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Dear Friends and Supporters,

April has been an extremely busy month for us all. 20 children were admitted to hospitals both outside as well as within the country. We send staff members (both foreign passport holders and local employees) to accompany and care for each of these children so we are very short staffed at the moment but the work goes on regardless.

1) Hope Healing Home Beijing

Lucy who has cancer in both eyes is still being treated in Hong Kong. She will undergo more rounds of chemotherapy and hospital admissions. Please keep her in your prayers. The tumor in her remaining eye has shrunk a little and the doctors are trying their best to save that eye. **Timmy** is home from Singapore after his second heart surgery and he is doing very well. **Jade** left for Singapore for her first heart surgery on the 27th and we hope that all will go smoothly. Both these children have very complex heart conditions that require several operations. **Jolie, Jonathan and James** left for treatment at the Matilda International hospital in Hong Kong and **DS Chuang and Nathan** left for the Adventist hospital in Hong Kong. Chuang is very ill with pneumonia and his surgery had to be postponed. Please keep him in your prayers. **Jasmine, DS Han and DY Po** left for Suzhou University Children's hospital for neurosurgery with Dr Yu our brain surgeon from Hong Kong. Their surgeries were very successful and we hope to have them home soon. **Sara Jane, Grace, Joseph, Mark and Ethan** went in for cleft palate surgery at a local hospital in Beijing. **Charlie** from our unit in Xinyang went to Hangzhou for heart surgery.



Lucy



Timmy



Jade



Jolie



Jonathan



James



DS Chuang



Nathan



Jasmine



DS Han



DY Po



Sara Jane



Grace



Joseph



Mark



Ethan



Charlie

New Babies

DS Han (spina bifida) **D S Ji** (Congenital heart Disease) and **DZ Bao** (Clubbed foot and severe malnutrition) were admitted to our Beijing Home this month.



DS Han

DS Ji

DZ Bao

2) Shaohannah's Hope Healing Home

We are now ordering paint and elevators for this Home. Work is on schedule.

3) Love Without Boundaries Shunyi Outreach Foster Program.

We decided not to move **Eddie** to the Outreach program as he still has issues with asthma so it will be safer for him to be in-house with us for a little longer. We currently have 23 children in the outreach program

3) 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 ;Melody and Cherry were admitted this month. We had hoped to save **Cherry**, a newborn, by bringing her urgently to Beijing for surgery but she did not make it and died 4 hours after arriving in Beijing. We also lost **Angelo**, and **Rey**, loved and comforted. There is hope for Melody who has a congenital heart condition.

Luoyang This month we admitted **James, Ginny, Piolo, Patrick, Jericho, Chance, Sanjo, Lulu, Charles, Mae, Kyle, Marion Patricia, Jamie, Antonio, Lara and Wendell.**

Wendell, Jack, Jeff, Sherwin, Lulu, Charles and Jake did not make it. They died peacefully in the arms of our loving staff.

Brittney, Tyler, Michael, Sara, Matthew, Molly and Hannah have been returned to the orphanage to make room for sicker children. They are all now feeding well and are not on any medication.

Xin Yang

Daniel, Paula and William were admitted this month, **Paula**, a very premature infant died peacefully on the third day, loved and comforted

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

Regrettably, two children who were newly admitted for post surgical care **Heng** and **Zi**, passed away peacefully. They had both been through a lot but we were unable to save them. **Zhou** has been moved to China Little Flower's long term care unit as his long term prognosis is not good. **Zhuang, Na and Quan** went for cleft surgery.



Zhou

Zhuang

Na

Quan

Zhuang's was postponed and he has been moved to long term care with China Little Flower These hospice and long term care units are run by our very good friends **Serena and Shannon** and the children receive excellent care. The children we send to them are considered as part of our outreach program and we financially support and monitor them regularly.

5) Our Most Sincere Thanks;

- 1) All our friends and supporters including the various surgeons in all these different places, who have enabled all these children this month to have surgery and treatment they so badly need.
- 2) **GGW Charitable Foundation** for supporting 2 of our nurses for the next 5 years
- 3) **JT** for offering to sponsor 2 more nurses
- 4) **SKF and staff** for their generous donation

5) Johnny C of Zurich Insurance and his team for planting grass and donating towards the new playground



equipment.

6) Our Needs:

To date Robin and I have taken in and cared for 468 medically needy children over the past 9 years. This may be a drop in the bucket compared to the needs out there but every child has received our love and the best medical care that we able to provide. As our organization grows, our desire to keep providing them with the best care possible, requires the help of medically trained staff

We are in need of sponsorship for 3 Filipina nurses. Their package is US\$1000 per month which includes their monthly salary, visa costs, medical insurance and a trip home once a year. These nurses are essential to our organization. They are "western trained", English speakers (actively learning Chinese) compassionate and hardworking. New nurses are given a 3 month trial period to assess their suitability of working with us long term. Without them it would be very hard for Robin and me to manage the medical care of all the 155 children we now have. In the past we have depended mostly on medical volunteers and while we still appreciate their input, we need more consistency to provide the best possible medical care for the children in the Special Care Units. The work there is hard, often lonely and emotionally stressful. It takes special people to handle this work. Your contributions to support these nurses would benefit the children enormously.

With our deepest gratitude

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"If lips and life do not agree, the testimony will not amount to much." H. A. Ironside

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