

## **Yihuang County Social Welfare Institute Report, October 2011**

### **1. General Information**

**Institute Director:** Mr. Liu Wenjian

**Institute Vice-Director, Children's Department Director:** Ms. Yu

**Number of Children:** In total, the orphanage is responsible for 50 children, 20 of who are in foster homes, 30 of who live in the orphanage itself.

### **2. Overall Situation:**

While the number of children at the Yihuang Social Welfare Institute is smaller than before, the proportion of disabled children as increased to more than half of the total number. There are currently 10 healthy children separated from the disabled children. Each group has their own nurse who comes to take care of them. In the foster homes, most of the children who live with foster families have Cerebral Palsy. Some of them are only a few months old and are still babies. All of the foster families are very kind towards their foster children and raise them as if they were their own kin. The families provide them with a warm and loving home and give them the care that they need. This unconditional love helps the children in their development and changes their lives for the better.

### **3. Interview**

Met with the deaf student we are sponsoring in school.



**Student is in middle with yellow jacket**

Yihuang County, Fuzhou only has one school for special need students and it only goes until sixth grade. The orphanage directors are deciding where to send Huang Run

to school next year, but they are worried that it is not safe for a girl to live by herself in a school far away. This year, Huang Run will finish sixth grade and the orphanage will come up with a plan for next year. In the meantime, Huang Run is still studying very well and gets along well with all of her classmates. She is happy to help her classmates and even younger students study and get better grades. Her own grades are first-rate and her dancing and art is also quite good. All of her teachers like her and think she is an excellent student. Huang Run still lives at school and returns to the orphanage for holidays. At the orphanage, she helps take care of the children and plays games with them too!

