

HEALTH FOR CHINA

UPDATE - AUGUST 2008



Special Tribute To Ying Ying.

Through all of July, Ying Ying continued to improve. Her quality of life was almost totally restored. All the vital signs were improving and we could see that her energy, colour and condition were all going in the right direction.

Then on 25th July we received the phone call to say that she was bleeding and feeling dizzy – not a good sign. She was brought into our Health Services Base. Although the bleeding slowed, it was continuing to cause a significant decline in her condition. At 4.30am she peacefully gave up the battle.

We continue to give thanks for this lovely young lady, who so blessed us all. Many words have been written about her health over the past 6 months but we can say that from a point in late May when she was only days away from death, something happened to her that brought astonishing restoration to her body. She improved so much, so quickly, that she asked to go home to live with her family and began a normal quality of life for the last 6 weeks of extended time – with no pain - and we all hoped for that continuation to full healing. It is the quality of her life that so impressed us.

Ying Ying gave us love, laughter, and friendship. She was loved in return by all who knew her, who came to visit her, and even people from overseas who assured us of their support for her. So we have put together a little group of photos that we will always remember Ying Ying by. Chinese lessons, singing Sound Of Music songs, watching her knitting, talking and playing cards almost all at the same time. A part of us is now missing, we know it's you we are missing, Ying Ying. Thank you for all the love, fun, and friendship you gave us.

PS. I think it needs to be said that all the Healthcare staff did a magnificent job, offering up their time so that Ying Ying could have that 24/7 time in our Base. I have seen the loving input every one of them gave Ying Ying

Well done team. Thank you for your compassion. –(Laurie)



A funeral service was held for Ying Ying on 28th July. Many of ELA staff were able to join with her family to pay their tributes and respects to Ying Ying.





HEALTHCARE STAFF AS AT JULY 2008

Main Photo: From Left to Right

Back Row: Nurse Sunny, Dr Lynn, Angel, Nurse Jane, Dr X, Laurie (NZ)

Front Row: Dr May (Manager), Dr Julie (Australia), Jo, Lee

Inset Photos from Top: Martin, Sherry (Assistant Manager), Dr Sam (Australia)

CEREBRAL PALSY WORK FOR JULY 2008:

Under the guidance of Dr Lynn, CP work continues to grow with two more children joining the program..



This month Dr Lynn (at left) has welcomed in Yang Yang, a little girl with a lovely happy nature, and MX (far right) a boy with a very bright personality.

Steve, (sitting), is learning how to twist-turn around while sitting down. We think he is making excellent progress.

STAFF FAMILY DAY OUT AT FENGGING PARK - 4TH JULY 2008

A special day out was organized for staff, plus family and some CP friends as well.

It was a very enjoyable day and we all shared in games, singing, dancing, etc. The children had a great time. Even Laurie, a New Zealander, was persuaded to sing an Australian song!

Some of the Children practiced for the Olympics.





DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

DURING JULY DR MAY VISITED BOTH HOPE HAVEN AND HEPHZIBAH CHILD CARE CENTRES TO INSTRUCT CHILDREN AND STAFF ON DENTAL HYGIENE, PLUS CHECK A FEW TEETH AT THE SAME TIME.

HERE Q.B. SHOWS US HOW IT SHOULD BE DONE. MY, WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE!



Nurse Jane gets in on the act as well, with one of the staff at Hope Haven.





COMPUTER HEALTH

Our computers are essential to our work and quite often there is a hiccup which although relatively minor in nature, requires specialized I.T. intervention to sort out the problem.

This is where we want to pay a special mention to Rob from Australia, who is able to access our system from way over there and go in and sort out a broken file link, or sort out a virus problem . His ability to sort these “challenges” is so important for our continuity of work.

We want to say a big **“thank-You”** to you Rob in appreciation for all that you do from so far away.

And, in case you were wondering, no, Rob does not usually have to wield a hammer on his computers.

SICHUAN AND GANSU PROVINCE EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

After our initial medical team visit to Sichuan in May 2008, we also did a follow-up team of Jon, Farhan and Laurie to Gansu and Sichuan Provinces in July 2008. This 10 days visit was designed to find out what needs were still current. A Disaster Relief Fund has been able to be used to provide some immediate relief. Longer-term assistance is also being planned at present. A good number of people have already been helped in practical and financial ways and we are working on additional ways to provide other solutions.



JON



FARHAN



LAURIE

52 houses need to be built here. The cost is significant for these people whose average income is around 400 RMB per person per month (That's about US\$60.00 per month)

This village, at left, of 80 people, lost every single house in the earthquake and are living in tents. They have just 3 months to re-build before the start of winter brings extremely cold weather.

CURRENT NEEDS FOR OUR HEALTHCARE WORK

- An additional local Chinese – (Mandarin speaking) **Nurse, is required**, to assist our work.
- **Continuation of funds** to enable us to provide for our ongoing **Rural Health Training Program and free medical clinics**. This is crucial to the work.
- Funding for the Cerebral Palsy program is needed. This work is helping a lot of children now and we don't make a charge for this program.
- Ongoing **needs for Volunteer Overseas medical professionals** to join us throughout the year.
- Resuscitation mannequins for CPR training (two adult models) would be extremely useful as they will be used in training which will save lives.
- Answers sought to possible re-location needs for Healthcare.
- A Vacancy for the Position of Manager – Healthcare will exist in early November, 2008.

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