

January 15, 2011 Wanzai Social Welfare Institute Report

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Li Longhui (李龙晖)
- b) **Institute Vice-Directors:** Vice-Director Wu (吴院长), Xin Xiaoping (辛小平), Ceng Duanfa (曾端发),
- c) **Heads of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Vice-Director Wu, Tan Mei (谭梅), and Ceng Xiuying (曾秀英; Head of the Children's Division) make unscheduled monthly visits to foster families. They go at least once a month to give the foster children physical check-ups, but when time allows they check in on the children as many as two or three times a month. They do not keep regular records of these visits, but note down any unusual circumstances in their personal notebooks.
- d) **Number of Children:** Amity currently sponsors 6 children for foster care, while the Institute sponsors over 20. 9 children reside at the Institute itself.

2. Overall Impression

90% of the children under the guardianship of the Wanzai Social Welfare Institute are disabled in some way. In order to provide the children with better environments for growth and development, the Wanzai Institute has a policy of doing everything possible to place their children into foster homes. The majority of Wanzai's children are therefore living with foster families. The 9 children still at the Institute are infants and toddlers. The Wanzai Institute staff frequently visit and check up on the children living in foster families.

3. Sponsored Foster Children

Visited the six foster children and their foster families. An individual report will be sent to the sponsor of each child. Brought some gifts for each of the foster children (see photos below). This little boy needs a new sponsor for his continued foster care:



From his report: Restless Wan JS has gotten much better about sitting still in class over the past six months. He used to get out of his seat and wander around the room, but now he can stay at his desk and listen to the teacher. He has learned to sing simple songs, write and recognize numbers, and write a few simple characters (though he won't write them without an adult standing over his shoulder). He gets on well with his classmates and loves playing loud, rambunctious games with them.



We also sponsor the schooling (in addition to foster care) for this last boy. Text from his report: He is a mature, independent boy who can look after himself and is always considerate of his foster mother. At home, he helps with whatever housework he can; at school, he participates in class and gets along with his peers. He has final exams coming up in a few days, and after that: winter break! He told us that he is looking forward to having some time to relax and hang out with his friends.