

Caring For China

Hephzibah Sep 2006

“No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah, for the lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married”. (Isaiah: 62:4)



Hephzibah is a home for a group of special children, from Simon our youngest baby to Hannah, our 14 year-old who came to us when we first opened. They all live in the “King’s Castle” located inside the Children’s Welfare Institution complex. The children here have come from difficult and seemingly hopeless situations, but now by God’s loving care shown through the caring staff, they are living and growing happily, peacefully and steadily.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Since Hephzibah was opened in 1994, 340 children have been cared for in this place. Hephzibah has and continues to receive assistance from many different people, including overseas volunteers. It is maintained by loving Christian staff with special training. There are teams that take on office administration, child care and supportive service jobs. Usually, we get along very well and are like one big family. How? Because we believe sincerely that our work is under God’s calling. Every child’s birth is planned and their lives have a purpose. They all have special gifts to bring to this world. Our main goal is to bring hope and future to these children and raise them up in a place full of faith, hope & love.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TEAM



The office work team is under the leadership of Sally. This work includes management, financial affairs, human resources, and so on. This team has received much assistance and training from overseas volunteers and is growing steadily both in skill and vision. Equipped with modern technology, our office work is running so much more efficiently. We have seen great improvement in the areas of gaining information, maintaining communication, coordination and daily paper work.

CHILD CARE

The child care facility is located on the fourth floor of the “King’s Castle”, it includes Rose Room, Dove Room and Beth Isaac Room. All of the carers have been trained in basic child care techniques, and are capable carers.



ROSE ROOM

The children here are the youngest. They are about one year old. Each of them have different conditions that require special

care. Most of them are receiving assistance through the program called the "Tomorrow Project" which funds cleft lip and palate repair.

DOVE ROOM

This room is mainly for the children who are waiting for adoption. The children are from one and a half to three years old. We teach them by using many games to create a fun environment for growth. We want to make sure they have a good start to life.

**BETH ISAAC**

The children in this room are anywhere from 3 to 14 years old. The main activity taking place in this room is special teaching. The children are divided into two groups, one is for those who are going to the local school, and the other is for those who have special needs. For the children with special needs, we have training activities focused on helping them make progress both in life skills and self care.



HANNAH is a beautiful young girl who was born with epilepsy and autism. In the picture, she is sitting in her study room. Every day she has special lessons just for her at Hephzibah. On the wall, there is a piece of paper which reads "Please listen to the children's voice. Please respect their opinion Please give them continuous encouragement and support with your care".

**THE SUPPORT SERVICES TEAM**

This is also a very important job. The support services team ensures that our ordinary operation can be fulfilled successfully by providing dietary, laundry and maintenance services.

THE LONG-TERM STAFF

We really appreciate our staff who has worked with us for more than five years. They have seen the work at Hephzibah grow and develop. Their loving, loyal service and hard work has made all this possible. Their unity of spirit and purpose has gained much admiration from others.

FINALLY

Thanks to our Father, he makes this smooth team cooperation possible. It is all by His strength that we are able to take part in such a great work. We would like you to lift our loyal staff up in prayer. They act as the basic building blocks of Hephzibah. We wish them steady growth both in working skills and vision. We also want you to remember their marriages. Pray that they can meet their partners at the perfect time. For those who are already married, pray that their families will be blessed as their mother and/or wife takes part in this work of love.

We can't thank you enough your prayers on our behalf. We invite you to continue as we partner in prayer. With much love, from the team at Hephzibah

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