China Little Flower Protecting, respecting, loving, and serving life!





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A BUSY AND IMPORTANT TIME! We are pleased to share with you that we are operating another infant care facility in north central China. We call it the Andreas Bauer Children's Home. St. Andreas Bauer, OFM was a French Franciscan brother and missionary to China who was martyred in 1900. St. Andreas is the perfect patron for our work--he was responsible for the medical facility of the mission as well as for integrating lay Christians with the work of the clergy. St. Andreas, pray for us!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! At the close of October, we had barely two months of operating funds in the bank. Because the management of our projects is done by volunteers, our program costs are very low. However, it still takes money to do what we do. The Holy Family Home costs \$10,000 per month to operate and the Andreas Bauer Home costs \$5,000 per month. We believe that God loves and provides for all His creation; we believe that we are doing His work in caring for the children we help, and we believe that God moves the hearts and minds of people to support our work so that it can continue. Thank you for your prayers, support and generosity!

LOVE, LOVE! Our hospice work requires so much love. Here we start this month's newsletter by showing you some of the babies we've loved and let go. **Hong, Mei, Ya Ming** and **Ting** all passed away recently; we were touched by their lives and saddened by their passing.



Baby News: We accepted 12 new babies this month; **Ting, Xue, Huan, Yue, Ying** and **Hong** were accepted as premature infants in need of specialized care. **Long, Mei, An, Nu, Nan** and **Xiang** require extra nurturing due to various medical problems; we hope they are stabilized and on the road to good health soon. Several of our babies "graduated" out, meaning that they are now strong and healthy enough to be placed in foster families to await adoption. We rejoice that **Zhou Zhou** (right) now has a file for adoption and has returned to his home province; he no longer needs hospice care. Please pray that a family comes forward to adopt him soon!



A Quiet Moment



A home with 20 babies is not exactly a quiet place, but these two little fellows (both recovering from serious respiratory infections) were able to nap peacefully, trusting that their needs for food, warmth and love would be met. Thank you for making this possible!

Zhou Zhou

We are all familiar with the story in John's gospel where Jesus is being asked why the man was born blind – was it he or his parents who had sinned? Jesus' reply, "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (John 9:3) reminds us that our work shares this same purpose. Although we may not understand why these innocent little ones are born with such devastating problems, we do know that when we reach out to them we are revealing the works of God and giving Him glory.

Please continue to pray for us and support our ministry. A great way to help is to send this newsletter on to your friends and family to spread the word. Let us together build a new *Culture of Life*. May God bless you!

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