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***“Whatever you have done for
the least of these, you have
done for me.”
-Matthew 25:10***

CARING FOR CHINA



China - home to one and a quarter billion people - an ancient country as big as the continental United States. In the past decades, China has seen a series of revolutionary political changes; and now, a period of breathtaking economic change. These epic currents of growth and change haven't been easily managed and their effects on the people have been extremely significant.

Modern China has tried to limit its population growth by restricting parents to one child per family; but this goes in opposition to its culture, which

places great value on having at least one healthy male heir. Although it is illegal, some families abandon their baby if it's a girl, or a boy born with some defect.

Every year in China, an estimated one million babies are abandoned in train stations, markets, and by roadsides. If these babies are found in time, they are taken to government operated orphanages, called Welfare Centers. In cooperation with the Chinese authorities, we have been given permission to care for these children until they are adopted.



Caring For China was established to coordinate the efforts of volunteers from all over the world to rescue and care for China's abandoned children until they can be adopted into loving homes.

In 1995, our first model baby unit - named **Hephzibah** (*"My Joy is in Her"*) - was opened in central China. Today it is home to over 60 babies - and it has seen over 300 adoptions in its first 11 years. As some of these children grew older, we developed programs to care for the toddlers and children with special-needs, aided by pediatric specialists who heard the Lord's call to serve in this most challenging of situations. We are seeing children who once had no chance now living up to their potential.



In September 1997, a model orphanage was opened farther south in China, name **Shekinah Shalom** (*"Radiant Glory and Peace"*). It is located in a beautiful rural setting and is now home to over 50 babies and toddlers plus another 30 who are being fostered in local homes. Children from this center have been adopted into families all over the world. A third model orphanage was opened on Christmas Eve, 2001. Called **Hope Haven**, it is located in a big city where the local welfare department could not manage an abandoned baby facility. It is at full capacity now (40 + at any given time), and has seen over 200 international adoptions.

Today, there is a continuing need for Christian pediatric specialists and nurses willing to serve in China for a minimum of one year. Our staff is international and interdenominational, single and married, living in a fellowship seasoned often by great joy and sometimes by deep sorrow. We believe our unity and love for one another are our greatest testimony to those we serve, and to those in authority.



God's faithfulness has been proven by His continuing provision for all the needs of this ministry. All foreign workers are self-supporting, although our Chinese caregivers are paid a modest wage, which comes through the generous support of individuals all over the world. We believe we are being called to greatly expand the work through invitations to open baby units in other cities and through projects like the children's hospital.

"Sometimes we're asked, 'Why bother? What's the point?' We believe it is important to care for these children because it is an expression of the fact that God loves everybody; God doesn't look on the outward appearance. We hope and pray that by our care for these children it will be a tangible expression of God's love to the people of China, many of whom have never heard of the love of Christ."

--Liz, Former Child Care Coordinator