



Healing Home

She lies quietly in her crib. The bottle propped against the crib railing dribbles milk into her mouth faster than she can drink, but like a little kitten, she hungrily swallows what she can. She's fighting to survive. Her fingers and toes are blue; not from the cold, but from her blood's low oxygen levels, a consequence of her uncorrected heart problem. The upcoming winter brings sickness, and for her a simple cold can turn deadly. Alone in that quiet room, she's easy to forget - her life but a brief and faint flicker, barely noticed by anyone and quickly extinguished and forgotten. But we have not forgotten.

With your help, we believe we can bring healing.

Strong Foundation

For an orphaned Chinese child born with a medical problem, the chances of receiving life-saving surgery are shockingly slim; many die waiting for treatment that never comes. Though we provide surgery for 20 to 30 children in our foster home each year, we have long waiting lists. And when a child dies while waiting for treatment, the loss is especially agonizing. To die without a chance for healing is the epitome of injustice. Begun in 2008, New Day Healing Home enables us to meet this need. By bringing children in for surgery and recuperation without maintaining long-term custody, we are able to treat more children each year and save more lives.

Structured for Hope

Urgent Cases

Orphanages regularly contact us with news of urgent situations where a child may only have a few days to live without medical care. The Healing Home's structure enables us to admit these children immediately, beginning a treatment plan at the earliest possible stage.

Simple Surgeries

Children who need simple surgeries for non-life-threatening conditions often get pushed to the bottom of the waiting list over and over again. These children are ideal candidates for the Healing Home. For example, a surgery to correct a cleft lip only involves a few weeks of recuperation time, and a child's chances of adoption dramatically improve after treatment.





Invisible Orphans

Many orphans in China do not live in government-supported orphanages. Instead, they reside with extended family or other members of their communities. They are ineligible to come to New Day Foster Home since they are not wards of the state, but they can receive treatment for their medical needs through our Healing Home.

Temporary Care

The defining and distinctive characteristic of this project is the temporary care of the children post-surgery. While children at New Day Foster Home stay until they are adopted, children in the Healing Home return to their home orphanage or caregiver as soon as they are well enough, opening the door for another child to be treated.

Transformed Lives

Xiao Xue ♥ Age at Treatment: 17 Years

Xiao Xue doesn't live in a government orphanage, but instead with a pastor and his wife in a small village in Anhui province. Her mother died when she was younger, and after her death, her abusive father left. She doesn't know where he is now. Coming to Beijing from her small village in Anhui for heart surgery is something she never dreamed possible. Learning from a young age that the world isn't a fair place, Xiao Xue never expected that someone would give her the heart surgery she never could afford. Instead, she expected to simply live as long as she could with a bad heart. Now that she's had heart surgery, she has the energy to walk up a flight of stairs for the first time in her life.

Wen Xiang ♥ Age at Treatment: 15 Months

A child in our formula project, Wen Xiang had the alarming distinction of failing to gain any weight for 8 months. At a time in life when babies should be rapidly growing, Wen Xiang had flat-lined. Diagnosed with a heart problem and Down's Syndrome, her orphanage saw her as a lost cause. But where they saw hopelessness, we saw possibility, and she came to the Healing Home for heart surgery in the fall of 2008. After arriving, she was also diagnosed with a thyroid problem and now takes medication to treat the condition. Though she faces many challenges in life, her life has purpose and meaning and we believe she deserves the best care available. We are thankful to be a part of the transformation that is happening in her life.