

Health Team Update: December 2008



Cerebral Palsy Outing

ELA Healthcare and a lovely team from Australia led by Dale and Karen Hewitt arranged an outing for the children with cerebral palsy who attend our clinic. There were lots of games, and the children and their families painted a beautiful banner. The Aussie team and the CP children had such a great time that lots of other families and children joined in—giving the CP children the chance to play with others in the community!

Jiaotong Medical Univeristy Teaching

Dr. Sam has been teaching on alternate Fridays at the International Program at Jiaotong Medical University. The students are from around the English-speaking world and include a large population of Pakistani students. They have responded very positively to Dr. Sam's lectures, and Dr. Sam has had the opportunity to get to know some of the students on a more personal level. Please be thinking of them!



Farewell to Dr. May

On November 13th, we said goodbye to Dr. May, our beloved Director of Healthcare of the last three years. She and her family will be emigrating to Canada in January so her husband can pursue advanced studies. Her kindness, expertise, and vision will be greatly missed. Please join us in giving thanks for the opportunity that has been given to their family, and in thinking of them as they face the challenges of emigration.

Orphanage Care at Shekinah Shalom

Drs. Sam and Julie saw more than thirty patients (children and carers) at the Shekinah Shalom orphanage in Hanzhong. Please think of Bella, a baby girl with hydrocephalus, who lives at Shekinah Shalom. She is well loved and cared, but it is uncertain whether she will be able to have a curative shunt operation. Please think about us as we seek guidance in how to increase our involvement in orphanage care and that we would convey our Father's love for the children as we care for their physical health.



Maggie May

Maggie is an 18-month old baby girl from Shekinah Shalom who first came to Xi'an to receive medical care for HIV. She has been living with Drs. Sam and Julie's family now for one month. Her physical improvement and emotional growth have been amazing! We in the ELA family feel blessed to see the work our Father has done in her life, and to be able to love and care for her as her new family. Please think about her so that she would experience her Father's love and healing and that His name would be glorified in her life, and that education provided to carers on the topics of HIV and other infectious diseases would take hold so that we would be able to care for these children well.