

June 11, 2011 Wanzai Social Welfare Institute Report

1. Basic Information

- (a) **Institute Director:** Li Longhui (李龙晖)
- (b) **Institute Deputy Directors:** Director Wu (吴院长), Xin Xiaoping (辛小平), Zeng Duanfa (曾端发)
- (c) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Director Wu, Tan Mei (谭梅), and Zeng Xiuying (曾秀英; head of the Children's Division) make visits to foster families and record any special circumstances or needs. They also visit foster families once a month to give the foster children physical check-ups.
- (d) **Number of Children:** Amity sponsors 6 children for foster care, while the Institute funds over 20 for foster care. Approximately 10 children reside at the Institute itself.

2. Overall Impression

- (a) **Institute nursery:** there are now about 10 young children left in the Wanzai Institute nursery, most of whom have a disability (see pictures 1a and 1b), cared for by 2-3 childcare workers.
- (b) **New building:** construction on the new building for the Wanzai Institute's Children's Division is currently underway. The new building is being built next to the old Children's Division. It will have three floors (see pictures 2-3) and is slated for completion in September 2011.
- (c) We made a point during this site visit of seeing two of our former scholarship students, Wan Jinguan (万锦观) and Wan Jinyuan (万锦院). Wan Jinyuan (picture 4) is still at the same massage center, where clients like her for her good massage technique, and her boss likes her for her commitment to improving her professional skills. Jinyuan herself is happy with her work and proud of being able to earn her own money.

We learned from the Institute workers that, after studying blind massage, Wan Jinguan (picture 5) had found work in the same massage center as Wan Jin'e. Her emotional health and outlook on life improved greatly after leaving the Institute, and especially after getting her wages for the first time. She has also found a boyfriend and is busy with wedding preparations, which is why we were unable to meet her. We were very happy to hear that she could support herself and start her own family.



1a Child with mild cerebral palsy



1b Child with hydrocephalus



2 New Children's Division building



3 New Children's Division building



Photo 4



Photo 5

3. Interviews

- (a) Met with 6 foster children and their foster families.
- (b) Purchased presents for the children (see pictures below).

