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Hope Healing Home Beijing

### Update September 2007

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This month Lyn Gould RN , Dr Yang from Luoyang orphanage and I attended a world- wide Palliative Care conference in Singapore. Lyn and I learned a lot and were very encouraged to know that the level of care that we provide our children who have life -limiting conditions, is of a high standard, compared to many developed countries. Dr Yang was very pleased learn of the value that professionals in other nations, place on the lives and deaths of these precious children. Dr Harold and Mrs. Cross, Mariah ( RN) and Melissa Bywater from Community Bible Church in Beaufort, South Carolina covered all our units while we were away and we are very grateful and all those who supported us financially to attend this conference.

### New projects:

- 1) Xin Yang: The refurbishment of this, 18 bed Special Care Unit in Xinyang CWI is progressing well and should be finished by the first week of October. Please pray for the team, who will be in Xinyang from the time the builders finish, to buy equipment, hire and train staff and set up the support systems - all before October 20<sup>th</sup> when we have planned to take the first children.
- 2) Luoyang: A well is being dug and building plans are still be fine-tuned for this large project and as soon as the builders are ready to start, we will be prepared.
- 3) Expansion of the Love Without Boundaries Heartbridge Unit in Beijing. See below. Item 4. This will bring the total number of children we care for in Beijing to 78

### 1) Hope Healing Home Beijing

**Gabriel** is being prepared for hip surgery in Hong Kong in the next few weeks. **D Z Bing**, 6 weeks old, who has Down's syndrome and an Imperforate anus was admitted this month. He will have surgery to correct this defect when he is a little older. **FU Lu** had successful heart surgery in Hangzhou and should be home soon.



Gabriel



DZ Bing



FG Lu

### 2) Love Without Boundaries Shunyi Outreach Foster Program.

With sadness we report that **Pip**, aged 1 year, who suffered from Retinoblastoma, cancerous growths in both eyes, died peacefully. His long term prognosis was so poor and we are immensely thankful that he did not reach a stage where aggressive treatment would have caused him more suffering that he needed to bear. We had to move **Samuel** to take his place in Hospice care. Samuel has a very complex heart condition and is also brain damaged. Deciding on hospice care for some of these children is always a very difficult decision to make but we do so after extensive investigations, discussion and prayer. Yet again we are indebted to Shannon W. and her staff for being there and loving our children till the end. All is well with the other 21 children and their families.



Pip



Samuel.

### 3) NHF Special Care Units, Jiaozuo and Luoyang, Henan Province: ( 57 beds)

**Jiaozuo** : Since it's inception on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005, we have cared for 112 infants. The survival rate in this unit is about 40%. This month **Maggie and David** passed away peacefully. Our staffs in Jiaozuo are honored to have cared for them in their last days and hours.

**Luoyang**: September 14<sup>th</sup> was the first year anniversary of this unit. We have cared for a total of 105 children since then. The survival rate here is about 50%. This month **Mary, Natalie, Tom, Ben, Jordan, Jayden and Rose** passed away peacefully. **Natalie**, a little premature baby, was held by her, nanny who sang her a Chinese love song as she took her last breaths. To see our Father's compassion growing in the hearts of these ladies is awesome. We are all particularly devastated by the death of 3 year old **Rose**. She had a complex heart condition and just 2 days before she was finally accepted and ready to leave for surgery, she was unable to hold on any longer.

**John** is our pilot in a trial for our more able long term children to receive physiotherapy from the team in the rehab centre at the orphanage. This 7 year old was a very sick and very disabled boy when he first came to the SCU last September, he is now a lively and relatively healthy boy with a very active mind, lots of determination and a very infectious laugh!



We have been fortunate to be able to hire 3 good Filipina nurses who are in Luoyang being trained for the work in our three Special Care Units

### 4) Love Without Boundaries Heartbridge Rehabilitation Unit( 9, soon to be 18 beds)

With minimal renovations we have decided to expand the Heartbridge unit to receive another 9 children. Love without Boundaries facilitates many heart surgeries a year in China, Many of the children are in need of extra care if they are to survive. We are pleased to offer this opportunity to LWB to help care for their most vulnerable children.. 4 new children were admitted this month.



D M Miao



L C Yi



G X Po



Y Mei

### 5) Our Most Sincere Thanks:

- 1) Dawn C, Jeff and Angie B and the Commonwealth Society for sponsoring rooms in our new Xin Yang Special Care unit.
- 2) The University of Malaya Medical School class of 1975 for donating funds to our Foundation to help with the medical needs of the children.
- 3) The Collette Foundation for their very generous financial support
- 4) The Edwardstown Baptist Church and family and friends of Diane D. and Keziah G. for supporting the surgery of FG Lu
- 5) O.P.A. L (Overseas Pharmaceutical Aid for Life ) and Mc Neil's Surgical from Australia for donating much needed medical supplies.

### 6) Our Needs:

1) Please keep our dedicated staff in your thoughts often. For those who pray, please ask for endurance for us as we cope with the sickness and deaths of our precious children. Pray for renewing of our spirits daily and

comfort as we mourn our losses and the strength to carry on for the sake of the next child we hold in our arms. Pray that we learn to give thanks daily in all circumstances, no matter how hard our burdens may be.

2) We need to employ at least 3 more Filipina nurses within the next few weeks as our ability to operate well and expand this work is limited by availability of staff, whether volunteers or employees.

3) We still need Sponsors for the rooms in our new unit Xin Yang. Sponsorship will help to pay for equipment for this unit which will be caring for the most vulnerable infants in the orphanage.

[http://www.hopefosterhome.com/special\\_care/xinyang/index.htm](http://www.hopefosterhome.com/special_care/xinyang/index.htm)

4) It is rare that visitors from overseas come without bringing us medications from the Needs List, which can be bought over the counter. However we are also in need of many medications that cannot be bought over the counter. We are able to buy them in bulk, often at cost, some right here in China and some from the US but funds are needed for this. If anyone would like to donate specifically for this need we would be very grateful.

### **With our deepest gratitude**

Joyce and Robin Hill

*He gives and takes away, He gives and takes away,  
And still my heart will surely say, Blessed be His name.*

**Song By Matt Redman**

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