

Little Flower Projects December 2010



Baby Home News: December was a busy month, as we prepared for the holidays we welcomed 9 new little ones into our baby homes. Baby **Peng** and **Bin** were accepted for post-op special care. Little **You** is here for correction of her club foot, and baby **Fang** was born prematurely and with Down Syndrome. Babies **Ming, Xia, Jian Li** and **Qing** were accepted for special care, though Jian Li passed away shortly after he arrived.



Baby Li Na (photo left) was referred to us by a church in Hebei province. She was born with a serious heart defect and her parents wanted help in getting a second opinion; if specialists here confirmed her diagnosis then they asked if we would accept her for hospice care. We arranged an appointment and took them to meet

some of the country's top pediatric cardiology surgeons. After examining Li Na they confirmed that her condition was very severe and while surgery was possible, it was extremely risky and expensive. Even with the odds against them, her parents hoped to raise the money for the surgery that might save her life. However, the baby's condition worsened rapidly and they were only able to borrow a fraction of the amount needed – it seemed there was no hope for Li Na. They asked us to love and care for her during the short time she had left to live. They returned home, heartbroken at the loss of their precious baby girl.

After Li Na had been with us for a short time, a visitor who saw her was quite moved and made a commitment to seek the funds necessary to give this baby a chance. She was admitted to the hospital in critical condition and received immediate surgery, just 4 days before Christmas. Her recovery has been very slow and while we do not know yet if her long term prognosis is good, we are eternally grateful to those whose compassion and dedication have given little Li Na a second chance.

In Loving Memory



Jian Li
Dec 2 – 8, 2010

New Arrivals December 2010



Fang



Ming



Peng



Qing



You



Xia



Bin

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Adoption and Foster Care News: Three of our little ones have joined foster families this month. **Yue, Long and Xiao** (above left) are now living in local foster families while they await adoption. Baby **Hao** (above right) has grown from a tiny 4 lb preemie into a strong and healthy little boy; he has also returned to his province so that paperwork can be started for his adoption. We will miss all of these babies, but are so glad they no longer need our help!



Volunteer News: We also hosted a group of teens from Melbourne, Australia in December. During their time in Beijing they spent time volunteering in Little Flower projects. These young men jumped right in to the work of the baby home, holding, feeding, comforting and playing with the children. We are grateful for what they have shared and are sure their lives have been changed by the time they spent with these little ones.

Group Home News: Our group home children spent a very happy month in anticipation of Christmas, and this year was even more special because each group home family was “adopted” for the holiday by an expat family living in Beijing. Each group home family was hosted by these special friends to share holiday festivities, tree decorating, gift giving, and of course, pizza! In addition, each foster mother was given a special shopping trip and a generous gift allowance to purchase other Christmas gifts for the children in her care. The children were delighted to make new friends and each of the families that opened their hearts and their homes formed bonds that will last long beyond this holiday season.



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