

# HEARTBEAT

November 2006 The Newsletter  
of the



Thomas



Becca



Edward



Thomas with parents & PHF staff

## Four New Families

It is difficult to predict just how a child will respond to his or her new family. But, it didn't take long at all for baby Thomas (HoLove) and baby Becca (HoPeace), both known for crying at the first sign of a guest in their midst, to accept their respective parents. Where we expected a week of tears, there was only twenty minutes. Each was found content in their mom and dad's arms just a few days later. Though the families that left Becca in Tianjin and Thomas at our gate had no idea what life they'd given their babies to, we know that God had their lives in His hands even before they were born.

We took to calling November the "Month of Thomas," when we heard that five-year-old

Thomas (Luke's House) was to be adopted, too. His new mom said his silliness and energy were a perfect match for the constant high energy of their family. Thomas came to us in July 2001, two months after his birth with arthrogryposis. His parents' experience with his new sister's arthrogryposis can only bring further healing to Thomas' life.

Before these three left, Edward (HoLove), or Lao Hu (Tiger), left us the last week of October with his new parents and headed home for Tennessee. We will miss this friendly two-year-old whose serious face broke so easily into smiles.

Please join us in celebrating with these families and praying a blessing over them as they adjust in the next few months.

## Hefei Surgery Project

A month ago, seven-month-old Christopher was often the first baby to start smiling when visitors arrived at the top of the stairs of his home. Eight-month-old Stephen was the first in his. These two cheerful hearts are still the first to smile, but their smiles have been radically altered by recent cleft lip surgeries performed by Love Without Boundaries' volunteer surgeons.

In late October, LWB partnered with the Anhui Children's Hospital and the Ministry of Health to change the lives of over 80 orphaned children with cleft lips or palates. Volunteer medical staff, including three surgeons, from all over the United States came to Hefei in Anhui province as a part of the LWB cleft mission trip in which eight of our kids participated. One-year-old Gidion and two-year-old Anthony Robbins received cleft palate surgeries, while four of Shepherd's Field new arrivals (Christopher, Will, Lucas, & Taylor) and two House of Joy babies (Esther & Stephen) had their cleft lips repaired. We are so thankful for how God has used LWB to bring healing to these eight kids.



Christopher



Gidion



Anthony Robbins



Will



Stephen



Lucas



Esther

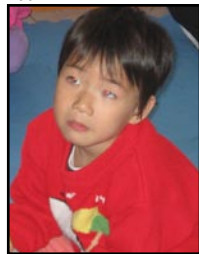


Taylor



Elliot

Zipporah



Josiah



Abby



Emily



Madeline

# New Arrivals

Two by two we welcomed six new children to our villages. On October 12, eight-month-old Elliot & seventeen-month-old Emily arrived from Fuzhou and Changde, respectively. Because of Elliot's heart condition, called tetralogy of fallot, and Emily's thalassemia, which requires blood transfusions every two weeks, they are now living with the other heart babies.

On November 4, eight-month-old Madeline & nine-month-old Josiah came back with the LWB cleft surgery trip children. We were asked to bring Madeline back with us so she could heal from her cleft lip surgery, and she is settling into her home at Shepherd's Field. Josiah had had heart surgery with LWB a few weeks prior but developed an infection upon returning to his orphanage; he had returned to the hospital for treatment while our kids were receiving their surgeries. The doctors asked if he could return with us to heal properly, too, and the orphanage agreed, making him the newest heart baby until November 18.

On this day, five-year-old Zipporah & eight-month-old Abby arrived from Fuzhou orphanage. Abby moved into the heart clinic and is currently being evaluated to diagnose the extensiveness of her heart problem. Zipporah joined the older children in Luke's House and has settled into her routine with her new housemates. We are so grateful that God has provided the resources to make our homes their new homes. We hope you can help by sponsoring one of these new children.

# Urgent Needs in Medical

In the next month, we hope to help five of our kids receive surgeries that can give them hope for a future:

ELLIOT's congenital heart condition can usually be totally corrected by surgery and most children go on to lead unrestricted lives. A recent ultrasound showed that she would benefit from this surgery now. The total cost for her operation will be ¥50,000RMB (US\$6,250).

New arrival EMILY needs a bone marrow transplant, which will cost more than ¥250,000RMB (US\$31,250).

Though still fragile, three-year-old PARKER has gained strength and personality since his arrival three months ago. He also has a complex congenital heart problem, but the main problem is that his two main arteries (aorta and pulmonary) arise from the wrong side of the heart. He also has pulmonic stenosis and both an ASD and VSD. His Glenn shunt operation last July was only partially successful. A recent heart ultrasound gave hope that his heart could be completely corrected with surgery. If we're given the okay, the total cost is ¥66,000RMB (US\$8,250).

We are still waiting to do one-year-old HOPE's

life-saving liver transplant. We already have a suitable liver donor who, if fully approved, will give part of her liver to Hope. We still need to raise ¥50,000RMB (US\$6,250) to cover the costs involved with the transplant.

We were surprised by PETER's suddenly deteriorating health a few weeks ago when he

began seizing and didn't stop until forty minutes later. After further evaluation, it has been determined that he has hydracephalus and is in immediate need of a shunt. The cost of this surgery is ¥50,000 RMB (US\$6,250).

Part of why orphanages entrust us with the care of their kids is that we have access to more life-changing resources for the weakest children. Please consider helping fund one of the above surgeries and save the life of a child. If you can help, we can be contacted at [info@ChinaOrphans.org](mailto:info@ChinaOrphans.org) or call us at 1.866. JAMES.127 (USA) or 022.2219.0706 (China).



Parker



Peter



Hope

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