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RJ AND HER FOSTER PARENTS

EXCITING NEWS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENT

Ms. Mao, Director of the Children's department, met with us regarding RJ, her 2013-2014 US exchange student.

We assured them that we would pay for her expenses including air fare and spending money for use in the US. We will also purchase a suitcase and some clothes for her. She's all set with an appointment to get her visa!

RJ is a little nervous about coming to the US so we did our best to answer her questions about our schools.

Her foster parents are very attached to her. They love her like she was their own and even more so! She will stay in touch with her foster parents by using a phone card and Skype on the orphanage's computer.

HUGGING GRANNIES

Our three Hugging Grannies are all spending time with children who are hospitalized. Two children are in Shanghai for heart surgery. Both a Hugging Granny and an orphanage caregiver went to Shanghai to be with these two children. Another Granny is with a child that went to Hefei for cleft palate surgery. Our third Granny is with RF (one of our "nutrition" kids) at the Shangrao hospital.

We saw the nurse that we sponsor, Rao Mei Xian, and her son and husband. We also met Ju Li Ping, the new nurse we are sponsoring. She is taking the place of Xu Yan.



RAO MEI XIAN AND
HER SON



JU LI PING

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Ms. Mao is very happy with the nutritional program and several children are benefitting from it. The orphanage has received money for January through April and the money for May through August has been wired. Each child requires 400 yuan per month; this money pays for nutritional supplements, chinese medicine and also special milk formula for the premature babies.

Ms. Mao asked if older kids could participate in the nutrition program. There are two children that they are concerned about. RLL, 9-10 years old, is too thin and too short. She was adopted by a chinese family when she was a baby but then her mother died and her father remarried and brought RLL back to the orphanage in February of this year. There is also a 9 year old boy, RFM, who they are concerned about because he still wets the bed and gets sick frequently. We asked to review what they are eating now plus their current heights and weights to determine what supplementation is appropriate.



RLL AGED 9-10 YEARS

PREMATURE TWINS BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL FORMULA!

Twins, born prematurely, only weighed about 1.25 kg each (a little less than 3 pounds) at the time of their abandonment at the hospital where they were born. They spent two months in the hospital and Shangrao SWI paid about 10,000 yuan (~ US \$1,608) for each baby for their hospital care. The babies are now in foster care and with our nutrition sponsorship, they are receiving a special formula for premature babies.



AMITY/ALTRUSA SPONSORS THE TWIN BABIES
SPECIAL NUTRITION NEEDS



Group Photo (L-R) Zhou Bo (Amity), Mimi, Megan, Peggy, Mao Lizhen (Dir. Children's Services and in charge of Amity projects in Shangrao) with child RLL in front of her, Wang Xuelian (assistant for Amity projects and in charge of children's adoption affairs at Shangrao, Zhou Qiaolin (Amity)

SHANGRAO KIDS

60

children in orphanage

40

children in foster care

30

(OF THE 40)

foster care kids sponsored by
Amity/Altrusa

13

children in the orphanage

FOSTER CHILDREN

We weighed and measured all the babies we were sponsoring for nutrition. These children are in foster homes in the same small community so they met us at a central location near their homes.



THIS CUTE LITTLE ONE
IS GETTING HER ARM
MEASURED



RF LOVED HAVING
MEGAN HOLD HER!



THIS ADORABLE BABY
SPORTS SPIKEY HAIR
AND BRIGHT RED SHOES

MORE FOSTER CHILDREN IN OUR NUTRITIONAL PROGRAM



THREE MORE SWEET LITTLE BABIES GETTING WEIGHED AND MEASURED
SO WE CAN TRACK THEIR NUTRITIONAL NEEDS

FOSTER FAMILY WITH 2 CHILDREN



THE CHILD ON THE LEFT IS
QUITE HAPPY AND SMILED
FOR US. HE HAS SOME SORT
OF MUSCULAR DISORDER.



THE DIRECTOR AND STAFF ENJOYED LOOKING AT THE
PHOTOS AND LETTERS SENT IN BY FAMILIES

SOME VIEWS OF THE SHANGRAO SWI



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