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Hope Healing Home Beijing

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

It has been another busy month for us but this is not unusual. This month a total of 24 new children were admitted to our various units. Another new nurse, Lilybelle has joined us which brings the total number of medical staff to 2 doctors and 9 nurses. I am grateful for the wonderful medical team we now have, whose hard work and commitment to the children has saved so many lives. We had been praying for a long time for a dedicated medical team to help us as our organization grows and our prayers have been answered in abundance.



Dr Zhai and his girls



Erma Ayleen Mariah Jonalyn Mona Meja Perlita Krisstel Lilybelle

The number of new nannies and other local staff has also increased to a total now of close to 300 employees. We currently care for 160 children but the numbers are still increasing.

1) Hope Healing Home Beijing

DX Wan (Ashlynn) from **Marias' Big House** was admitted to 2 different hospitals for heart surgery in Beijing but neither of them, for different reasons, was willing to do the surgery as quickly as we would have liked. Though she was fragile and her condition was complex, she was still operable and it was imperative that surgery was done quickly. Sadly she passed away on 28th September at home with us while waiting for her next hospital admission. She was loved and comforted to the very end. Although grieving and frustrated over the loss of this sweet little girl, we have to keep doing the best we can for everyone of the children, no matter what the outcome. **DJ Jun and Neil** have had their cleft lips repaired and they are looking good. It has been a long and difficult struggle for Neil in particular. He was very malnourished when he came in and had great difficulty feeding to the point that we had to feed him via a tube to prevent him from aspirating and getting pneumonia. I am very happy to say that he has made tremendous improvements and we hope that he will soon be adopted. **LB Bao** has returned from having bowel surgery in Shanghai and he is doing well. He was one that was admitted to one of our Special Care unit with little hope of survival and he too has come a long way thanks to the quick actions of our staff. **Ethan and Holly** were sent to Hong Kong to be assessed for surgery as their conditions are a little complicated. We expect to hear results of the investigations soon so we will know how to proceed. **Ian** had his cleft lip repaired yesterday. We will get a post-op picture of him when he is discharged.



DX Wan DJ Jun Neil LB Bao Ethan Holly Ian

New Admissions:



DT Yi is our latest admission in Beijing with a cleft lip and palate.

Adoptions

Gabriel (middle in the picture below) has been adopted to a Danish family. He has been with us for many years and we will miss him. He is the second of the "Gang of Three" to be adopted after Justin (left). Justin is now called Levi and his Mom says that he is doing very well after a complicated 3rd surgery in Singapore. Ben (right) is feeling a bit lonely now that his best friends have gone but we are hoping that he will soon have a forever family too. Gordon has returned to his orphanage to await adoption as all his surgeries have been completed. We have also heard from Anna's family and she has settled in beautifully and is being loved on. She is now called Ellis. Some of the children who have been with us for several years have been loved and sponsored by so many caring people so this bit of news is especially for you all.



The Gang of Three



Gordon

2) Love Without Boundaries Shunyi Outreach Foster Program.

HR Qun was moved to the outreach program as this would be a better choice for him than returning him to his orphanage at this point and **Patrick** was moved back In-House as his foster parents were found to be in breach of our agreement regarding his care. Both boys have settled without any problems in their new environments.



HR Qun

Patrick

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,)

Leila, Mark and Arianne passed away and 14 new children were admitted. New nannies are being trained and more beds are being occupied.

Jiaozuo: Derek was admitted and several of the children had colds and chest infections.

Xinyang (Alexandra Yeo and Open Arms Children's Foundation Unit) Whitney, Wilma and Matilda were admitted but did not survive very long. Jake, Kim and Michael were admitted and are doing well so far.

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

CZ Xue returned from Shanghai after bowel surgery and she is doing well as can be expected after a difficult surgery. We are hoping that she will be fine with a bit of extra attention. A new premature baby was admitted. Her name is H Y Hong. HJ Li was also admitted after bowel surgery. LG Qui was sent to Beijing United hospital in respiratory distress and we are hoping that this time she will be strong enough and recover quickly compared to the last 2 admissions.



CZ Xue

HY Hong

HJ Li

LG Qiu

5) Our Needs

- a) We still need \$8000 to cover the cost of coal for this coming winter.
- b) \$3900 is needed to cover the costs of travel for babies **Ethan and Holly** and their caregivers who went to HK.
- c) We need to replace a clothes dryer which is no longer working. This will cost \$1200
- d) We need to replace a car which has done 250,000 miles. Please contact Robin robin@hopefosterhome.com if you are interested in helping with this.
- e) The bill for **LB Bao's** bowel surgery in Shanghai last month came to \$3000, not \$2000 as estimated in last month's newsletter. No one has yet responded to this need.

6) Our Most Sincere Thanks;

- a) We thank all our recent visitors and volunteer groups who stayed with us this summer, for their help, their interest in our children and for bringing in supplies. Hopefully what they have seen in the children will have made an impression, and will instill them with understanding and compassion.
- b) We thank the Children's church of CCC for their financial gift.
- c) We are very grateful to the Mackenzie Fund of Show Hope www.Showhope.org who will cover the costs of 9 cleft surgeries. Thanks too to those who support the Mackenzie Fund for this purpose.
- d) We thank Michele L for covering the cost of Ian's cleft surgery.

With our deepest gratitude

Joyce and Robin Hill

"Love is unselfishly choosing for another's highest good" CS Lewis

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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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- b) >From the UK: Jennifer Drake, Surrey, china.drake@gmail.com

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