

## February 12, 2009 Shangrao Social Welfare Institute Trip Report

### 1. General Information:

1. Head of Institute: Zhu Liying
2. Vice Head of Institute: Director Zhang, Director Wang
3. Amity Foundation Foster Care Program Coordinator: Mao Lizhen. Mao Lizhen, Director Zhang, doctors, and nurses visit the foster families every month to give them milk powder, their monthly stipend, and provide medical treatment for the children.
4. Orphan Population: 30 children receive sponsorship from the Amity Foundation, 31 children receive support from the social welfare institute, and 13 children live at the institute.

### 2. Overall Impression:

1. Foster Family Update: At present, the majority of the children entering the social welfare institute are disabled children, malnourished children, and children with cleft lip and palate. Malnourished children are hard to care for because they are often weak and get sick often. Children with cleft lip and palate are hard to raise due to difficulties feeding them. However, in this regard, the Shangrao Social Welfare Institute has done a very good job choosing appropriate families to take in these types of children. When looking for potential foster families, the institute looks for families that are patient, pay attention to detail, and could provide a loving environment for foster children. In this way, the foster children are given the best possible chance of growing up in a healthy family that will be attentive to their needs.

### 3. Interviews:

1. Amity Grandmas, Doctors, and Nurses Update: On the day I visited there was one doctor, Yang Huirong, and three nurses, Xu Yan, Li Jing, and Rao Meixian taking care of the children at the institute, and providing medical treatment for the elderly and foster children. One of the nurses, Rao Xiao Hua, along with two Amity Grandmas, Wang Guihua and Chen Liping, are responsible for providing rehabilitation treatment for foster children when they return to the institute, as well as proving care for children after undergoing surgery. Amity Grandma Miao Sanrong was on her day off (Picture 1).



Picture 1



Picture 1

2. Children Receiving Education Sponsorship: RJH is now in her second year at the Modern E-Commerce Institute in Nanchang. On the day that I met with her, she was on holiday and had returned to the institute. From talking to her I learned that currently all of her classes are related to e-commerce. She is taking classes in writing, computer skills, and vocational skills. She also said that she was looking forward to

starting her internship the following semester. She hopes that in the future she will be able to find a job in the e-commerce field (Picture 2).



Picture 2

3. Foster Family Interviews: Met with 30 children and their families, see individual reports on each child.
4. News Update: After Doctor Chen's visit to the Shangrao Social Welfare Institute last year to screen the children, the institute asked us to provide wheelchairs for qualified children. Now the children have received their wheelchairs, and are very happy. Their lives are much easier, and they can go outside whenever they want to explore, visit their neighbors, or play with their friends (Picture 3).



Picture 3 – RYY



Picture 3 – RYC



Picture 3 – RW



Picture 3 – RMM