Xinyu Social Welfare Institute

Amity Report March 2018

Altrusa International of Longview-Kelso Foundation working together with Amity Foundation in China



XINYU SWI STAFF & FACTS

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Total Number of Children: 120

Adoptions in 2018: one foreign so far

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing schooling support for eight of the orphans. Seven attend a special education school and one attends the Nanchang School for the Blind. Altrusa also supports two Hugging Grandmas to help enrich the children's lives.

There are about 120 children under the care of the Xinyu SWI. The SWI's biggest challenge is to provide rehabilitation as well as education, because the majority of children have disabilities. To help with rehab, a partnership has been formed with the Maternal and Child Care Service Center of Xinyu, whose doctors come each week to provide rehab services and continuously train the staff.



Above: a sign proclaiming the partnership with the Maternal and Child Care Service Center of Xinyu.

Left: the Children's Building.

A few of our school scholarship students



Y.F. is 15 and has very good personal connections at the Xinyu Special Education School. She is a warm-hearted child; she likes to help her classmates, and is also a teacher's assistant in her class. She knows how to share, and often brings delicious food to her classmates and teachers. She writes very beautifully. She also knows a lot of words, and when she gets home, she finishes her homework before going to play. She is good at dancing and is learning to play percussion. On weekends, she helps take care of younger "brothers and sisters".

Y.K. also goes to Xinyu Special Education School. He is 13 and in Grade 7. He knows some simple words and can write unfamiliar words. He can copy his own name and has made continuous progress. He used to be distracted in lessons, but now he can

> concentrate and is very active in speaking in class. After class, he loves playing games with his classmates and is proactive in communication.





Eight-year-old Y.X. is in second grade at the Xinyu Special Education School, and is quite introverted. He gets along well with his classmates, helps students, helps teachers in their work, and participates actively in labor class and P.E lessons. He is doing a great job in other sports aspects. He is active in morning exercise, and can stay quiet and serious when he is painting.

Hugging Grannies

Li Hongmei (bottom photo) and Li Chunhua (top photo) work primarily with children under the age of three. They hold and talk to the children and guide them through baby exercises to practice crawling, turning over, gripping, and learning to greet others. They also take the children outside to the sun to breathe fresh air. They use snacks to stimulate the sense of smell and music to encourage movement and a sense of rhythm. They strive to make each day rich and different for each child.

Li Chunhua joined us in December last year. Previously she was a nurse's aid at the SWI, and assisted in the infant activity room, so she is very familiar with the children and they with her.

In 2017, the Children's Building set up a market for handmade goods created by the children.











Xinyu Facilities



Special education classroom for ages 3 to 10.



Special education classroom for over 10.



Infant room



Rehab room.

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