

# **9/10/2009 Wanzai County Social Welfare Institution Report**

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## **1. Background Information:**

**1、 Institution Director:** Li Longhui (李龙晖)

**2、 Institution Vice-Directors:** Xin Xiaoping (辛小平), Zeng Duanfa (曾端发),

Mr. Wu (吴院长; formerly the director's assistant, now responsible for the Children's Department)

**3、 Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Mr. Wu and Tan Mei (谭梅) make visits out to foster homes to interview foster families. Sometimes they go out two or three times a month. They usually do not keep written record of these interviews, unless they come across something unusual or important. They visit all foster homes once a month to give the children physical exams.

**4、 Number of Children:** Amity sponsors 6 children for foster care, while the Institution funds over 20 more. 5 – 6 children live at the Institution itself.

## **2. Overall Impression:**

Although the financial aid for the foster of another 12 children has already been discontinued, the Institution is continuing to fund these 12 children for foster care. Each one of these 12 children appears very happy in his or her home, and they all seem to have bonded deeply with their foster families. The foster parents, for their part, all love their foster children dearly and treat them well.

On this trip out, we visited some of the 12 children whose foster care subsidies from Amity have expired. One girl WJE made the deepest impression on us with her drastic change in mood and personality. She has gradually become an open and upbeat girl who no longer remains mute when you try to chat with her. We were given two reasons for this positive development: first because Mr. Wu and Tan Mei would often visit her to talk her round; second because the bullying of her classmates had ceased after the Institution staff intervened. Although her grades are still low, she is no longer in danger of dropping out of school. She will finish her third year of junior high and graduate, after which she plans to attend culinary arts school.

### 3. Interviews:

#### 1、 Foster Families:

Met and interviewed the 6 children sponsored for foster care by Amity. Their individual reports (with a photo) will be sent to their foster care sponsors.

We also received news of 7 other children. One has been adopted to America and one has been adopted by a Chinese family. One has gone to No.4 Hospital in Nanchang for therapy and treatment, and also to await cleft palate surgery. Two others are with their foster families but we didn't get to see them.