

ELA Healthcare Update: April 2009



Medical Care at Shekinah Shalom

While the children at Shekinah Shalom were spared the worst of the winter illnesses this year, the medical needs in our Hanzhong orphanage continue to be significant. There have been several new admissions to our baby unit, and older children attending the Sunrise School and residents of Eagle's Nest frequently have ongoing health problems. Dr. Julie and Bev visited Shekinah Shalom in the first week of March to see children and carers at the orphanage. We were grateful to learn that little Bella (left) has been approved for hydrocephalus surgery!



Ma Quan Village Training

Accompanied by directors David Ling and Cyril Thomas, we held our first village doctor training of the year this month. We presented information on emergency resuscitation, how to address four major medical emergencies, and an overview of pediatric abdominal pain. In addition to hearing the lectures, village doctors enjoyed practicing CPR on adult- and child-sized dummies and filled out pre- and post-training questionnaires that tell us about the effectiveness of our training.



The CP Program Resumes!

Most rehabilitation programs in this country charge prohibitive fees for treatment, putting therapy out of the reach of many children with CP. Our services are offered free of charge, and we seek to provide support to families as well as high quality rehabilitation. After six months' hiatus, the children have returned to our program to again receive therapy from Lynne and Sunny! We are blessed to be a part of their lives again and to hear how He has been at work in their families' lives.



Training Day: Project Management

Director David Ling, with Sally Shi's help in translation, presented staff training on project management. In departmental groups, we discussed each topic in light of our own projects. We enjoyed the chance to spend time together as a Healthcare family. Members of other departments in ELA also had the opportunity to see our new facilities.