

Healthcare Update, March 2009



Progress on Healthcare Facilities at Friendship Hospital

Both the rehabilitation room (above center) and the consultation room (above right) are finished!



Cerebral Palsy Conference

We were blessed by the visit of a team from Norway—Dr. Hanne Marit Bjørgaas, Helge Bjørgaas Helle, Arild Sem, Michael Sem, and Jon Eirik Naesheim—who came to offer expert training on the care of children with cerebral palsy. They taught a large audience of parents, carers, and professionals how to use alternative communication (the use of non-speech means to communicate) to help these children express themselves. Dr. Hanne also taught a smaller group of professionals about treating spasticity in children with CP. (above left)



Village Doctor Training Program

Dr. Sam, Dr. Xu, and Jo met with government officials in February to discuss the future of the village doctor training program. To our delight, they suggested that we hold training sessions twice monthly, reaching the village doctors of four villages. They also suggested expanding our training to reach the more highly trained doctors at local community health centers.



Nursing School Training

Nursing care in China is different from in the West, and largely lacks the element of nurturing care for patients (families are expected to stay in hospital to provide for patients' personal needs). Sherry and Dr. Sam have met with administrators at two nursing schools in the Xi'an area about the possibility of providing training at those sites. Can we help to build compassion into their curricula?



Maggie May Is Getting Big!

Maggie had her second birthday on March 1. Her new favorite thing is to “help” around the house!

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

Ps. 72:12-14



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