

August 27, 2010 Xinyu Social Welfare Institute Report

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Yang Bin (杨斌)
- b) **Number of Children:** There are 128 children, healthy and disabled, living at the Institute (disabled children are in the slight majority). The Institute itself pays for 10 children to attend school.

2. Overall Impression

The Xinyu Social Welfare Institute has wide green spaces and plenty space for the children to play. This Institute is a bit more strict than usual with outside visitors; the gatekeeper will only let people in after clearing it with his or her supervisor. Tours and taking pictures must also be cleared with the supervisor (and taking pictures usually isn't allowed). The Children's Section has a playroom, a classroom and a rehabilitation room which has very good facilities and is staffed by professional therapists.

3. Interviews

Met with two of the three scholarship children.



This is a 20 year old girl who will be in her third year of vocational school this fall. During her summer break she has been helping around the Institute. She checks in on the kids in the Children's Section or lends a hand in the Institute cafeteria, delivering food to the Children's and Senior Citizens Sections.



This 22 year old orphan has some paralysis of his right side. He starts the third year of vocational school this fall. During his summer break he has also been helping at the orphanage, playing with the younger kids, sweeping the floors, and taking out all of the trash every day. He likes playing badminton with the other children or listening to music in his spare time.



We were unable to meet with one other scholarship child as he had gone with his foster mother to visit relatives when we visited. We met instead with his foster father who provided the above photos. This ten year old boy is about to head back the Nanchang School for the Blind where he will be in fourth grade. He spent his summer vacation at his foster home. He has been with his foster family a very long time. His foster parents are not only well-off, but also very loving to him. His grades are okay and his studiousness has earned praise from his teachers. He gets along very well with his classmates and will ask them or his teachers for help if he doesn't understand something in class.