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Dear Friends and Supporters,

A very Merry Christmas to all of you. May your families experience the peace and love of God at this special time. We apologize for the multiple copies of last month's newsletter that many of you received. Thank you for your patience and alerting us to the problem. I think this has now been resolved. Please let us know if this is still a problem.

At the close of 2008 we have the following statistics to report.

New Project: Maria's Big House of Hope in Luoyang with about 128 beds encompassing all the areas we work in i.e. Children with operable conditions, children requiring long term care for a limited time, and children with little chance of surviving under normal circumstances. This project is financially supported by Shaohannah's Hope in memory of Maria Sue Chapman.

Number of new children admitted this year in all units: 184

Number of deaths:

Beijing 7

Special care units: 62

Number of hospital admissions and surgeries done in 2008: 61

Number of adoptions in 2008: 28

1) Hope Healing Home Beijing

2 new babies were admitted, **DY Yan**, and **HJ Lun**. They both have cleft defects and are malnourished weighing only half their expected weight for their age. **DA Ran** another fragile baby with a cleft defect was admitted to Beijing United Family Hospital with pneumonia. She was discharged well after a few days of excellent care. **G Z Wei** and **H J Liang** were admitted to BJU in respiratory distress. HJ Liang is in a serious condition and was admitted to the Intensive Care unit and put on a ventilator. GZ Wei came home after a week and is doing very well. Many of the kids suffer from respiratory infections during the winter. It's a tough time for them. **Rubel** returned after heart surgery in Shanghai.



D Y Yan



H J Lun



DA Ran



GZ Wei



HJ Liang



Rubel

2) Adoptions

Spencer Sam and Mia have left us to be adopted.



Spencer



Mia

3) Maria's Big House of Hope, Luoyang



Rob visited again this month and we would like to share a few pictures of the inside of the building with you. A few minor changes are being made but in general we are very pleased with the result. We are indebted to Simon whose foreman has worked very hard with the internal fittings and painting.

4) Love Without Boundaries Shunyi Outreach Foster Program.

Unfortunately China Little Flower where we had several children cared for under the LWB Shunyi outreach program is no longer in operation. The 4 remaining children in their care have been moved. The children involved are **Anna Joy, Nicholas, Samuel and Joshua.** Joshua has returned to the Heartbridge unit for us to manage his heart condition.. We are told that Anna Joy and Joshua will possibly be adopted. Samuel will be investigated for a heart condition in Shanghai and LWB will decide on the next course of action for him. **Jordan** who was with a local foster family has also been returned to her orphanage at their request hopefully for adoption soon. **ZM Chun** was moved to a foster family. **Spencer and Mia** have left us to return to her orphanage to prepare for adoption. (see above)



Anna Joy



Nicholas



Samuel



Joshua



Jordan



ZM Chun

5) NHF Special Care Units, Jiaozuo, Luoyang and Xin Yang, Henan Province: (75 beds)

These units provide humane and loving, hospice care for infants and young children with severe congenital defects who are unlikely to survive under normal circumstances. Those who survive are unexpected blessings.

Jiaozuo ; **Caroline** was admitted and **Nick** passed away.

Luoyang **Ned** passed away. **Julian** was admitted.

Xin Yang **Deron and Allen** passed away, **Sam** was admitted and passed away within hours **Molly** was admitted and is undergoing treatment. We may be able to save her.

5) Love Without Boundaries Heartbridge Rehabilitation Unit(18 beds)

There were 2 new admissions this month. **H J Tai** with an exposed bladder and **H J Liang** a preemie weighing only 1.8 kgs



HJ Tai



HJ Liang

6) Our Most Sincere Thanks:

1) To internationally acclaimed Chinese singer/actress **Zhou Xun** for a very generous donation.

2) To the German Christmas Bazaar for their continued support again this year. We have been grateful recipients of their donations for the past 8 years or so



Zhou Xun

- 3) To A Mother's Love for both personal support and support of our nannies. They too have been generous supporters and wonderful friends over many years
- 4) Kari F. of Angel Covers <http://www.angelcovers.org/aboutangelcovers.html> and Angela C. for raising funds in memory of little Maria Sue Chapman and buying 186 bouncers to be used in Maria's Big House of Hope. Thanks to all who have contributed to make our babies more comfortable.
- 5) The British Embassy club for their financial support again this year
- 6) To the Tudor Foundation for a generous Christmas financial gift
- 7) To Collette Vacations for donating 9 boxes of clothes for the children
- 8) To Year 6 students of Dulwich College Beijing who donated Christmas gifts and much needed general supplies for the children.
- 9) CC Church for Christmas gifts for the children.
- 10) To all the little old ladies in Australia who sent knitted garments for the kids via John D.
- 11) To all those who have continued to donate much needed medications and warm clothes for the children. Winter is when these needs are greatest
- 12) To Jerry W. for his very generous donation to cover the rather expensive cost of a child's recent surgery.

With our deepest gratitude

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"When we lose one blessing, another is often, most unexpectedly, given in its place"
C. S. Lewis

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