



# HEARTBEAT

May 2008 Newsletter of the Philip Hayden Foundation

## Six Adoptions Celebrated



Isaac

James



Esther

Bart



Stephen



Philip

The night before two-year-old Isaac met his new American family, he slept soundly. Though we knew, watching him, the life change that was in store for him in just a few hours, he knew little beyond seeing a few pictures; there was nothing to keep him from enjoying a good sleep, as long as his stuffed dog was near. If only we all could

prepare for such big change with Isaac's peace! He has already settled in with his parents, two older brothers, and older sister. He's had so many amazing changes in the last year, with moving here, to getting heart surgery within the week of his arrival, to being adopted a year later!

After a teary beginning in early

May, three-year-old James (HOL) is settling in with his new family as the second youngest of six kids. He met his American family the same day two-year-old Esther met hers. Her big brother was so excited to meet his "Bella," and we were delighted to see her so quickly at home with them and hear her laugh fill the Inn.

Three kids who moved into foster families in spring 2007 are all now with their families. Three-year-old Bart and eighteen-month-old Stephen met their families in April and now live in Holland. Four-year-old Philip met his Swedish family in mid-May. Please continue to pray for these children as they learn to be in a family.

Kathy + Grady (r)



Oh, how we have celebrated in the last few months over the number of kids meeting and being matched to their families! We continue to pray for families for all our children, and we are much encouraged by the willingness of the directors to process the necessary paperwork for seemingly hard-to-place kids.



Seth + Jamison



Christina

What is especially exciting for these kids, four of them boys older than twelve, is that there are families very much interested in adopting them. We pray that God provides, and that we can, very soon, welcome families for all of Teacher Wang's primary school! Thirteen-year-old Grady continues



Elijah, Joseph, + Gregg

to ask almost daily if we've found a family for him, as he very much wants one that can help him fix his back. Kathy's paperwork is in Holland, and we hope to see a family take in this sweet, mothering girl whose heart is still weak. Christina continues to be a joy, but all of the other girls in House of Love are being matched with families. Gregg is a worker bee in House of Love; he loves to help the nannies with the dishes and the younger children, but still hopes to have his own family someday. Please join us in praying for these kids!

# News from the Children's Village...

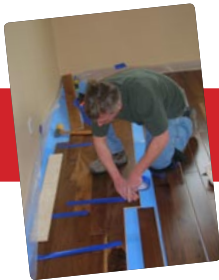


Though we are full to the brim with children, we continue to welcome even more sweet babes in need of special care. Fifteen-month-old Katherine (left) was a healthy baby two months ago before being hospitalized with meningitis. The fever affected her sight and hearing, but we are hopeful for a full recovery in the next few months! Eleven-month-old Zadie (right) is recovering from recent heart surgery, and she's already stolen our hearts! Both girls need eight sponsors, so contact us at [ChildSponsor@ChinaOrphans.org](mailto:ChildSponsor@ChinaOrphans.org) to help.



\*Our grief over four-year-old Parker's death last month has made our medical team significantly more cautious in proceeding with the needed surgeries for Joseph and Maggie. We ask for prayers for wisdom in proceeding in the face of so many concerns. \*We ask for wisdom in serving the earthquake-affected areas of China, where some of our staff hail from. \*We ask for prayer for the inspections on the new children's homes. They were initially scheduled for June 1, but have been pushed to July 1. We definitely need the extra space as soon as possible!

Eighteen-year-old Stacey has just returned from the hospital after plastic surgery on her calves. When she was five years old, she was involved in a cooking accident that left her legs, arms, and face severely burned. It wasn't until her arrival last year that she began receiving treatment. For the last ten months, doctors have been expanding the skin on her thighs, making walking painful, even more so this spring. Though always cheerful, she is definitely pleased with this first of many upcoming surgeries. Please continue to lift up her recovery!



We are so close to opening up House of Love, House of Promise, and Zachry House! In late April, a team with Real Wood Floors came to lay the donated flooring. It took the team of nine guys just five days to lay the 7000sqm. Our workers are finalizing the electricity and plumbing, as well as constructing the new furniture. In late April and May, our favorite interior designer, Pamela Johnson, came to help finalize the furniture and decoration in the homes. We are so grateful for the many hands so eagerly serving our kids.



## Construction Miracles

Two days after our May payment was due for the construction of the vocational and outreach centers, the foreman hadn't asked for the money and we were short about \$14,000USD. Though it felt like we'd failed, Tim commented that we still had a that evening to hear something. And we definitely heard something. As Tim checked his email late that night, he read the testimony of a man who was so moved by a recent service stay in our village, that though he didn't have much, he wanted to donate \$12,000USD to benefit the children. The next morning, our accountant told us that the foreman had asked for the May payment and asked if we had the money. And we did. We now look towards our June 1 payment of \$54,000USD with renewed expectation, eagerly anticipating God's provision in another amazing way!

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and financial support!*

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