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Hope Healing Home Beijing

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

This month Rob went to observe a fire drill that was organized at Maria's Big House in Luoyang. We have never done this before but now that we have a huge 6 storey building that we are totally responsible for and many little lives to consider, we felt that it was necessary. We appreciate Nurse Mariah Bywater for initiating and organizing this important precaution.

At the sound of the alarm, the nannies immediately put several babies in cribs, and then wheeled them to the designated stairwell furthest away from the "fire." The nannies positioned themselves every few steps forming a human chain from floor to floor passing babies down the stairwell to the designated safe area outside. The target goal was to be completely evacuated within 30 minutes. Rob watched everything from the security monitors and timed the evacuation. We were all amazed that within 10 minutes everyone was out of the building. The staff was also taught how to use the fire extinguishers on a real fire set in the front yard. There were a few areas that need improvement, (Nurse Erma discovered a few babies still fast asleep on the 3rd floor and yelled out the window for help!!) but overall the entire staff did an amazing job. The team will continue to refine the procedure and perfect it in future drills. Obviously the critically ill babies were not subjected to the drill.

We are happy to have Dr. Lim and his wife Nurse Choo from Australia with us again to help us out while Rob and I take a short break in Tennessee early next month. He will also cover Maria's Big House while Dr Zhai visits the other units in Henan and takes a few days off. Dr Lim has volunteered with us many times and it is always a pleasure this have this servant-hearted couple back again.



1) Hope Healing Home Beijing

Josiah was admitted to Beijing United Family Hospital in respiratory distress for a few days and was discharged in a much better condition. He continues to do well. **Holly** returned from Hong Kong after investigations for growths on her left arm and chest wall. We are hoping for a quick adoption as surgery would be better done when she is older. **Ian** had his cleft lip repaired and he is healing well. **Jaden, Naomi, FL Min, Grace and Ella** were admitted to hospital for cleft lip repairs. It has been a long and difficult road getting these kids healthy enough to be accepted for surgery so we are hoping that all will go well.



Josiah



Holly



Ian (before/after)



Jaden



Naomi



FL Min



Grace



Ella

Adoptions

Colton from the LWB Heartbridge Unit has left us to be adopted. We were so pleased to be able to meet his lovely new family. He had been with us for 2 years. We will miss him



Colton

2) Love Without Boundaries Shunyi Outreach Foster Program.

There have been no changes in the outreach program this month. All 15 children remain well.

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,) **Ruffa Mae** and **Joshua** passed away peacefully and loved to the end. 6 new babies were admitted all at once so our medical staff was pretty busy this month. One of the new admissions, **Janelle**, passed away peacefully in the early hours of the following morning.



Jiaozuo: **Helen** and **Derek**, two healthier babies were move back to the orphanage to accommodate two new premature babies, **Peter** and **Leo**. Peter aged 3 days and weighing only 1.5 kgs passed away the next day. Leo is 2 months old and weighs over 2.3 kgs. He may have a better chance of surviving

Xinyang (Alexandra Yeo and Open Arms Children's Foundation Unit) **Stephanie** passed away suddenly much to the distress of the nurses as her prognosis seemed good but they did everything they could. **Clark** was admitted in a very poor condition and passed away peacefully. 4 year old **Michael** who suffers from hemophilia (a genetic condition where he lacks a clotting factor in his blood) has been admitted twice to our unit. We are now covering the cost of his on-going treatment (replacement of clotting factor VIII) which he will need for the rest of his life. Hopefully this will lessen his bleeding episodes. **Khloe** was admitted in a serious condition but appears to be recovering. She will require heart surgery when she is more stable.

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

Grace was admitted to hospital urgently but was discharged well after a few days. New baby **Oliver** was admitted to this unit for post-operative care after his heart surgery. He is doing well so far and is on many medications. **Faith** has returned from Beijing United hospital and she has recovered from her chest infection. **Jaquelin** has been discharged to make room for sicker children. **HY Guo** a premature little boy weighing 1,6 kgs was brought in. He is alert and active and has a good chance of surviving.



Grace

Oliver

Faith

Jaquelin

HY Guo

5) Our Needs

- a) \$5000 is needed to cover the cost of a CCTV security system throughout the Beijing home which will ensure the high level of care and protection we want to give our children. This system monitors every room and tapes activities for 30 days.

6) Our Most Sincere Thanks:

- a) We thank the Ho family who responded immediately and covered the cost of the new dryer.
b) We thank Jeff and Angie B for covering the cost of travel of the 2 children to HK.
c) We thank Love without Boundaries for covering the cost of Jackson LB Bao 's bowel surgery.
d) We thank Qualcomm for their generous financial gift towards the running costs.
e) We thank Lisa H for covering $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of the coal and a further financial gift to go to where it is most needed.

With our deepest gratitude

Joyce and Robin Hill

“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.” ~W.T. Purkiser

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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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