

July 14, 2011 Yichun (Yuanzhou) Social Welfare Institute Report

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Deng Weiping (邓卫平)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Hu Xianyu (胡先玉)
 - 1、 **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** The head of the project is now Huang Juan. Since she has worked in the Institute less than two months, she is not quite familiar with the project. Thus, Chen Xi, previously the head of the project, brought her to visit the families and then let her take charge.
- c) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for over 30 children in total. The Institute funds approximately 10 of these children for foster care. Over 20 children reside at the Institute itself.

2. Overall Impression

Foster children: In February, most children returned to the Yichun (Yuanzhou) Social Welfare Institute due to issues in the foster families. After the Spring Festival, the Institute started to look for new families for the children. Some previous foster families took back the children while others could not. Currently, Amity sponsors 7 children. Two of them were in foster care before but are now with new families. They were not able to find a new family for three of the children we sponsored in the past. Those who returned to families receive love and care as before; those who cannot find foster families stay in the Institute. Our Hugging Grannies there tell stories and teach cognition knowledge to them in the day time and these children play with other children during break.

3. Interviews

- a) Met with 3 Amity Grandmas (see below).
- b) Visited our seven sponsored foster children. An individual report with a photo will be sent to their sponsor.
- c) Saw some of the children who are receiving BeinMate milk powder (see pictures below) which we had been supplying.



- (1) This girl is now 6 months old and has skin problems. She often laughs and is not afraid of strangers. She giggles when people tickle her. She always feeds on BeinMate milk powder. She takes 200ml-220ml milk each meal and has 5 or 6 meals per day. She has good sleep and regular bowel movements.



- (2) This girl is now a six-month old healthy baby but she was weak and small in size when first entered the Institute. She always feeds on BeinMate milk powder. She takes 180ml-200ml milk each meal and has 5 or 6 meals per day. She becomes stronger under the considerate care of staff in the Institute and she rarely gets ill.



- (3) This girl (below) is also six months old. She suffers from CP. She began to feed on BeinMate milk powder since she came to the Institute. She loves milk and drinks 5 to 7 times per day with 180ml on average each time. She cannot understand what adults say but she can see adults' faces and mumbles from time to time.



- (4) This boy is two years old now and blind. He drinks BeinMate as well with 3 to 4 times per day and 250ml to 280ml each time. He is outgoing and likes to be taken outdoors. He is sensitive to acquaintances' voice and smiles when heard called by acquaintances.



Grandma Peng Xiaolian (below) is responsible for taking care of the children in the Institute and does rehabilitation with the children who are disabled. When we visited her, she was doing rehabilitation to a child named Yi QY who has some type of brain injury or problem. The treatment is bringing him great benefits. He is now approaching three years old and lags behind to his peers as for physical activity, intelligence and language proficiency which is why grandmas give him rehabilitation. Grandma Peng now helps him mainly with his limbs. He cannot walk independently or with right footsteps, but he can do so when his two arms are held by grandma. Grandma Peng corrects his steps and then holds one of his arms. She also gives him guidance in intelligence and language.



Grandma Huang Ruilian is responsible for taking care of the children in the Institute. Thus, the daily work of Grandma Huang is to help the children with their everyday life. When we visited the Institute, Grandma Huang was feeding milk to a baby as shown in the following picture. The baby is quite weak and small in size. She likes to be hold by others and cries otherwise. She also cries when hungry and wet. She stops crying and falls asleep whenever Grandma holds her in the arm. She eats little and drinks milk slowly. Great patience is needed when feeds her milk, because she is easily get choked.



Grandma Xie is a person with much love and patience. She now teaches disabled and low IQ children cognition knowledge in the special classroom. She took the job because the previous teacher resigned. Grandma Xie has her own unique idea about teaching children. She thinks that compared to normal children raised in the family, taking care of children in the social welfare institute needs special love and patience. She believes that the knowledge children can learn is not as important as their basic qualities, such as patience and good manners. When she first took the class, children in the classroom were very naughty and ignored what teachers instructed. Grandma Xie treated them with great patience and rewarded them for their improved behavior. Gradually, the children have become polite and listen carefully in the class. How happy the children are when their good handwriting is praised by Grandma Xie!

