



Shepherd's Field  
CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

# Heartbeat

May 2019



## Bayannur Visits Shepherd's Field

This past month, our **Bright Stars Therapy** program was delighted to host the rehabilitation team from the Children's Welfare Institute in Bayannur, Inner Mongolia where **Jason (Hu Tao)** is now living. The team of four ladies, along with Jason, traveled over 15 hours to Beijing where Jason was evaluated and fitted for new AFOs by the orthotics team at Bo Ai Hospital. During their time in the Beijing area, our team was able to provide in-depth therapy training for the therapy staff on several topics, including feeding, positioning, autism and communication training, behavior training, and physical and developmental assessments. Thanks to our faithful sponsors, we were able to provide Jason with a brand-new Nimbo walker that gives him assistance and balance while walking. Our team was also able to provide additional therapy support on Jason's current therapy plan and treatments. All four women were eager to learn more about therapy and were excited to take their newly-learned knowledge back to their colleagues in Bayannur.

While it was great to see Jason at SFCV for a few days, we're delighted that he is receiving loving care in a positive environment. But it would be our *greatest* delight for Jason to have a **Forever Family** of his own! Please help us pray and share his story, which can be found on our website ([chinaorphans.org/features/advocate](http://chinaorphans.org/features/advocate)).



## Corey's Tumor Removed

**Corey (Song Yike)** came to us with a cervical lymphangioma. He was recently examined in his home province of Yangxi and it was decided that he needed to have surgery as soon as possible. He was transferred to Beijing and underwent a successful operation to remove the tumor. Because they were both in the area at the same time, we were able to arrange for **Jason (Hu Tao)** to spend some time with Corey as well. It was so good to see both of our boys together again! Corey has returned to Yangxi and will be reviewed again in three months.

Stay connected with us for the latest news, updates, photos and stories from Shepherd's Field!

f [facebook.com/isCHINAcallingYOU](https://www.facebook.com/isCHINAcallingYOU)

@ShepherdsField

@ShepherdsField



# Three Different Kinds of Goodbyes



Just before Easter, we said goodbye to **Katy and Dustin Everhart**. Katy was our Occupational Therapist and Dustin our IT. We're so thankful that the Everharts took an entire year out of their lives and served as volunteers to help some of China's neediest. We appreciate their sacrifices and will greatly miss both of them on our campus. We wish them much happiness on their onward journey!

We've had the great pleasure of seeing **Ella (Song Yuxuan)** several times since she left Shepherd's Field as she occasionally returned for therapy. Now we're more than excited to let you know that soon she'll be leaving us for good. Our precious girl has been **matched** with a wonderful family from the United States! We look forward to sharing more details when her adoption becomes official.

On March 7th, heaven became a little bit sweeter. Our beloved **Wes (Ling Wudao)** passed away peacefully at a hospital in his home province. He had fallen ill in late February and doctors were unable to successfully treat him. We learned of his passing in late March. We will miss our sweet boy but are happy that he is now running, jumping and laughing in a much better place. *Rest in peace, little one.*



## An Art Show Leads to a Special Visit

In mid-March, a number of 7th and 8th grade students from **Haileybury International School** in Tianjin toured our campus and brought us a generous donation they had raised through an art show. The kids seemed to really enjoy their tour of the school, the therapy building and even the greenhouse. You could tell that aquaponics was a new concept to most of them! We appreciate the love that these young people have displayed and we look forward to some of them returning to Shepherd's Field one day as volunteers.

## HSBC Does It Again

As part of their yearly springtime ritual, volunteers from **HSBC (Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation)** once again came out to work in the garden and greenhouse. They unwrapped all of the winter protective insulation from the grapevines, built berms around each vine, planted two new kiwi vines, filled the raised garden beds inside the greenhouse with new organic soil, and planted broccoli, Swiss chard, and radish seeds. They also assessed our greenhouse needs for 2019 while they were here. We're so grateful to HSBC for their long-term commitment and service to SFCV!



We're continuing to work feverishly to get our campus ready for our new residents! As of this writing, new tile has been installed throughout two of the children's houses and in the Outreach Center as well. The houses have been freshly painted—some with new vibrant colors in their entryways that the kids are sure to love! **Samaritan's House**, which is our new guest house, has gotten a face-lift, too. Newly decorated, it now has its own kitchen and dining area, as well as laundry facilities. Sam Rez—as we like to call it—is both beautiful and functional, and our guests and teams are loving it!



## Our CRAZY BUNCH is Missing U!

One of our core values here at **Shepherd's Field** is **FUN!** While we always do our best and work very hard to serve the orphans, we also know how to have a good time. We're still looking for **Teachers** for our Vocational Training program, an **Education Director** and **Therapists** to join our crazy and fun-loving team! Could one of those spots be *yours* to fill? For more information about these available openings or other positions here at SFCV, please contact us at [naomi.preedin@chinaorphans.org](mailto:naomi.preedin@chinaorphans.org).



**CAREGIVERS**



**THERAPY**



**MAINTENANCE**



**OFFICE**

WHERE DO  
**YOU**  
SEE YOURSELF?



**HOUSEKEEPING**



**MEDICAL**



**EDUCATION**



**GUEST RELATIONS**



# Training for the Future

Because we anticipate being entrusted with older children in the very near future, we've been focusing on providing our staff here at **Shepherd's Field** with training specific to the needs of older kids who have been through trauma of one sort or another. All of our caregiving nannies, our medical team, our teachers, therapists and even our office staff have gone through the training and participated in practical demonstrations of the many and varied scenerios that can play out when caring for older children. We trained in smaller groups and broke up the training into two sessions per group. Our staff was very engaged and we have high hopes for being able to help our new kids learn to live and thrive in society. Your continued prayers to that end will be greatly appreciated!



Our caregivers relax a moment between training sessions

## The Eagles Landed

Our first international team of 2019 arrived at Shepherd's Field on April 1st—no fooling! We were happy to welcome several high school students, faculty members and a parent from **Eagle's Landing Christian Academy** near Atlanta, Georgia. The team was led by Lauren, a wonderful tour guide with **Joshua Expeditions** of McKinney, Texas.

This was ELCA's first trip to SFCV and every member of the team rolled up his and her sleeves and dived into projects to renovate and beautify our campus. They removed all the tables and stools from the Outreach Center and tore up the existing floor so the new tile could be installed. They built garden beds at the back of our campus, filled them with soil, and eagerly helped in the greenhouse as well. Lastly, they gave the playground equipment a good cleaning, which was really needed!

We appreciate the whole group and all their hard work, and we look forward to their being able to return to SFCV someday. *Way to go, Team ELCA!*



We are grateful for your prayers and financial support!

### To donate by check:

Philip Hayden Foundation  
40335 Winchester Rd. #E-115  
Temecula, CA 92591 US  
1-866-JAMES127 (526-3712)

### To donate by credit card:

Visit [ChinaOrphans.org](http://ChinaOrphans.org)

### To donate by automatic withdrawal:

Ask about direct deposit through Check Free at [childsponsor@chinaorphans.org](mailto:childsponsor@chinaorphans.org)

### In China:

Shepherd's Field Children's Village  
26 Jin Yuan Rd.  
Da Wang Gu Development Zone  
Wuqing, Tianjin 301712 CN  
022.2219.0708