

7/24/2010 Yichun City Yuanzhou District Social Welfare Institute Report

1. Basic Information

- a) **Institution Director:** Deng Weiping (邓卫平)
- b) **Institution Vice-Directors:** Hu Xianyu (胡先玉)
- c) **Head of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Chen Qian (陈茜) visits foster families once a month basically. She keeps personal notes of any unusual situations.
- d) **Number of Children:** the Institute is responsible for over 50 children, 10 of which Amity/Altrusa sponsors for foster care. The Institute sponsors about 20 more for foster care. The remaining children reside at the Institute itself. There are no other organizations assisting the institute currently.
- e) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** Children sponsored by Amity/Altrusa for foster care return to the Institute once a month for physical exams. All foster children go regularly to the nearest disease control center for vaccinations.

2. Overall Impression

- a) **Social Welfare Institute:** Construction has finished for the new Yichun City Yuanzhou District Social Welfare Institute. The new building is presently being fitted out. The final move and initial use of the new Institute is expected to be by September to October of this year.
- b) **Foster Care Children:** Children of the Institute now live in Chuntai Social Welfare Center and Xiapu Senior Citizen Home temporarily. The rooms are small and most rooms have no air conditioners but do have electric fans. On the day we visited our Hugging Grannies in Chuntai Social Welfare Center, we encountered officers and soldiers visiting the children as volunteers, trimming their nails, feeding them and playing with them. At first, children were unfamiliar with these people. But after a few minutes the children started to smile showing their lively personality. (See pictures below)





3. Interviews

- a) Interviewed 10 foster children and their families. Their individual reports and photos will be sent to their sponsors.
- b) Met with 3 Amity Grandmas.



Grandma Zou Zhaolian is working with other 2 grandmas as partners, they administer physical therapy to the disabled children and help take care of them in the institute. In the picture below Grandma Zou is holding a child named QY with down's syndrome. QY can walk with holding on to something and understand adult's words. But she cannot speak and needs adults' help in eating and going to the toilet. Grandma Zou is helping her abilities in walking by herself as well as her language abilities. QY has made progress from just gazing around at first to focusing on grandma's mouth now. While taught by Grandma Zou QY tries to pronounce the words but she cannot make a sound. We believe that QY may speak some day after this focused attention from Grandma Zou.



Grandma Yuan Hua is responsible for administering physical therapy to the disabled children and caring for their daily life. On the day we visited Grandma Yuan Hua was playing with a child with cleft lip and palate who is still too weak and thin for surgery. She is a lively child and likes Grandma Yuan very much. She will smile at her every time she sees her and she feels happier when Grandma Yuan holds her and plays with her.



Like the other two Grandmas, Grandma Peng Xiaolian nurses, teaches, and administers physical therapy to the disabled children at the Institute. She is a retired orphanage worker. She was with YQY in the institute the day we visited. As his original foster mother was not able to foster Qingyong any more, he returned to the institute. He is nursed by grandmas in the daytime and looked after by staff at night. YQY can understand some everyday phrases now. He knows his caregivers, smiles at them, says “dad” and “mom”, and he can sit steadily by himself. Because of a deformity of his legs he is not able to stand without support. The left side of his body is not as flexible as the right and his right hand can grab objects. He loves to be amused by people. On the day we visited he was playing with Grandma Peng happily and laughing loudly.

- c) Met 5 Milk Formula Project children: All of them drink Feihe (飞鹤) milk formula, a domestic Chinese brand (see picture below).



Below is basic information about five of the children that benefit from our Milk Formula Project:

1. 3.5 year old boy with CP. He can only sit by leaning on to something, walk a few steps with hands held, and sit steadily by himself. He cannot speak anything except for “grandma” and “grandpa”. If he wants something, he knows to express with gestures, such as pointing. He loves playing outside with children. As he cannot walk, he needs grandma to hold him there every time. He drinks 400ml of milk twice a day with a meal and he likes to drink milk before sleeping or he will cry. (Picture 1)
2. 2-year-old girl with ptosis of upper eyelid. As she cannot see things clearly, she is used to looking up. Her language development is slow, she just recently began speaking, but her development in motor function is not so bad. She likes walking here and there at home everyday. She has a good appetite with rice as staple and drinks milk three times a day (300ml every meal.)



(Picture 1)



(Picture 2)

3. 1-year-old girl born prematurely. Initially she had a poor constitution and was prone to illness. Now she has improved her constitution gradually as she has been drinking Feihe brand milk formula. As she has gotten older, and due to intensive care, she has been in good health and rarely falls sick now. She has

quite a good appetite now and drinks milk 4-5 times a day, 300ml every meal, with porridge, noodles and bread as supplements. (Picture 3)

4. One month old healthy girl. She drinks milk 5-6 times a day with 80ml every meal. She has a quick reaction, and can move her eyes following objects. She seldom cries except when she is hungry or she wets her diaper. She sleeps very well as you can see in the photo below! (Picture 4)



(Picture 3)



(Picture 4)

5. 6-month-old healthy girl, she looks fat and adorable. People like holding her, and she herself isn't afraid of strangers. She has quick reactions and knows her name when called. She can reach out to grab things and pronounce "oh". She has a good appetite and drinks Feihe brand milk formula 4-5 meals a day with 300ml every meal. Now she eats some porridge, eggs and noodles as supplements. (Picture 5)



(Picture 5)