

XinYu Social Welfare Institute Report

March 2012



GENERAL INFORMATION

Director: Director Song

Secretary: Yang Bin

Vice Director: Vice Director Liu

Vice Director Li

Vice Director Deng

Number

Of Children: Approx 70 children, 10 of whom live in foster care

“The law of love could be best understood and learned through little children”

... Mahatma Gandhi

OVERALL IMPRESSION

The majority of children at the XinYu Social Welfare Institute are physically handicapped. Disabilities range from cleft lips to Cerebral Palsy to congenital heart disease to Down Syndrome, etc.

During the day, most of these children are in the SWI classroom learning basic knowledge such as how to take care of their daily needs. They also play games and learn how to count and sing songs.

The SWI staff play with the children and also help them with physical therapy and rehabilitation exercises in the classrooms .



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Visiting with the students

These two students, YZ & YT, had been under our financial scholarships .



Since graduation, they have been living at the SWI and helping the staff with daily activities such as

caring for the children, sweeping the floors, etc. They are both very hardworking and knowledgeable about



the SWI's activities.

They bring happiness and joy to the children and are content to help with any project or tasks.

During this visit, we saw five students on financial aid. Unfortunately one of the students, YH had trouble adjusting to a school environment and returned to the SWI. In his place, YF , a 9 yo girl with Down's syndrome, started school .



At the Nanchang School for the Blind, we met with four students and brought them some snacks.



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This handsome 12 yo boy attends 5th grade at the Nan-chang School for the Blind.

YJ is the smallest person in his class, but his personality is larger than life. He earns average grades in his classes but is very serious about studying. Although he is fond of playing, YJ knows when he should work hard. He says that English can be a difficult class, but always asks his classmates or his teacher if he has problems. JY gets along very well with his classmates and his speech is very clear. JY's hobby is to play computer games (on a computer designed for blind people)



This 9 yo cutie is in 1st grade and has an active personality and loves to talk and study. She is living with a wonderful foster family who care for and loves her very much. When she goes to school, her foster mother or father always takes her and picks her up. FX is able to communicate well and is also polite and well behaved. She studies hard and earns very good grades. In class, she is learning how to read and write simple characters and pin-yin, how to count, sing, paint, etc. She is able to take care of herself and gets along well with her classmates and teachers. Her hobby is painting.



This 9 yo sweetie is in 1st grade and adjusted well to the new environment at school. Weekdays he lives at the school and at the SWI on

weekends. JH is very quiet, but he can use simple phrases to communicate and understands when others are speaking. He gets along well with his friends and they often enjoy playing games together. JH is respectful and obedient in class. He can take care of his own needs such as put on his own clothes and shoes and eat without help as well as wash his own dishes.

"Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another"

... Gilbert Chesterton

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LL is 8 yo , deaf, and in his first year of school. He has adjusted well to his new environment. During the week, he lives at the school and on the weekends, he returns to the SWI. LL is small for his age and his development is a little slow. He needs help from his teachers to take care of his every day needs, but they are teaching him how to take care of himself and he has made lots of progress this year. LL has difficulty communicating orally with others, so he is learning sign language and can now sign a few simple phrases. This year, he has been studying

math, culture, oral communication, PE, etc. He gets along well with his classmates and especially enjoys playing outside.

Thank you for your support!

ZY is 12 yo and in the 3rd grade of deaf class. She gets along well with her classmates and enjoys playing games with them. She uses sign language to communicate and can sign many simple phrases such as “hello”, etc. Each afternoon, ZT attends an oral communication class where she learns how to make sounds, however it is still difficult for her. Despite the difficulties, she enjoys studying and is very happy when she masters new sounds. ZT can take care of her own personal needs and also helps her classmates in school. ZT likes sports.

