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Hope Healing Home Beijing

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Dear Friends and Supporters,



2 ½ year old Lucy with cancer (retinoblastoma) in both eyes has been in Hong Kong for about a year, undergoing several treatments in an attempt to save her sight and her life. There was no choice but to remove her left eye (she now has a prosthesis) as the cancer had invaded it too much to be able to save it. Her right eye has a smaller cancerous growth and attempts have been made to treat this. She has had 4 rounds of chemotherapy, laser treatment and now she needs to have radiation of her whole right eye to try to save her sight. This is the only option, other than removing the eye, rendering her completely blind. There is a 53% success rate with this treatment and we feel that this is worth the attempt to preserve some sight. She is otherwise well and healthy, loves classical music, cheered loudly for the Chinese Olympic weightlifting team on TV and is such a joy to the family who is fostering her. This whole course of radiation treatment will cost about US \$20,000. We would be very grateful for any donations towards this treatment. If you are willing/able to help Lucy please go to this link on our website <http://www.hopefosterhome.com/donations.htm> and/or email joyce@hopefosterhome.com

1) Hope Healing Home Beijing

Justin has been discharged from hospital but is waiting in Singapore till he is well enough to come home. **Lola** is still in the US. She has had heart surgery which went very well and she will have bowel surgery soon. **Adam** has returned from Hong Kong and we will continue treatment of his bowels. He may need surgery if conservative treatment does not work. **Sean** was admitted to the Children's hospital here in Beijing to have a repair of his hernia which had been causing him a few problems. He has since been adopted. **H J Tai** had a 12 hour surgery for his expose bladder in Hong Kong. He is recovering nicely. We have several children infected with Chicken pox which has prevented 6 of them from being scheduled for cleft surgery early next month. We will have to look at other options when the infection has runs its course, In the mean time all non-essential movement of children in or out of the Home will be put on hold.



Justin

Lola

Adam

Sean

HJ Tai

We had 4 new admissions this month; in fact the chicken pox was brought in by one of our sweet new babies.



DQ Tong

W Gang

DJ Jun

D H Zhe

DH Zhe came down with pneumonia soon after coming to us and was admitted to Beijing United Family Hospital. He is doing well now. We are grateful to the Mackenzie Fund for covering his hospital costs

2) Adoptions



Sean from the Shunyi Outreach program was adopted and has gone to the US

3) Maria's Big House of Hope



Our local Artist has begun working on murals in the rooms and here are some examples of his excellent work.

4) Love Without Boundaries Shunyi Outreach Foster Program.

Other than Sean being admitted for surgery for his hernia and adopted soon after, all the other kids are well.

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 ; Cheska and Dante were admitted this month. 2 day old Nick was admitted in very poor condition and passed away quickly. Lorensen passed away peacefully.

Luoyang Gerald and Katie passed away peacefully. This unit has been temporarily closed to new admissions because of an outbreak of chicken pox.

Xin Yang Lorenze, Mike and Bunny were admitted this month. Lorenze and Mike did not make, Claire also passed away. Bunny was admitted to Zhengzhou Hospital with a bowel obstruction and his chances look good.

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

HJ Xiang and HJ Na were discharged and H Y Fen (preemie) and CZ Xue (intestinal obstruction) were admitted.

6) Our Needs

- 1) We are in need of 2 inch fiberglass casting tape, 2 inch padding and stockinet for our babies with clubbed feet. We treat not only babies admitted to our home, but also babies from other Homes in the area.

7) Our Most Sincere Thanks:

- 1) Jeff and Angie B and Zhongzhou Y for covering the costs of repainting of our Beijing Home
- 2) Richard Todd and the children of Beijing City International School for visiting and bringing with them many much needed items
- 3) Children from IAB kindergarten class for visiting and bringing a large donation of formula.
- 4) Students from ISB who did their annual Spring planting.
- 5) All those who have donated and delivered much needed medicines.
- 6) To Rejean C. for another successful wine tasting fundraiser.

With our deepest gratitude

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“Your walk with God does not depend on people, places, things or events.” Dr Henry Brandt

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