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Hope Healing Home Beijing

### Update August 2009

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This month we lost one of our oldest palliative care children. Lily was nearly 6 years old and we have had her in our care for about 5 years. Many of you, who have visited the unit in Jiaozuo or read our newsletter in January 2006 asking for urgent medical supplies when she was severely scalded, may remember her. Lily had severe cerebral palsy with frequent, daily seizures. We were able to control her seizures with medication and she was happy and content, although she was completely dependent on others to care for her. As disabled as she was, she touched many hearts and she was dearly loved. Lily taught us a lot about the value of life and death and the surrendering of all things to our Maker, trusting Him with things we cannot possibly understand. She died quickly and peacefully and went to be with the Father on August 12<sup>th</sup>, safe in His arms. We grieve for her but knowing that she was so loved and knowing where she is now, makes this all worthwhile. We are grateful to her nannies and nurses Perlita and Ayleen who were all by her side in her last few hours, making sure that she did not die alone and that her passing was painless and serene.



### 1) Hope Healing Home Beijing

We have been very busy with so many children coming and going. Never a dull moment. As this organization grows and we are having to deal with more and more children on a very personal level, I am finding it harder and harder to keep track of the movements of all them but I am trying my very best. None have gone astray as yet. **F Q Chuan** has had successful heart surgery. I referred to him as a "her" in my July newsletter which was a mistake. Perhaps I was thinking in Chinese where the spoken word "Ta" refers to either male or female. That's my excuse anyway. He is doing well, He is on medication and needs a check -up in 3 months **Knox**, and **W Gang** have returned from Shanghai after successful bowel surgery. They are healing very nicely and are finally ready to be put up for adoption after 3 separate surgeries. **D Y Yan** has left for the US to have surgery on her tongue. We are grateful to the Bywater family for helping this little girl. **Mae** from Maria's Big House in Luoyang was sent to Shanghai for anal surgery and she has returned well. 6 day old **Belle** from our unit in XinYang, had urgent surgery to create a colostomy as she was born without an anus. She too is doing well.



FQ Chuan



Knox



W Gang



DY Yan



Mae



Belle

### New Admissions:

**D Z Yan** and **DZ Wei** 2 babies with cleft lips and palates were admitted this month. They will need some serious feeding -up before they are ready for surgery. **DX Wan** was moved from Maria's Big House to Beijing and was admitted to hospital in Beijing in a serious condition. **LB Bao** from our unit in Xinyang was moved to Beijing and stabilized then admitted to Fudan hospital in Shanghai for bowel surgery. **AX Lei** with clubbed feet was admitted and we have started her treatment.



**D Z Yan      DZ Wei      DX Wan      AX Lei      LB Bao**

### Adoptions

This month **Joseph, Anna Gizella, Lily An Faith, James, Ruth Marie and Lucia** left us. They are all ready and waiting for their forever families. We are particularly thrilled about **Anna** as we were not sure if a family could be found for her. We are grateful to the adoption agency **CCAI** who successfully placed her (amongst many of our other children) with a wonderful family. **Jade** has been adopted by a local family in Beijing and we are lucky to have the opportunity to see her often.



**Joseph      Anna      Lily An Faith      James      Ruth Marie      Jade      Lucia**

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

The 16 children in this foster program are doing well. Rose who had worked with us for 2 years monitoring and reporting on this program as well as our sponsorship program and also taught pre-school, has left to go home to the Philippines. Mike Shook has taken over some of her duties.

### 3) NHF Special Care Units, Jiaozuo, Luoyang and Xin Yang, Henan Province:

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.

#### Luoyang (Maria's Big House of Hope,)

**Jerusha, Carolina, Carissa, Ashlynn, Lynlee, Zane, Jaelynn, Fahlin, Jay-ar, Peter, Yves, Juliana, Pearl, Mark and Joshua** were admitted this month and older children, **Ginny, Jenny, Ross and Tommy** were returned to the orphanage, having been restored to health as much as was possible. **Mae** who was originally from our Xinyang unit but remained in this unit for health reasons, had bowel surgery in Shanghai and **DX Wan (Ashlynn)** was moved to Beijing in the hope that urgent heart surgery will be possible for her. **Hudson**, whom we were hoping to send to the US for heart surgery did not make it and he passed away peacefully. The connections that were made for us, may one day help another child. **Pearl** a preemie baby also passed away. We had hoped that she would be ok as she was doing quite well but this was not to be. More new nannies are being trained and more babies are being admitted.

Jiaozuo: **Emy** was admitted. She has a severe liver condition and we are making her as comfortable as we can. **Cheska**, a normal baby, now very healthy, was returned to the SWI to make room for **Helen** a child with hydrocephalus who is too weak to feed. **Lily** passed away peacefully. **Shelia** was admitted and **Leny** was discharged to the orphanage to make room in our unit for **Sheila**.

Xinyang ( Alexandra Yeo and Open Arms Children's Foundation Unit) Irish, a premature baby passed away this month. **LB Bao** was transferred to Beijing for surgery and **Kent** was admitted in a very poor condition and passed away peacefully a couple of days later. **Belle** was admitted and had urgent surgery.

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

**HR Qun** was finally healthy enough to have his cleft palate repaired and it went well. **W Z Xiao** was sent to Shanghai to have his heart assessed to see if any surgery is needed urgently while he awaits adoption. **HJ Mei** was admitted after surgery as she is not putting on weight and **LG Xue**, with clubbed feet was admitted for treatment. **CZ Xue** was sent to Shanghai for bowel surgery



H R Qun



WZ Xiao



HJ Mei



LG Xue



CZ Xue

#### 5) Our Needs

- 1) \$2000 is needed for **L B Bao's** bowel surgery
- 2) We are not sure exactly how much **DX Wan's** heart surgery will cost or whether she will survive but so far it has cost us \$3000 with an estimate from the hospital, of a total of about \$10,000. We would be grateful for any contributions towards her medical costs despite the uncertain outcome. Most importantly, we covert your prayers for her survival. Although her chances could have been better if she had been sent to us earlier, we have worked very quickly to get her to a heart surgeon, hoping that she still has a reasonable chance of getting through this.

#### 6) Our Most Sincere Thanks;

- 1) To Jeff and Angie B who covered the cost of the surgeries of **Knox and W Gang** and also contributed to the cost of our coal. LWB covered the cost of **GZ Wei's** surgery.
- 2) To Show Hope's Mackenzie Fund which covered the cost of **FQ Chuan's** heart surgery.
- 3) To Philip Morris for yet another large financial donation
- 4) To Rachel Sagar for covering the cost of **Mae's** surgery.
- 5) To John K. for a financial gift to be used wherever the need is greatest.
- 6) To Leader's Quest and the gift of much needed medical supplies from Dr K Y Yu in Hong Kong.

*With our deepest gratitude*

Joyce and Robin Hill

*Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is a quiet voice at the end of the day, saying. .."I will try again tomorrow." - Unknown*

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#### Travelers Needed

We are in need of travelers from the US and UK to Beijing to help bring in much needed supplies for our children. None of these supplies are "restricted items" and do not have to be declared at customs. The items will be mailed to you within the country. New Hope Foundation staff will be at the airport to pick up the supplies in Beijing.

If you able to help or know of other travelers who are willing to help please contact the following :

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