

Special Needs Education Program

Vision Statement!

- * To share the love of God in a practical way.
- * To offer consultation, training and advice to parents, carers and educators—particularly those who have, or are responsible for, children with special educational needs.
- * To open a resource and activity center for special educational needs, training and consultation.
- * To be able to visit homes and educational institutions to aid and facilitate the care and education of those in need.
- * To offer support and a listening ear to parents and others who have children with specific needs.
- * To show that those with special needs are valued members of society.
- * To train Chinese personnel so that they can train and advise those who need help in the area of special education.



Leading the way...

About four years ago, Martin & Sue believe God called them to set up this program, here in S.W. China. Previously, in 1995, they obeyed the call to go to China as English teachers with 'Teachers For China.'

The **Special Needs Education Program** has now been officially registered in China and Martin & Sue look forward to bringing the Vision into reality.

ABIGAIL'S STORY

Abigail is 18 years old and lives with her parents and younger brother in Gy. Sadly, Abigail suffers from severe mental retardation which means she can only perform a few basic tasks and she needs assistance when walking. She can speak a few words, but communication is difficult. Up until recently, her parents did not know how to help her, so Abigail has received no formal education.

After being introduced by a friend, her mother Janet, asked Sue if she could teach Abigail. We soon discovered that Abigail did not even know her colors but Sshe can dress herself and use a pair of scissors. She has spent most of her life watching television.

Real progress has been made and Abigail has begun to learn

her numbers, colors and can now even recognize her own name!

Abigail's father has no job, so Janet goes out to work as well as looking after Abigail and her brother. In the beginning, her father thought it was all a waste of time and his daughter of little use but he has now acknowledged the progress in his daughter and is very thankful for the program.





This little boy was abandoned as a result of brain damage incurred initially through a fall and then furthered through an operation that went wrong.

Since August 2001, Jack has been teaching Qing Qing every morning in the hospital and is using lesson plans prepared by Sue. So far we have seen real progress in Qing Qing's development and learning. This is despite the fact that he is brain damaged and cannot walk. However, he is quite intelligent and is learning fast. He has his own wheelchair and can move himself around. Qing Qing is just 10 years old.

Jack and his family have recently moved to Gy from the countryside. He is not a trained teacher, but is doing a great job using Sue's curriculum and a lot of love.

Jack's own children are now able to go to school as a result of him having this regular paid job. Before this program, he would sit on the street and cut people's hair or clean their shoes for money.



Waiting for work

We give glory to God because after 5 years of being in the hospital, Qing Qing is now in a foster home. The hospital is paying for this. This is a miracle! We do feel that we should continue to have influence in this boy's life and are praying that our contact with him can continue.

Martin & Sue

In each branch of work, may we be enabled to relieve hardship and bring the good news!

A
Clean
Heart!



A Burden
Lifted!



Food for
the
Hungry!



Warm Clothing
for Winter!



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