

China Little Flower

Protecting, respecting, loving, and serving life!



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Holy Family Home: There are now 20 babies being cared for in the home, with several hospice babies on our waiting list. We are considering whether our funding is sufficient to add several more beds. We have a storeroom that could be converted into another nursery if we decide to expand. We are again grateful this month for the hours of dedicated service provided by the teen volunteers from Lifeworks International.



Baby News: Baby **Mei** (left), who was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, celebrated her first birthday this month. She has experienced many complications of hydrocephalus and was not expected to as live long as she has. Although her suffering is difficult to accept, we are privileged to care for her as long as she might live.

Our home welcomed four new premature/low birth weight baby boys this month, all from Shanxi province. **Fu** and **Li** (above right) are both newborns weighing 3 ½ lbs each. Aside from prematurity, they do not appear to have any other problems. Baby **Ping** (far right), at two weeks and 4 ½ lbs, is extremely malnourished and is also being treated for pneumonia. He may have other birth defects; we need some time to confirm or rule those out. Little **Sheng** (right) is already 4 weeks old and weighs just 5 lbs. He is also malnourished and has possible brain damage.



We said goodbye to **Liang** this month, as he has returned to his orphanage so that his adoption file can be completed. Liang came to us in February as a small preemie weighing less than 4 lbs (photos at left). Since that time he has grown into a perfectly normal, strong and healthy little boy of nearly 18 lbs. We hope and pray that he will soon join a family of his own!

We would like to thank all of those who have sent donations recently. Because of your generosity, we are able to reach out the smallest and weakest abandoned babies and show the value and beauty of each human life.