many of the children have handicaps such as cerebral palsy or Down's syndrome. An individual report (with a photo) of each child will go to their sponsor but here are a couple of the foster children:



A two year old boy with Down's syndrome.



Healthy five month old girl.



5 yr old girl with cerebral palsy



9 yr old girl with cerebral palsy

c) Gave the foster children some gifts (some photos on next page)



