

Xin and Yi

Wen

Luo Hui

Rui Yang

#### July-August Baby News

In the months of July and August, Little Flower welcomed four premature girl babies into the baby home: **Wen, Rui Juan**, and **twins Xin** and **Yi**.

Baby **Luo Hui** was rushed off to surgery as soon as she arrived at the baby home. She is now stable, and though she will need to have more surgeries in the future, for now she will just have to work on growing bigger and stronger. She has a so much personality for such a small person!

**Wen Bing** was born with spina bifida. He returned to the baby home after undergoing surgery. **Jian Jun** has a severe and inoperable heart defect, but the happy little guy doesn't seem to be letting that get him down.

**Rui Hai** came to us weighing nine pounds at only one day old! Though this isn't that large, it just seems that way to us since we're used to caring for premies and low-weight babies.

**Rui Yang** arrived as a tiny baby when she was around a week old. **Wen Xia** is a little girl with a deformed left leg; **Rui Fu** has a cleft lip and palate. **Rui Jin** has anal atresia. **Jing Feng** has deformities in both of his legs, while **Rui Xiao** recently underwent pancreatic surgery.

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Rui Juan

Rui Xiao

Rui Jin

Rui Hai

Wen Bing

Wen Xia

Jian Jun



Jing Feng

Rui Fu

#### Mid-Autumn Festival

We had a party in our baby home on Monday, September 12! We wanted to both celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival and to thank our hard-working nannies who so tenderly care for our little ones.

We celebrated simply with mooncakes (which are not available at any other time of the year), fresh fruit, and beverages for each shift of staff and volunteers. The nannies, toddlers, and babies all had a lot of fun!





## Children Painting for Children

On Sunday, September 11, there was a small fundraiser for Little Flower Projects called "Children Painting for Children." It was our first time hosting this fundraiser. We think it went well, and we're grateful to those who made the fundraiser possible, as well as those at the art studio who donated their paintings.

# The Big Move

We were busy during the first week of September; prior to this month, a house had been given to Little Flower to use. Normally the new house would be out of Little Flower's budget, but thanks to the kind benefactors, we are able to use it for around the same price as our old baby home.

The new baby home required some work before it was ready to shelter the Little Flower babies, but we were able to finish renovating before September rolled around. We began the "big move" during the first week of September. The move involved things such as organizing the basement warehouse, moving in beds and other furniture... and, of course, moving and settling the babies into the home. The babies arrived on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, after everything else had been moved in and arranged. We are very happy that we are able to care for our babies in such a beautiful home; we're sure the babies appreciate the new house, too!





## Special Causes News for September

Our infant care and group homes are the main focus of our work, but we do have a project we call "Special Causes" where we use our resources to help orphans and poor children with unique, urgent and extraordinary needs.

Twelve year old Hai Juan approached Little Flower not too long ago asking for help in getting her cleft lip/palate repaired.

Hai Juan was born to very poor and uneducated parents who also suffer from chronic illness, so she was raised by her grandmother. Unfortunately, grandma died when she was 9 years old. Since that time she has been cared for by local Christians, but has never had the opportunity to have surgery in order to obtain a more normal appearance and speech. Because her cleft remains unrepaired, she has never attended school.

We were recently successful in our goal to get her this life-changing surgery. Once she is fully recovered, we would like to help her get the chance to go to school like other girls her age.







..After!

## September Baby News

Baby **Jing Xuan** is such a happy little fellow. We are very excited for him, as he will be leaving the baby home soon to go live with a new foster family.



Ai Ai was born prematurely and with a serious birth defect. Her mother died in childbirth. Ai Ai came into our care after spending most of her first 7 months in the hospital. She requires special nursing now, but we hope that she will soon be strong enough to go home with her dad.



**Rui Hu** arrived at the baby home at only five days old... and 10 and a half pounds! He's easy going and enjoys a nap after his tummy has been filled.

