



# HEARTBEAT

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It is a very different endeavor to welcome older children, as they struggle more with homesickness and have a clearer understanding of their situation than our younger arrivals. In the last year, we have taken in four older boys, aged 6-11 years, each in need of significant medical care and each with radically different stories. Last year, Gregg came to us from a long-term foster family, while Elijah had been living on the streets just a month before the orphanage brought him here. Grady, who arrived last month, has lived in the orphanage his whole life, while our newest arrival, eleven-year-old Jamison, just lost everything a year ago.

Jamison's father had been a welder, and he died in the hydrogen explosion that severely burned Jamison's face and body in March 2006. Jamison was rushed to the local hospital, where his mother, who could not afford the high cost of his treatment, abandoned him a few days later. And when she could not be found, the orphanage took him in a month later. This quiet boy has kept quite to himself, but he was glad to find his friend Grady already here, and he's quickly made friends with his housemates Seth and Gregg.

Though we pray daily for families for all of our kids, these older boys have less time to be matched and are aware of their lack. It was Grady, who upon first arriving at the village, asked us, "Are you going to find me a mom and dad who can help fix me?" It is our hope to tell him very soon of a family waiting to love and cherish him.

*Are You Going to Find Me a Mom & Dad who can Help Me?*



*Sketch of new vocational center*

*Not by Might BUT by Powers Spirit...*

Again and again, we see God boggle the minds of those who trust in Him and follow His work. From the parting of the Red Sea to the transformation of Paul in the Bible, and even in the daily care of a small group of orphans on the Hebei/Tianjin border in China, God takes all that is impossible and turns it on its head for His glory. And His provision and goodness are not distributed because of the great works and intentions of those who love Him, and often it is not even the result of a great earth-shifting faith. It always seems to be our smallest bits of faith and effort with which He does the Grand Things. It is when we declare situations and the meeting of needs impossible that God can do His greatest works, because then none but He can take the glory.

Though it is exciting to be so near the completion of the children's village, it still seems impossible. There is still so much money to be raised--and so many officials to woo and signatures to gather--in the next seven months, that it seems fitting to throw our hands up and declare undoable. Instead, we will take our small faith and place it before Him who is more than capable to meet our needs. Next month, we break ground on the final two buildings, our outreach and vocational centers. He has already seen fit to provide US\$20,000 of the US\$38,000 needed for the March payment. If you are interested in contributing, please contact us at [info@ChinaOrphans.org](mailto:info@ChinaOrphans.org); go to [www.ChinaOrphans.org/donate](http://www.ChinaOrphans.org/donate) and mark it "SFCV construction"; or call us at 1.866.JAMES127. We hope you will join us in praying for His favor, as well as the favor of the local officials, the providers of the construction materials, and the construction workers that serve here every day. Please join us in laying all these needs before our Great Provider.

*In order to finish the construction of SFCV, we need to meet the following financial targets.*

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

# News from the Children's Village...



Two-year-old Brian departed with his family for his new home in Sweden. We are delighted to hear that he is already speaking Swedish and delighted with his new family. We continue to pray for families for his same-aged roommates Ollie, Sammy, and Isaac (pictured right).



Twenty months ago, Grace was abandoned at our gate in the middle of the night. With us just a few days, she received her first of many surgeries to correct her many physical deformities. Last February, it was discovered that in addition to an imperforate anus, an absent radial, and a mass on her back, she also had hydrocephalus. She has had two shunt surgeries, and after a leak was discovered this month, she is back in the hospital. This neurosurgeons will be inserting a new programmable shunt, and they are excited for how this will improve Grace's life. The shunt and surgery cost 30,000RMB (US\$4160). If you would like to help sponsor Grace's surgery, please contact Dr. Moody at [Bill.Moody@ChinaOrphans.org](mailto:Bill.Moody@ChinaOrphans.org).

On February 15, we held a memorial service to honor the memory of four-year-old Israel, who died in January, as well as mourn the unexpected death of four-year-old Timothy this month. These two boys, though abandoned and alone because of their special needs, had found a safe haven and a large family in the children's village. We are grateful that we had the privilege of loving and caring for them in their short lives.



As we grow and add more children to the village, our need for nannies also grows. Please pray with us that God would provide good women to care for our kids, and that we would be a blessing in their lives as they serve these sweet kids. We recently raised the salary for our nannies, so in March we will begin to match each child with eight sponsors. We are so pleased to announce that in addition to our two newly arrived boys, 90% of our kids are fully sponsored this month. How good our God is to our children!



## 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 just over US\$35,000, and we need to raise an additional US\$20,000 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.

*We are grateful for your prayers and financial support!*

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