



Newsletter

Plus Alan & Lyn's news – November 2008

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Happy Christmas to all our supporters & an exciting New Year ahead!

NO you haven't missed a newsletter, the last one was in February after we finished our work with NHF. It has been a difficult, but fruitful year when we have been consolidating our lives in China & pursuing the dream set out in the last newsletter:

I.e. to set up a home/hospice where very sick abandoned babies can be cared for as well as parents being able to get support if they know their beloved child is terminally ill. We want to reach out into the poor community where many sick children are loved & cared for by their families, often with no support, until they are no longer able to do so, then the child is in danger of being abandoned. (February 2008).

SO – we have pursued opportunities for establishing palliative care services. Over the summer Lyn spent a lot of time travelling around China visiting a number of places to develop networks, learn what others are doing and sense where God has been leading us to work.

.....AND THE RESULT IS - WE ARE EXCITED! A CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SERVICE!

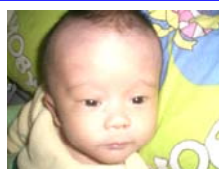
ChinaKidz will work alongside another non government organisation (NGO) to complement their community outreach programme with the aim of supporting families with sick babies & children & preventing abandonment.

The big hurdle was to get approval from the Government Officials so Lyn met with them in Changsha on 24th of November and ChinaKidz got the bright green light. They really liked the plan and want us to co-operate with the Children's Welfare Institute to implement a children's palliative care service for abandoned children aswell as for families, aiming to support them and avoid the pressure to abandon their sick baby/child.

This is an exciting & groundbreaking project in China; even in many other parts of the world children's hospice services are not available or are only part of a service for adults.

2008 - What a mixed year of fortunes for China, 3 big earthquakes, the worst winter for 50 years, thousands of babies affected by poisoned milk, 3 train crashes, the Olympic and Paralympic games, a space walk – what next?

We observe the widening gap between rich & poor, the number of families who are able to 'buy' their second child i.e. pay for the second pregnancy, & those who still are unable to access help or care for their sick child. Shops full of goods from around the world, people dressing with much more style & individuality at the same time as the government has issued pictures framed in gold of Chairman Mao & prices for basic commodities rising even before the global economic crisis.



**Small
Ads!!**

**Big
Needs!**



WANTED – Personal Assistant, 10 hours a week based in Devon. Working from home, salary negotiable. For details email Lyn@chinakidz.org or see website

WANTED – Fundraisers!!!

2009 will see a big increase in the need for funding, Lyn will be in Exeter from January 14th for month & would like to form a small group to kick start the fundraising. The PA will support much of the organising – but I need some willing enthusiasts!! **Contact - Lyn@chinakidz.org**

WANTED Trustees & Executives

ChinaKidz work is becoming more focussed & needs a structure which reflects the international nature of its work. Maybe you have an interest in palliative care or in China & its children & are looking for an opportunity to be involved & influence change. If you would like to know more contact Lyn - Lyn@chinakidz.org

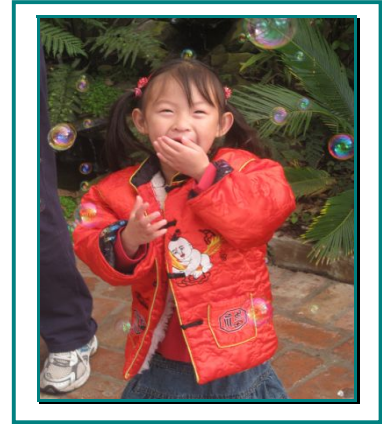


RESCUED! Two happy endings.

Early in July we had the joy of meeting two children Lyn cared for when they were newborn and fragile babies in the Special Care Unit. They were both in Luoyang with their adoptive parents waiting for paperwork to be completed so we had a joyful breakfast & how happy we were to see them at the start of their lives as wanted children in loving families.



You may recall Zhi Xia, Olivia, (now called Ruby Mei Zhi Xia) as we used her picture for raising funds for a hot cot. She was simply premature and needed a bit of extra care for a few days. She's 3 now and you can see how bright she is, still very beautiful and becoming a very confident little girl, fluent in Australian!



Joshua (was Dian Dian, Francis), was also premature, he flourished in the SCU and became a happy smiling (fat) little boy. He's well and bright at one year old, such a joy, just a bit developmentally delayed – institutionalised I guess as he had to go back to the orphanage to make room for another sicker child. It was really wonderful to see this happy ending and keep in touch with his new family (also Australian).



PERSONAL NEWS

In February we were blessed with a second Grandson, Adam David who put in a timely appearance the day after Lyn arrived in Exeter to join the fun. After a nasty infection in May resulting in a hospital admission & necessitating a quick flight home for Lyn, he is a happy, chubby little boy.



We enjoyed 3 weeks holiday in the Philippines during August & returned to school life refreshed & suntanned.

We have had a very expensive time repairing our cottage in Exeter as the main cob wall developed a huge hole in it. Whilst it was being repaired the builders discovered an even more major problem & the possibility of the roof falling in! So £20,000 later & no insurance cover for these problems (are we surprised?) we are repaired.

In July we were blessed with a gift (another addition to our family) – a German short haired pointer puppy. Peng Peng (as in pengyou, meaning friend, aka Eric) is now 6 months old and still growing! He is much admired and living up to his name.

Our address is available in Chinese & English on our website. Post reaches us if you print off the address & use it as a label.

Lyn attended the Children's Hospice International conference in San Francisco. Some really good connections & inspiration resulted. Also got ChinaKidz on the map!

How to give: ££s \$\$s or any other!

Direct bank transfer or by cheque to the Administrator – address at bottom of page 1. See website for bank details & to download a form for gift-aid.

Prayer Points



- Appointment of the PA
- Others will come forward to help the development
- Wisdom in planning
- Registration of ChinaKidz
- Funding
- Good relationships with new colleagues in Changsha