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What's Happening Next at SFCV

In August, we entered a phase of great transition as we began to see our children leave our campus and begin adjusting to their new lives in their home provinces. Since the release of our statement, we have been so blessed and encouraged by the outpouring of love and support that we have received from all our friends, family and supporters from all over the world. While our children may not live at our address, they are still our kids and we desire to do everything we can to continue to provide them with the care they need.

So many have asked us about what we have planned next for SFCV. In the month of September, we will begin assessing and evaluating our current staff as a means of determining what further training is necessary for each department, including our therapy and medical teams, house nannies and teachers. Our goal is not only to continue to provide care to those in need, but to provide the best quality of care that we can. These evaluations will help us to continue to deliver professional and loving care to those who we will care for next.

As we have previously mentioned, we are not only planning to continue to do outreach to our kids living off campus, but we are also researching opening our campus to others, including families that have children born with special needs and orphans with disabilities from the Tianjin area. So often, families affected by disability do not have access to affordable and quality therapy and educational services for their special kids. It is our heart to do all that we can to help these parents and kids by teaching them therapeutic interventions and educational strategies they can take with them.

As we embark on this new beginning to possibly work with families and orphans from Tianjin, we ask for your continued prayers and support. We know that change is hard, but it's worth it. Even though we don't have many children living on our campus, there is still a lot of progress being made in preparations for our future. Here's what's been going on...



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New Roads Thanks To Hsbc

Earlier this summer, our campus got a new look with newly paved sidewalks, an access road and wheelchair ramps for the children's homes, all thanks to our good friends from the Hong Kong Shanghai **Bank Corporation (HSBC)**. All the old brick sidewalks which led to the children's houses were pulled up and new wider and smoother concrete ones replaced them. The steps to each front door were taken out, and in their place, ramps for easy wheelchair access were made. A new emergency and access road was laid surrounding the Vocational and Therapy Center that allows us full access to the front of the building in case of an emergency. It also makes it easier for our



staff to move items to and from that building. Lastly, a wonderful new paved courtyard has been laid between the school and the outreach center that now gives our teachers, students, cooks and catering company direct access to both the school and the central kitchen in the outreach center. This will enable deliveries to the kitchen, as well as expand the area where kids can safely play outside for recess.



Houses Get A New Look

For many years now, it has been our dream to renovate all five of the kids' houses that have accommodated hundreds of children in the last 13 years. The dream to renovate has begun to become a reality. With the help of many sponsors, donors, staff, nannies

and interns, three of the five houses have been emptied of all their furniture, deep cleaned and prepped for the renovation crews. The three houses—**House of Peace**, **House of Blessing** and **House of Promise**—have also had beautiful new cabinetry installed, as well as brand-new front doors that were donated by **Dong Yi's Smart Furniture Station**. The next step is for the walls to be repaired, patched and painted thanks to the generous support of our friends at **Pittsburgh Paints (PPG)**, followed by new lighting and hardwood flooring donated by long-time sponsor Tony Pan's company, **Hallmark Floors**. We are so grateful to all those who have made this possible. We anxiously await the day our houses are once more filled with children who need our love, care and support!

Is China Calling You?

In order to teach and provide educational training to families and their special kids, we are looking for someone who can join our team here at **SFCV** as our **Education Director**. This person would oversee and work alongside the teachers at the **Little Lambs School** as we provide the educational instruction, lesson plans, IEPs, and so forth, for the families that come into our care.

Ideally, we are looking for someone with teaching experience in either Special Ed or General Ed, who is bilingual (English and Chinese) and who can make a one-year minimum commitment. Is China calling you...or someone you know? Educating, training and equipping our kids, young adults and their families is one of our core values and a vital part of the work we do and will continue to do. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our team at: volunteer@chinaorphans.org.

Our medical team arranged for a cardiac angiogram for **Flynn (Zhao Anpeng)** due to the fact that he still experiences cyanosis of the lips, has difficulty breathing at times and has a low blood oxygen level. It was determined that he is in need of radical heart surgery. After returning to his home orphanage, Flynn developed a high fever and diarrhea caused by a viral infection. His heart surgery will have to wait until he has recovered adequately. Once he is recovered, our medical team will arrange for his heart surgery in Beijing. Please pray that young Flynn will get well and be ready for his operation soon.



Flynn

Our medical team took **Mico (He Qianpei)** to see the cardiologist in Beijing. It was discovered that her PDA (an abnormal opening between the aorta and the pulmonary artery) had enlarged. She was prone to respiratory infections and did not recover easily. She underwent a surgical procedure in Beijing to repair the opening. The results were good and we're delighted to report that she recovered quickly. She is enjoying her new home and a follow-up visit with the cardiologist will occur at the three-month mark. In the meantime, our medical team will continue to monitor her situation.



Mico

Our sweet little **Jenna (Hou Lichen)** came back to SFCV recently in order to have medical testing done in Beijing. Among other things, her liver and kidney functions were reviewed. Overall she checked out well and we were so happy to have our chubby-cheeked little girl with us again!

Therapy Updates

Since our kids have transitioned to their new homes, our therapy department has actively pursued the continuation of their treatment. Detailed goals and care plans have been written and translated for each child who was receiving therapy at Shepherd's Field. That was a lot of plans and details!

Several of our kids are currently located within driving distance from **SFCV** and we are able to continue regular treatment for them. Our occupational therapist and assistant therapist recently visited four of our youngest: **Cora (Kong Wenxin)**, **Zack (Shi Wenli)**, **Jean-Marie (Kong Huangbei)** and **Ella (Song Yuxuan)**. In addition to observing the kids' new homes, they were able to train the kids' new nannies on specific activities that will continue to promote the children's growth and development.

Charlie (Shao Tiancheng) is doing well back at his home orphanage in Fujian. Charlie has made new friends, is going to school, and the orphanage staff are doing their best to provide some forms of therapy for him. We are planning to make a trip there to provide his nannies with adequate training to better help Charlie thrive in his new environment—and we can't wait to see our boy again!



Simeon

Simeon (Shi Wenjia) is also making strides in his home province of Xinjiang. His orphanage has sent us videos of Simeon showing off his talent for stringing beads and of him having a blast riding around on a toy tricycle. It warms our hearts to see his happy smiles and to hear his laughter and giggles!



A Sad Goodbye Brings A Happy Reunion

There have been many happy moments in the midst of all the changes and goodbyes we've had with the kids. When 12-year-old **Luke (Tian Yi)** returned to his home orphanage in Zhaoxian, Hebei Province, he was warmly reunited with former SFCV resident **Tess (En Cai)**, who is now 9 years old. Both Luke and Tess came to SFCV as babies and received medical care and surgeries to correct their special needs. As the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words. Just have a look at their smiles! It was such a joyous reunion for both Luke and Tess.



Our joy doesn't end there. We have an exciting announcement regarding Luke's adoption eligibility. Luke is now eligible for international adoption! We are so excited to share this news as we know he is now one step closer to finding his forever family.

You Can Help In The Race Against Time

One thing that remains unchanged is that when a child turns 14, he or she is no longer eligible for adoption under Chinese government regulations. Did you know that **Tyler (Rao Handong)**, **Ed (You Kang)**, **Aubrey (Rao Xiachen)**, **Xander (Guang Fujun)** and **Charissa (Ling Deting)** have all had their 13th birthdays? It's hard to believe that our kiddos are teenagers! You can continue to assist the children of Shepherd's Field by praying for them, sharing their stories and helping us find their forever families. Thank you!



Charissa



Tyler



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