

## Child Care Partnership Program

*Will you partner with us in caring, praying and providing for a child in China?*

Hello! I am Suyan from Malaysia. I joined CFC Children's Program a year ago and was glad that it was an easy transition from my teaching job (also under CFC).

With my former training in real estate management and subsequently, English teaching, I had initially felt quite ill-suited to the work of CFC, and when I was offered the opportunity to develop a sponsorship program currently launched as "Child Care Partnership", I took up the challenge in trepidation and worked through the months of preparation with a mixture of joy and excitement, as well as many tears and prayers. I'm grateful to the merciful Lord for His sustaining grace, and to all the wonderful folks near and far who encouraged, helped and guided me.

When Jennifer Dietz volunteered to take up the role as our Child Care Partnership coordinator for the USA, I was overjoyed. Similarly I'm grateful to both Sue Laker in the UK and Larry and Ruth Hill in Ireland who agreed to be our acting coordinators to launch the program.

Meanwhile I continue to spend many precious hours at CFC's child care centers - interacting with the children, taking glamour photos of them, checking their records, and talking to their carers.

Looking to my Heavenly Father for inspiration and insight, I write about each child—and I enjoy every moment of it! May their lives touch many hearts, as they have mine, because I have come to realize more and more how each of them is a living miracle. Just as the two Hebrew midwives were God-fearing and saved countless babes around Moses' times, I believe that many who partner with us in the care of these children will hear and see intimate testimonies of God's loving purposes for them individually.



**You can sponsor a child for just \$17-\$170 per month!**

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## “They lacked nothing!”

It was a Sunday morning that many were gathered in Shekinah Shalom. It was Robin and Anne W.'s last Sunday with us before they move on to South Africa. Since the electricity and water had been unexpectedly cut for 2 days, we had all been without showers for some time and found ourselves now with greasy hair and smelly feet!

However, despite the fact that we had no water, no electricity and a concerning financial situation, we felt a peace and gratefulness for Father's promise of provision at all times, in impossible circumstances, as we're seeking Him for every need.

Neh 9:21 tells us how Father provided for the Israelites as He brought them out of Egypt: "For forty years you sustained them in the desert; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out nor did their feet become swollen."

Imagine 40 years. Here we were, without water and power for a mere 2 days, but we felt the effects of not having showers, of no flushing toilets, of the babies not having baths, of the babies' diapers not being able to be washed right away, of not being able to cook.

Thankfully our Father is the Father of impossibilities. Though we are still waiting on His miraculous and abundant provision for all aspects of our work, the power and water were restored that Sunday morning.

We had only a shallow and short experience of what the majority of the world experiences everyday, but it was a taste, which reminds us to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world and to lift up the individuals and organizations making efforts to assist them.

Amidst our material "dryness", we felt no lack of joy, hope, or love, knowing that the source of all things is a Father whose well never runs dry. We thank Him now and always for the sustenance He is, has been and always will be. May others have the peace of knowing His abundance as well.

**“Irene”**

6 yrs. 9 mo.

Irene entered Hephzibah on November 9, 2000 as a mischievous 4 yr. old who loved to get into trouble! For some time she was fostered by a young couple during the daytime and weekends when they were able to take her out. She would then return at nights to Hephzibah. Carers said that she was a bit aloof during this time, as she was proud of the fact that she had an alternative home to spend time in, while not all children had this kind of opportunity. This was an understandably natural and somewhat expected attitude for a child in this situation.

Carers used to comment that, although Irene was a lovely girl, full of energy and life, they found that she kept her distance from them and it was difficult to bond with her. Other children of her age would easily attach themselves to the carers and tell the carers that they loved them, come to the carers when they were upset, etc. But the carers felt like Irene harbored some sort of hardness toward them and wouldn't get close to them emotionally.

Then, about 8 months ago or so, the carers commented that Irene's attitude toward them began to change. She was warmer, opened up more, and would tell them she loved them. They weren't sure what had brought on this change but were delighted that her wall towards them seemed to have melted away.

We were delighted to learn from Irene's adoptive parents that it was about 8 months ago, when parents were informed that they had been matched with a child, that Irene's to-be-grandmother started to pray very hard for Irene!

*Yet another example that prayer is powerful and that Father does hear us when we cry out to Him!*



Timothy

Remember Timothy as he waits for his special Mommy and Daddy.

His dear friends Irene and Michael have recently been adopted!



Michael



Comment received from **Hope Haven**

“We couldn't be happier - a great number of adoptions have taken place this year “

14 New Babies  
arrived in March  
and in between time  
the loving care  
continues...

Each one is Special!

**Give Thanks with us for:**

- **Beryl R.** (physio) just returned home to UK after two months in Hephzibah.
- **Jenny D.** (nurse) filling the gap at Hope Haven for three months.
- **Anne and Robin W.** serving for the past five years at Shekinah Shalom—and moving to South Africa.
- **Peter and Rhonda (& Ashley) B.** (NZ) taking over at Shekinah Shalom, where they have just been blessed with their newly adopted Chinese daughter (Jessica).
- **Debbie J.** (US) nurse at Shekinah Shalom for 6 months.
- **Cyril and Gabrielle** return to UK after 8 months in China. We welcome them back and trust they will know refreshment and joy during their time here.

Cyril and Gabrielle will be traveling in the UK and Ireland before returning to China.

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