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# Heartbeat

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## Saying Goodbye to our Dedicated Doctors

Early in 2005, **Drs. Bill and Ana Moody** and their sons, **Matthew** and **Joshua** closed their medical practice and left Southern California for a strange, faraway land. *Why would anyone choose to sacrifice such a comfortable life?* For the Moody family, they answered the call to serve the children of Shepherd's Field, and we're all very grateful they did.

In the 12 years they've given to China's orphans, the Moodys have witnessed tremendous changes – one being the transformation in the many ways we now care for the kids. Chinese society has changed as well, and no longer attaches such a negative social stigma to our children, who used to be known as “broken,” and who had very little hope of surviving. The work of Ana and Bill Moody has helped to show the community – far and wide – that these kids can do amazing things.

There's little doubt that countless lives have been changed as a result of their love and dedication to the children and staff of Shepherd's Field. You might say that Bill, Ana, Matthew and Joshua Moody were modern-day pioneers in the New China! After all, it's not often that someone comes and serves on our team for 12 years, and participates in such amazing growth and professionalism. Today, the level of medical care we've established here is unprecedented in an orphan care facility in China. Drs. Moody helped weave together an incredible network of hospitals and medical professionals in Beijing and around China, which has given our kids a fighting chance at living better lives.



The Moodys may be retiring from the work here at Shepherd's Field, but we know they're not finished walking their path. All of us are forever grateful for them, and the huge chunk of their lives they shared with us. Many lives – not just children's – have been touched by Bill and Ana, including anyone who has ever adopted or volunteered at Shepherd's Field. We're guessing there's probably a story or two right there that would reflect the Moody's hearts. Our hearts go out to the Moody family as they embark on the future. *We love you!*

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# Forever Families Transform Lives



Shea

*“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.” James 1:27*

**We celebrate these recent adoptions, which were finalized on September 18.**

**Shea (Yang Sheya)** is from Taiyuan, the capital and largest city of Shanxi Province, and arrived at Shepherd’s Field on July 16, 2015. She’s got a heart condition, and had one hepatic cyst surgery – and has found a new home with her Forever Family in Italy.



Lucy



Oliver

**Oliver (Zhu Yanxing)** – also from Taiyuan – was adopted two years to the day that he arrived at Shepherd’s Field – September 18, 2015. He has an ear deformity and heart condition, but has finally found a loving family of his own.

**Lucy (You Ruolian)** came to us in March, 2016 and has been adopted by an American family. She’s originally from Xuzhou, in Jiangsu Province, and has a brachial plexus nerve injury and cardiomyopathy. Lucy will receive great care in the U.S.

## Welcome, RJ!



**Russell James aka RJ (Song Xiping)** is a new baby from Yangxi, in Guangdong Province, who has congenital anal atresia. He’ll receive surgery in October, which will cost about US\$1,825 (¥12,000RMB). *Welcome to Shepherd’s Field, little one!*



Every other Monday, **two local students** come to Shepherd's Field and teach Art to our two older classes, and the children love it! Over time, our kids have learned different forms of art, and one of their favorites is painting a pot of sunflowers, using pastels. More recently, they learned how to paint with acrylics. The teachers divided the classes into two groups, and instructed half of the class to paint a still life, while the other half painted scenery found around Shepherd's Field. All the children were very excited. Once they got started, it was hard to stop them – they even wanted to work through lunch!

First, they were taught how to sketch out their subjects on canvas. Then, using the different techniques they learned in class, they painted their images. Every child put a lot of time and effort into their creations,



and enjoyed every moment of achieving their new goal. It was great to see some of the kids who struggle with fine motor skills, enjoy painting some beautiful scenery. They all commented on how therapeutic they found Art Class, and are extremely excited and eager to learn more. *Thank you to our student volunteers!*



## Kaylee and Kailar are Joined at the Heart



Kaylee

Good friends **Kaylee (Yang Kai Yao)** and **Kailar (Li Wei Ye)** spent the first three years of their lives together playing, growing and learning at Shepherd's Field, and were finally both adopted. Earlier this year, we were thrilled to see the two of them meet their Forever Families for the first time. Even though they live in two different states, they keep in touch and continue to share life events. In September, just days apart, they'll both undergo heart surgeries to repair complex conditions. *We wish them both all the best for their procedures and recoveries!*



Kailar

# Therapy Department Blessed with New Tech

In recent years, modern technology has played a critical role in the therapeutic community, and has helped both patients and clinicians reach new therapeutic heights. In August, we received a very generous donation of 30 brand-new iPads, for use in both school and therapy. Immediately, our **Therapy Team** began setting up our devices with apps that utilize new treatment pathways in areas like fine motor skills, cognitive development and speech.

Since many of these apps have Chinese-language options, the kids have been able to work quite independently, with the Ayis monitoring their progress. Thus far, all the kids love working with the iPads, and most have already begun to make great progress. We're very grateful for this new technology, which has already begun to have a direct impact on the kids' lives.



## Winter Heat Fund Needs Some Fuel

Another bitter winter is forecast for northern China, and we need to prepay our winter heat bill *before* the Chinese government will turn on the heat! Sounds crazy, right? But this is what we go through every year. This heating season – with the addition of our new Vocational & Therapy Center – our bill is up from last winter, at US\$52,805 (¥347,775RMB). It's an understatement to say that it would be an incredible blessing to have help with the cost of heating our campus this winter. Your support will not only keep the children at Shepherd's Field warm, but will also help to ensure their overall good health and happiness. If you'd like to give, you can send a check to the mailing address on the right, or make an online donation at: [chinaorphans.org/donate](http://chinaorphans.org/donate). You can also give through our mobile app – **SFCV** – found either on [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.sfcv) or [iTunes](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sfcv/id1088888888). If you have any questions about the **Winter Heat Fund**, please contact: [info@chinaorphans.org](mailto:info@chinaorphans.org).



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