



HEARTBEAT

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Providing a Hope & a Future

Shepherd's Field's children's home expansion project is on schedule to be completed in the spring of 2008. The three new homes will allow us to care for more children and expand our outreach to special needs teenagers ages 12-18 who have no families of their own. The prospects for these teenagers is often more desperate than that of younger children, as they are no longer eligible for adoption. By the time they reach age fourteen, these teens are typically moved out of the government orphanage and placed into an adult institution where they will spend the rest of their lives.

In March 2008, we will begin construction on a vocational training center for these forgotten teenage orphans to help provide them with a chance at life outside the government institution, thereby improving their chances for a hope and a bright future. The vocational center will provide training for the teens in a variety of areas, including computers (office programming or graphic arts), music, culinary arts, fine arts, traditional arts & crafts, and English language. Our hope is that our vocational program will prepare the teenagers for a life and job outside of the children's village, but that they also leave with the knowledge that we are here rooting for them to succeed and ready to help.

Along with the vocational center we are also

going to build an outreach center, which will serve as a place where the orphans and our staff can reach out to the local community. The outreach center will also fill multiple needs, providing a place for our staff and children to dine, an activity center, recreation center, and a performing arts center. Over the years we have been blessed to have hosted teams of volunteers from all over the world. The Outreach Center will provide a venue for the teams to use drama, dance, and games to reach out to the orphans, staff and local community.

We have seen God move in mighty ways in the lives of China's orphans with the partnership of the Philip Hayden Foundation and other organizations. In order to make this vision for serving the special needs teenage orphans of China with the vocational center and serving the community with the outreach center a reality, we need your financial support. The total cost of building these two very important components is US\$500,000, but thanks to the in kind donations of building materials from one of our supporters in China, Lafarge, we are now able to build both buildings for only US\$276,000. Please write us at info@ChinaOrphans.org or go to www.ChinaOrphans.org/ donate to partner in providing a hope to China's orphans.

In order to finish the major construction of the vocational center we need to meet the following financial targets for the vocational and outreach centers.

March 15, 2008	US\$38,000
April 15, 2008	US\$38,000
May 15, 2008	US\$50,000
Aug 15, 2008	US\$50,000
Nov 15, 2008	US\$76,000

Adrian



Israel



Surgery News

In the last few months, we've kept you posted on the five children that needed corrective surgeries on their fragile hearts. During Christmas week, two of our boys, Adrian & Israel, underwent surgery.

While Adrian has just returned home, we must, with great sadness, report that our dear three-year-old Israel passed away. As with all of our complex heart kids, the surgery and post-op recovery are times of high risk for the children. The surgeons, nannies and local medical staff are mourning the loss. Since being left lying outside

our gate in July 2006, Israel had turned into a sweet big brother to the babies in his house and a faithful shadow to the older boys, Joseph & Elijah.

Though we'd planned on sending Joseph, Parker, and Maggie in for their surgeries this month, the medical team has decided to wait until after Spring Festival. Please pray that God would continue to provide them wisdom.

Infrastructure Needs

Each of the new buildings at Shepherd's Field needs to have the infrastructure including the underground electrical cables, water pipes, sewer pipes, telephone, and heating pipes installed and connected. The cost is US\$11,000 per building. So far we have received pledges of US\$25,450, and we need to raise an additional US\$29,550 to hook up the remaining homes, vocational center, and outreach center. Please help meet this need by making a contribution to the "Shepherd's Field Children's Village Building Fund". We are continually amazed at God's provision and hope you'll be a part of it.

Grady



Tristan



New Arrivals

Nine-year-old Grady and two-month-old Tristan are our newest arrivals. Though Grady's scoliosis will require a longer process of consultation and treatment, Tristan was immediately admitted to the hospital where he received life-changing surgery to correct his imperforate anus. The surgeons and medical team are pleased with the results, and we look forward to his return to Samaritan's House in the next week. Grady is already attending primary school and seems quickly settled into House of Love.

Sweet Hope Goes Home!



Hope w/ family + friends

We were delighted to welcome the McElvy family and their friends when they came to take precious two year old Hope home.

You may remember Hope's January 2006 arrival; she was seriously ill with jaundice, and it was soon discovered that she would need a liver transplant. Over the next year, as Hope's health seemed to fade, our medical team found a hospital willing to give a 90% discount on the cost of the transplant and a donor willing to share part of her liver. Unfortunately, in the weeks that we were scheduling the surgery, the transplant

laws in China changed, and we could not go through with the operation. Miraculously, Hope's health began to stabilize soon after this, and it remained stabilized in the fifteen months that we waited for her family. Her new family, including three older sisters & one younger brother, are already well-connected to medical teams who can provide Hope with the necessary procedures in the coming months.

Hope is one of the many children who come to us weak and tired, and we've seen God uses this place to bring healing and a future full of Good Things. Please pray for the 85 children in our care, that they would find healing here and be given a home soon.

We are grateful for your prayers and financial support!

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