



HEARTBEAT

January 2009 Newsletter of the Philip Hayden Foundation

Raise 9 in 2009



Fred

Charissa

Ellie



Dawn

Kasha

Dennis



Patti

Justin

Florence



Teddy

Wes

Sam



Beth

Joey

Jesse

Happy New Year!
新年快乐

Children born in the Year of the Ox are often thought to be hard workers who achieve great things. We look forward to all the new projects that will be birthed this year at Shepherd's Field on behalf of our beloved children and hope with hard work (and your prayers!), we will continue to see God move in a Mighty Way.

We see daily His abundant blessing in these small lives--in Luke's first steps, Noel Joy's poetry recitations at Little Lambs, and the incoming finances for Ginger's upcoming heart surgery. As much as we delight in these kids, we know His love and care of them is far Superior!

It looks like we will have another big year, as we plan to open the new school and outreach center in February. We expect to break ground on our final building--the vocational center--at Shepherd's Field on June 1. And we will open House of Promise, our home for older girls, in June. Praise God for his Work!

With the arrival of fifteen children in the last month, we need to raise 120 sponsors to cover their daily care. Many of our friends ask how they can help from the US, and we'd like to challenge you to **Raise 9 in '09**, or raise up nine new sponsors in your community. Child sponsorship provides full-time, loving nannies; nutritious meals & snacks; basic medical care; clothes; and diapers for these new arrivals. Send your friends to www.ChinaOrphans.org/sponsor to change a life today! If you decide to take up the challenge, let us know! We'd love to share your story on our blog.

A New Home-A Forever Home-Calls

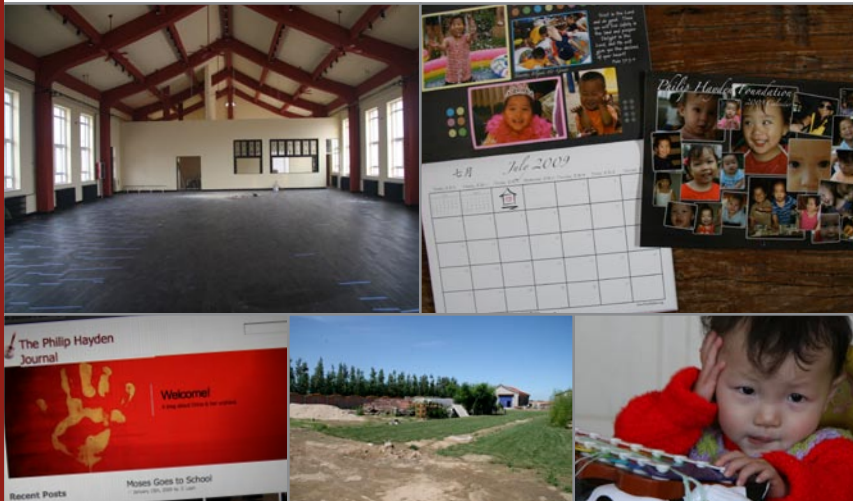


Left: Tim Baker (center) traveled with three of our children, Elijah, Carly, & Abby, to meet their families in southern China. Center: Elena with her fam. Right: Christie (top) & Charlie.

After a fairly quiet fall for adoptions, four children--twins **Dillon & Brett, Vira & Drew**--met their families in December. This was one of the bigger adoption months we had had for awhile, so we were thrilled when mid-December also brought travel approval news for the families of **Carly, Abby & Elijah**. A few days after, **Elena's** family notified us that after nearly seven weeks of waiting, they had received travel approval. All four children met their families on the same

weekend, and we've been thrilled to hear that all is going well!

Mid-January also brought news from **Christie, Charlie, & Jasmine's** families: they are all set to travel during Spring Festival to meet their sweet kids! What joy it is to see God's kindness "put the solitary in a family" (Psalm 68:5). Please pray for the children's friends left behind: **Elijah's** friends, **Joseph, Grady, & Jamison**; and **Elena's** roommate, **Bea**.



Other Bits...

***Real Wood Floors** returned with Sam, Ben, Charlie, Roger and friends to lay floor in our school & outreach center. We once again marvel at their gifting & generosity!
 *(clockwise): We still have 2009 PHF calendars. Order online or contact our US office. *We have half of the US\$15,000 needed for Ginger's upcoming heart & abdomen surgeries. Donate at www.chinaorphans.org/donate. She goes into hospital February 2 for two weeks of evaluation. *We have to have US\$374,000 for the vocational center March 1; construction is expected to begin June 1. *Check out our blog at <http://chinaorphans.org/phfblog>.

We are grateful for
 your prayers
 and financial support!

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