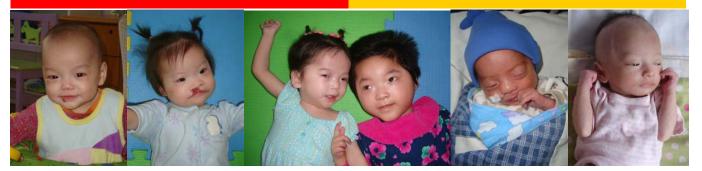
China Little Flower



Protecting, respecting, loving, and serving life!



September 2009

Baby news: Our new little ones this month are Jian, Ya Ming, Jing Bo and Ru. Baby Ru (bottom, right) weighed only 1 lb 13 oz, and had been without skilled care or feeding for several days when she arrived. We were unable to stabilize her and she died several hours later. Little Jian and Ya Ming (photo below) are both healthy premature boys weighing just under 3 ½ lbs. Jing Bo (top far right) weighed only 5 lbs when he arrived, but his bigger problem is a congenital skin disease called epidermolysis bullosa. Infants with this condition are often called "butterfly babies" because the skin is said to be as fragile as butterfly wings. He is doing well now but there is no cure for this disease, where the slightest touch causes blisters and damage similar to severe burns.

Lu and Xin are now strong, healthy little boys and have returned to their province to complete their files for adoption.

Hospice news: Ran (age 18 mos) and **Fen** (age 3 years) were accepted for hospice care as infants. Though both girls have stabilized, they suffer



Jian and Ya Ming are from different areas of China, but could almost pass for twins. (Must be the hats!) Ya Ming is a couple of weeks older, but a bit more fragile. Both boys are growing quickly!

from such severe brain damage that they are unable to feed normally. Surgery to insert long term feeding tubes was donated by Beijing United Family Hospital Foundation. Both girls are doing well after surgery, and we are happy to see their pretty faces (top center) without tape and tubes!

Gan En, who was accepted in May with a very severe heart defect, was transferred to Nanjing Children's Hospital where surgeons are going to try and repair her heart.

Ming and **Sheng** died peacefully at home. They are missed by all who loved and cared for them.

In Loving Memory



Ming July 28, 2009 – Sept 5, 2009



Sheng June 30, 2009 – Sept 16, 2009



Ru Sept 20, 2009 – Sept 25, 2009