

October 10, 2010 Yihuang County Social Welfare Institute Report

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Mr. Liu Wenjian (刘文建)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Ms. Yu (黄院长), primarily responsible for the Children's Division.
- c) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for almost 100 children. 30 of them are in foster care. The rest, half of whom have cerebral palsy or some other disability, reside at the Institute itself.

2. Overall Impression

The Huangyi County Social Welfare Institute is a typical SWI with a gradually increasing number of disabled children (the number of children with cerebral palsy in particular has grown from last year) and no rehabilitation staff or facilities. Some children are raised at the Institute, while others have been placed in foster homes. Unfortunately the resources for physical therapy and other rehab are not available to the children in Yihuang. But the children living in foster homes express a greater and more obvious range of emotions and facial expressions than those who remain at the Institute, due to the loving care of their foster families.

3. Interviews

Met with scholarship child HR. She is sixteen years old and due to her deafness is attending Yihuang School for Special Education. She has grown much taller since last I (Ms. Luo, Amity Foundation staff person) saw her! Her teacher tells us that she is doing well this year, studying hard and earning good grades in all of her classes. She has a helpful personality and gets along well with all of her classmates. She has a wide range of interests outside of class and still loves knitting and dancing as much as ever. She has also recently gotten into surfing the Web and often talks to her friends on QQ in the computer lab at school.

