

Little Flower Projects Jan - Feb 2011



Happy New Year! As we welcomed in the year of the rabbit, we've also been extremely busy welcoming little ones into our baby homes. We've accepted 15 new infants in the past two months, including 4 tiny premature babies, 6 babies recovering from surgery, 3 awaiting surgery, and two in need of other special care. We are now caring for 45 special needs infants. Unfortunately we still have a number of babies waiting, but no open beds at this time.

New Arrivals



Jiao

Ai

Qian

Yu

Ru

Zhen

Gang

Lin



Ming

Mei

Hui

Min

Qin

Xue

Hong

Surgery News: We are delighted to share that Baby Li Na (right) is doing well. After a two week stay in the intensive care unit she was reunited with her family. She and her mother remained in Beijing until she passed all her post surgery checkups with flying colors; they have just returned to their home in Hebei province. Li Na's parents can hardly believe this pink, chubby cheeked little girl is the same frail, blue baby they brought to our hospice to die. We are all incredibly grateful to those whose prayers and financial support made this possible.

In addition to Li Na, three more of our babies have recently had surgery. Little Ning was in critical condition with a severe heart defect and funding for her surgery came from a generous donor just in time. Babies Meng and Xia also received emergency surgeries for life threatening intestinal defects.



To learn more about how you can help please visit us on the web:

www.littleflowerprojects.org



Group Home News: Our group home families anxiously awaited the Chinese New Year celebrations as all children in China do. The children helped their parents make dumplings and other traditional treats, including little steamed rolls shaped like baby bunnies (to welcome in the year of the rabbit)! On New Year's eve everyone went out to watch a spectacular fireworks display. It was very cold, but the children were bundled warmly and were so excited they hardly seemed to notice.



Two Year Anniversary...soon!

In a couple of months we will reach the two year mark since the “re-opening” of the Little Flower orphan care projects in May 2009. In this “almost” two years, we have helped over 200 abandoned children, mostly fragile infants. A vast majority of those infants are already adopted into “forever families” or in the process to get there soon.

We thank all of you--our friends and supporters--for your generosity, which makes this work possible. Our monthly operating costs for all of the projects (usually about 90 children in total) averages RMB 190,000 (USD 29,000). We currently have **just two months** of operating funds in the bank and so are reaching out to all of you again to ask for help. We have long dreamt of having a least one year of operating funds in the bank so that all current fundraising efforts are actually for the next year of caring for children. Please consider helping us in any way that you can. Most people have limited resources but by banding together and organizing friends and your network of contacts and/or holding a fundraising event, see if you can cover a month or even two months of our operating costs.

As always, there are no overhead expenses in Little Flower Projects. Management is done by dedicated volunteers and administration services are donated by companies or other organizations. We are still the grassroots, cost-efficient, incredibly effective effort that we set out to be nearly two years ago. Thank you for helping!

To learn more about how you can help please visit us on the web:

www.littleflowerprojects.org

In Loving Memory



Feng Jian Yu

Oct 31, 2010 – Feb 28, 2011