

# Pingxiang Social Welfare Institute Report

Visit by Peggy Gurrad

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Director:** Zhong ShiHui

**Vice Directors:** Ou YanMing, Director Xie  
Director Shi

**Children's Ward Director:** Chen Xin

**Altrusa/Amity Foster Care Liasons:** Chen  
Xin and Miss Su. Miss Su is currently in  
charge of visiting foster families once per  
month and making records.

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## OVERALL IMPRESSION

There are currently over 50 children at PingXian.

Of these, 12 are part of the Altrusa foster care program.  
10 others have their foster care sponsored by Pingxiang  
SWI. Approximately 30 children who live at Pingxiang  
have various disabilities.

Below we see a recently renovated playroom with  
play structure and ping pong table.



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Grandma Huang in dark blue coat, has been a Hugging Granny for many years and previously was an orphanage caregiver. The woman in the white coat is a teacher whom the orphanage hired. When we arrived there was music playing with singing and the teacher and Grandma Huang were singing along and making arm motions and trying to get the kids to do the same. Our Amity Grandma that is a teacher had the day off (it was Sunday) but staff say she is very good – outgoing and active.



This cutie is reported to be normal mentally but has disability of his legs and as a result of surgery on his spine he is incontinent and so foster families haven't been willing to care for him. He has had his papers in for international adoption for a long time but has not yet been adopted.



Grandma Hu shows us how this child with CP is learning to walk, they say he is "smart".





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## Sponsoring Nursing Education

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DJ, a girl we started sponsoring for nursing school this year, came to tell us thank you for her support. She lives at the orphanage and takes the public bus to school (see below for picture of front of school). She has mild CP which affects one side so she would not be able to do some nursing jobs so she is focusing on “rehab” and would like to work as a nurse for the orphanage when she is finished her 3 year program. Long discussion was held about this because it is hard to be a “formal” employee which means your salary and benefits are paid by the government instead of employees hired from the orphanage fund where the salaries are lower.





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AY (with Down's Syndrome) is the girl in the yellow coat. She is in her third year of kindergarten and the SWI is not sure what she will do next, hopefully they can enroll her in a special ed school.

AY's Foster Mom (FM1) is the mother of ALN's (red coat) Foster Mom (FM2), however, because FM2's husband is in the hospital FM1 is caring for both children.

She (FM1) has fostered four other children in the past that have all been adopted. Apparently ALN will be adopted soon. She is smart but very quiet, a "good child" and they proudly report she can eat a bowl of porridge. Foster Mom did put ALN down some to show us how she could walk (in her split bottom pants).





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Foster home of AJ and ALJ (to be adopted soon) in Qing Shan district. They live in the top floor apartment seen below.

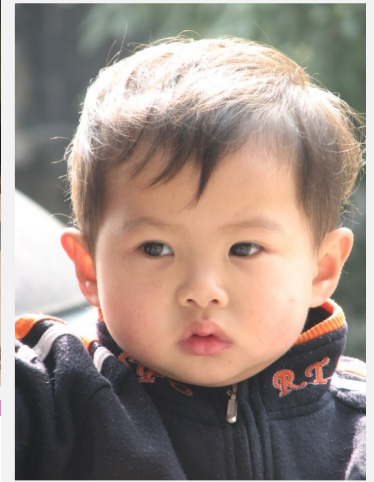
AJ (red sweater, plaid coat) has Down Syndrome. His papers have been turned in for special needs adoption and the director took him to an event in Fuzhou promoting special needs adoption. He is also in his third year of kindergarten and hopefully can go to a special ed school next year.

ALJ (blue coat) has had surgery on both her heart and another birth defect. Her heart disease was severe so she had to have surgery in Beijing last year instead of in Nanchang. Her foster mother went to Beijing with her to take care of her for the month she was in the hospital. While she was gone the foster father took care of AJ and the foster mother's mother also helped.

These two kids like to go to the community center nearby in their apartment complex most evenings and dance with the music.

The foster father works in the coal mine and their daughter is in boarding school.

They have fostered approximately 10 kids before these AJ and ALJ and "they regard the children very well" and care for them like they are their own. The neighbors also regard the children warmly.





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HDP at her foster home.

She has CP and is not able to attend school. Although her intelligence is probably near normal and she seems to understand very well when people talk to her, she is only able to say a few words and often makes her desires known with gestures.

She can feed herself but is very messy so sometimes her foster mom feeds her.

Her foster mom is concerned because as she grows she is getting too heavy for the foster mom to bath (and 'this is a job the foster father can't do').

HDP can push herself around in the wheelchair with one foot and likes being outside (flat cement area).

The foster parent's son lives next door and bought HDP the clothes she has on as well as some others. The neighbors also donate clothing.

Photo below shows a small rice paddy one building down

