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Dear Friends and supporters,

We welcomed a surgical team from Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California headed by Dr Phil Frykman who specializes in anorectal malformations. They operated on 11 children (including a couple of emergency cases) who are all recovering very nicely. This team's visit was possible with the support of Mending Kids International to whom we are very grateful. The team would like to return in the future and we would certainly welcome them again.



Harith was back in United Family Hospital with pneumonia for 2 weeks. A week after discharge for this admission, he was re-admitted with a fever. His recovery will take some time but we are all doing our very best. We are thankful to the staff of UFH who have been very helpful, not only in Harith's case but in so many other ways. We are now hoping that a surgeon from MedArt Hong Kong will come to UFH to perform a gastrostomy for him that will aid in his feeding and hopefully prevent his reflux which is causing him his lung problems. Financial support is still coming in for him from so many different sources and it looks like we are going to need every penny to save this child. Donors for his cause are being updated regularly on his progress. **Jonathan** returned from Hangzhou after successful heart surgery and **Wylie** went for his heart surgery. **Vincent, Nonnah and Luis** had successful neurosurgery in Suzhou with Drs Yu and Fan from MedArt Hong Kong. Our sincere thanks to them and the surgical team in Suzhou. **Alden** is receiving treatment at an eye hospital in Beijing for Glaucoma of his right eye. He has already had surgery for a cleft lip. He also has a small hole in his heart that is unlikely to need surgery as it should close on its own. Many of the children we receive often have only one obvious defect until we start looking further. Recently admitted **DH Tong** with a cleft lip and palate also has a heart defect which needs urgent treatment. She was admitted to Hua Xin heart hospital for surgery. We lost **ZQ Song** a baby boy with clubbed feet whom we found to also have severe cerebral palsy. He had numerous episodes of apnea where he would stop breathing and had to be resuscitated. After 3 back-to-back episodes one evening, we were unsuccessful in resuscitating him and he passed away peacefully. He was loved.



Harith



Jonathan



Wylie



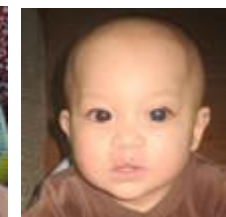
Vincent



Nonnah



Luis



Alden



DH Tong



ZQ Song

Babies with Biliary Atresia

Over the last few months we have been given 4 babies with Biliary Atresia, 2 girls and 2 boys. (Thea, Sabrina Devon and Zarek.) Sabrina and Zarek are young enough to have the Kasai procedure which has only a 30% success rate if done before the age of about 2 months. Sabrina's Kasai surgery does not seem successful. It was done when she was 2 months old. One month old **Zarek** was transported urgently to Shandong province this past week, for the procedure that could buy him some time if successful. Devon and Thea are 7 and 5 months old respectively and did not qualify for this surgery. All 4 children will need liver transplants at some point, usually before they are 2 years old. A wonderful couple in California, who had previously adopted a child with this same condition, who is thriving in every way, are moving very quickly with the help of CCAI, a US adoption agency, to adopt both Sabrina and Devon. We are all searching for 2 more families willing to give Zarek and Thea a home and a gift of life. To understand this condition a bit more, please see this link. <http://digestive.niddk.nih.gov/ddiseases/pubs/atresia/>



Zarek

Thea

Sabrina

Devon

A personal note:

Many of you may be aware of my medical condition of a spinal fluid leak which has kept me bedridden for about 4 years now. A large number of you have prayed fervently for my healing. Members of the recent visiting medical team have approached Dr W Schievink a neurosurgeon in Los Angeles, who specializes in this condition. He has reviewed my case and feels that he will be able to locate the site of the leak with newer technology and is very hopeful that a cure is possible with surgery. Rob and I are making arrangements to go to LA to see him. Please pray that this will be successful and my pain will be relieved.

New Admissions to Beijing

DH Tong and LM BO were admitted this month



DH Tong

LM Bo

Confirmed Adoptions and our Hopes for adoption:

Janessa who has been receiving treatment in the US has been adopted and her treatment will continue for the next several years. The boys **Luca, Simeon, Ethan and Jacob** have been returned to their CWIs for possible adoption.



Luca

Simeon

Janessa

Ethan

Jacob

Love Without Boundaries Shunyi Outreach Foster Program.

Rhys have been moved to foster care **Julie** has been returned to her CWI for adoption



Rhys



Olivia/Julie

NHF Special Care Centers Jiaozuo, Luoyang, Xin Yang and Zhengzhou, Henan Province:

These Centers 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) 12 new babies were admitted this month. **Monique and Jessiah** passed away.

Jiaozuo (Show Hope Special Care Center) 1 new baby was admitted this month

Xinyang (Alexandra Yeo and Open Arms Children's Foundation Center) 2 new babies were admitted **Steven and Frolian** passed away.

Zhengzhou. (Show Hope Special Care Center) 11 new babies were admitted. **Xeanna** passed away peacefully after being on life support for about 7 weeks. She had a heart defect and pneumonia and we were hoping that she would survive the pneumonia and be strong enough to have heart surgery. However her heart condition deteriorated while on life support and she could not breathe on her own. It was a difficult decision to take her off the support but there was nothing else that could have been done. **Pete, Harley and Frank**, also with heart defects passed away peacefully.

Love Without Boundaries Heartbridge Rehabilitation Unit (18 beds)

Andrew has grown into a healthy little boy and has completed all his surgeries and medical care. He has been moved to Foster care in his province. **Alex** was admitted and is settling in.



Andrew



Alex

5) Our Needs

We don't have any pressing needs this month, which have not been met. Please continue to pray for these sick babies

6) Our Most Sincere Thanks:

- a) To Tim and Felicity K and Pennant Hills War Memorial Preschool in Sydney for sponsoring the cost of 2 cleft lip surgeries
- b) WAB 12th graders who are raising funds to pay for 9 lip and palate surgeries
- c) ISB's donation that will go towards the pending surgeries of Zarek and Harith.
- d) In lieu of birthday gifts, Gillian W, Nadia C and Jamie H have asked donations to go to New Hope Foundation.
- e) Mrs. Susan Mukundan, living in Sydney Australia has volunteered to be a Supplies Coordinator. Please see her details below. If anyone in the Sydney area would like to donate items or offer to carry items for us when travelling to Beijing, please contact her.
- f) To Crossroads, an ISB orchestra quartet that performed in the community, and ISB's Roots & Shoots, who raised funds for Harith
- g) To Joanne Y, and her colleagues for contributing 20,000rmb towards DH Tong's heart surgery
- h) To Megan F and her husband who have offered to contribute to Harith's medical care.
- i) To Robert and Miriam E. for a donation of 50kgs of Nestle milk powder

With our deepest gratitude
Joyce and Robin Hill

“I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I want to be. I am not what I hope to be. But still, I am not what I used to be. And by the grace of God, I am what I am. “

John Newton

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Travelers Needed

We are in need of travelers from the US, UK and Australia 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 are able to help or know of other travelers who are willing to help please contact the following:

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To Comfort always, to Relieve often, to Save sometimes