

Shangrao Social Welfare Institute Report: April 19, 2013

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Gao Yanfei (高研斐)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Vice-Director Zhang, Vice-Director Wang
- c) **Amity Program Director:** Mao Lizhen (Mao Lizhen, Director Zhang, and the resident nurse visit the foster homes to deliver milk powder and administer physical exams and vaccinations)
- d) **Number of Children:** Altrusa sponsors 30 children in foster care through Amity and about 10 children live in the orphanage. The orphanage also sponsors 20 children in foster families.
- e) In 2012 ten children were adopted abroad from the Shangrao Orphanage. In 2013 there has so far been one child adopted abroad.

2. Overall Impression

Although the children in foster care live in the countryside with their foster families, this environment is ideal in providing the love and support that they need. During our visits to the foster homes we could see that a majority of children with Cerebral Palsy have show noticeable improvements in their cognitive, language, and physical development. All of the children are happier and healthier in their loving families.

3. Interviews

- a) Met with the three Hugging Grannies and two nurses sponsored by Altrusa. Nurse Xu Yan left the Amity Grandma program in March 2013 and was replaced by Nurse Zhu Liping.
- b) Visited thirty children at their foster homes.
- c) Saw the eight children participating in the nutrition program
- d) Pictures:
 - a. RQS (center) with his foster mother Gong Meijuan (right)
 - b. RWW (center) with foster mother Liu Jinyu (right)



Pic A



Pic B

4. General Information

- a) Shangrao Orphanage Foster Care Program: In addition to the Altrusa/Amity Foster Care Program, the Shangrao Orphanage also has its own program to put children in foster care. The foster families are also in the countryside and must send the children to the local clinic each month for a physical checkup. Each time, the orphanage sends a car to collect the children. The regularity of these checkups has proven to be a hassle to logistically organize. Additionally, sometimes the children come back from their checkups and get sick. The orphanage is considering making the checkups once every three or four months instead.
- b) Some of the children in foster care have poor nutrition, such as lack of protein in their diets. In response, many of the foster mothers bought protein powder to add a boost to their children's diets. Some of the children improved, some had stomach problems afterwards. Altrusa's new nutrition support program should help to address this need.

Our Hugging Grannies and Nurses:

Grandma Chen Liping is responsible for the care and education of the disabled children in the orphanage. When we visited, Grandma Chen was playing with a child named WW who has Cerebral Palsy and has little strength in his limbs. Grandma Chen helps him exercise his arms and legs and in a very short amount of time, WW has become stronger than before. Now, Grandma Chen is helping him learn how to stand steadily and walk a few paces. He can now stand for a longer period of time and is gaining confidence from Grandma Chen's encouragement!



Grandma Miu Sanrong (photo on next page) is in charge of physical therapy and rehabilitation as well as teaching basic knowledge to children at the orphanage. Grandma Miu, along with the other two Altrusa Grandmas, shares the tasks in the orphanage and once completed, they go play with the children, help them with their basic knowledge/education, or help them exercise. Grandma Miu gets along well with all of the children and loves them all dearly. They all play along happily together every day!



Grandma Wang Guihua (below) is in charge of physical therapy and rehabilitation at the orphanage. She also teaches the children basic knowledge as well. Today Grandma Wang was holding this little girl who loves it when Grandma Wang holds her and plays with her. If she cries, Grandma Wang will cradle her to calm her down. When she sees Grandma Wang, she will go speak with her, but she mostly babbles in response to Grandma Wang. They have a very loving relationship and care for each other very much.



Nurse Zhu (next page) enjoys playing with the children when there is no nursing work to be done and the children often come looking for her to play and have fun. Nurse Zhu especially loves to sing nursery rhymes with the children and dance too!



Nurse Rao Meishan (below) is in charge of seeing to the sick children and giving injections and vaccinations at the orphanage. The orphanage has many students in primary school, so Nurse Rao makes sure that they are healthy and also helps them study. These students love Nurse Rao and always ask her for help if they don't understand something. After their studies, they all play together outside if the weather is nice. HH (pictured below) especially likes Nurse Rao and always wants to be by her side. Meishan was an orphan that grew up at the Shangrao orphanage.

