

YINGTAN SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE

ALTRUSA-AMITY REPORT - MARCH 2013

Foster Care – Altrusa Foundation of Longview-Kelso, working through Amity Foundation, sponsors 10 children for foster care from the Yingtan Social Welfare Institute and the Ms. Luo from Amity met with all of the children and their foster families on this visit. In addition, there are 10 more children from this SWI sponsored for foster care by the orphanage. Up to 40 children reside in the orphanage itself, most of whom have cerebral palsy or cognitive impairment. The SWI staff person in charge of the Altrusa-Amity Foster Care Project for this orphanage is Zhan Jianjun. An individual report on each child has been sent to their sponsor but here are two of our foster children:

FA is a 9 year old girl with cerebral palsy. Since Amity's last visit, this young girl has made progress in several areas with her foster mother's help. She is speaking more clearly and in longer sentences. FA's walking has also improved. She is able to go short distances with more stability. She has a healthy appetite and is a sound sleeper.



FY is now 13 years old and has shown herself to be a conscientious student. She gets along well with her classmates and received a "good student" award last semester. Her foster family supports and encourages her good study habits.

Tuition - In Yingtan, Amity currently supports 4 scholarship students in advanced programs. Two of those students have been studying at the Jiangsu Yixing Training School where they are trained in various arts, including the crafting of world-famous Yixing Teapots.



FJ, a 20 year old deaf student, is studying at the Jiangsu Yixing Training School. He has had the opportunity to work with master teapot artists and his work is considered to be the best of his class. FJ aspires to be a master teapot artist himself and has high expectations for his future as an artist.

FJ is a 15 year old art student, also deaf, and studying at the Jiangsu Yixing Training School. He has completed his first semester and has adapted well to school life. Although he has found some of the work hard, he looks forward to improving his skills with each semester.



Hugging Grannies - Three Hugging Grannies are sponsored by Amity at Yingtian SWI. The Grannies work 6 days a week at the orphanage and provide education, physical therapy assistance and emotional comfort. The Grannies take walks, sing songs, play games, help feed & bathe, cuddle and provide much needed attention for all of the children living at the orphanage.



Grandma YH



Grandma ZX



Grandma ZM

In general news regarding Yingtian SWI, there is now a doctor's office in the children's ward. Dr. Wang Junjie is available to the children for physical exams, vaccinations and general medical care. Dr. Wang is described as being very kind and understanding with the children. She also provides care in the adjoining public clinic.



Dr. Wang