

# A Life A Time Foundation Newsletter



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## Foreword

Summer passes us by so quickly. While healthy children are playing under the sun and running on the grass, our children lay on hospital beds fighting diseases just for the dream to one day be able to run and play like other kids.

“Try to remember the kind of September,  
When grass was green and grain was yellow...  
...Deep in December, it's nice to remember,  
Without a hurt the heart is hollow...”

Cheer up, children! A rainbow is awaiting you after the storm.

## Children status:

1. [Chunyu Wei](#) (Boy, 11, congenital deafness): He has already put on hearing aids and started speech therapy.
2. [Huanghuang Shen](#) (Girl, 13, scoliosis): Because she has contracted a cold, she has to put off her surgery and is currently doing preoperative traction.
3. [Yin Zhang](#) (Girl, 3, burn trauma): She had surgery in the beginning of September and resolved adhesion problems on many areas of her body.
4. [Yi Guo](#) (Boy, 2.5, congenital heart disease): He recovered well from July's surgery and was discharged from his hospital.
5. [Min Tang](#) (Girl, 11, burn trauma): She started prosthetic training and plans on going back to China in October.
6. [Hao Tang](#) (Boy, 7, congenital heart disease): He plans on having a second surgery next year.
7. [Qiyong Liu](#) (Boy, 7, nerve injury): His occupational therapy was suspended because of the severity of his scoliosis.
8. [Detong Xiao](#) (Boy, 7, cerebral palsy): he's going through his occupational therapy and plans to use up the money for his medical expenses and get discharged.
9. [Xilai Hao](#) (Boy, 2, leukemia): After he finished his chemotherapy, he had a relapse and was planning on trying Chinese medicine.
10. [Zhixiang Tian](#) (Boy, 9, congenital heart disease): He urgently needs surgery and currently needs to cover the expense of about \$30,000 yuan (approx. \$4,694 USD).



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## Call for help

### Burn trauma survivor: 4-year-old girl Xinyi

Xinyi Huang lives in a village in Gucheng County, Hubei Province. She used to be a pretty little girl. Because her parents work in another city, Xinyi's grandmother took care of her all the time in her hometown. Everything seemed to work well, however, nothing could prepare her family for what would happen.

On the afternoon of March 15, 2011, her grandmother went downstairs to go to the restroom. Xinyi accidentally touched an electric socket and triggered a fire. When her grandmother heard her cry and ran upstairs, she was completely covered in a blaze. When the fire on her was put out, she was almost dead. Her lungs were severely burnt, while her whole body caught on fire. Her head was severely swollen. Her face was charred. Her eyeballs were outside the sockets. Her left ear was charred and she was unconscious. She stopped breathing a few times during resuscitation, but she was strong enough to pull through and lived.

Having gone through many skin grafts and amputation, now Xinyi's scarred areas have severe spasms. Almost 4 years old, she can only drink some milk and eggs through her feeding tube. One volunteer said, "The first time we saw Xinyi, we felt incredibly shocked...Xinyi's head, face, stomach, and her inner thighs were severely deformed. What were left of her eyes were very small holes. Her left ear was gone and her mouth was only a hole the size of a chopstick. When Xinyi cried, her voice was only from her nostrils. One of her hands had almost no fingers and her other hand, several fingers were grown together and we couldn't tell how many fingers they were.



Xinying before the trauma



Having gone through many surgeries, Xinyi was scared to see her doctors who was wearing white uniforms and was huddled up in her grandmother's arms.



Xinyi wanted to eat cherries. Her mother chewed up the cherries and put them into her mouth, which was only the size of a chopstick.

Xinyi's family felt extremely guilty about what happened to her. Her mother wanted to cut off her own skin to give to her daughter. The mother said, "My cute girl was almost 4. She was smart, active and obedient. She was waiting for her mom to come home and see her. Now her cute and small face is no longer there; she was able to talk in broken sentences before, but now she can't; her dad bought her favorite stuffed animal, but she can't hold it anymore...Everybody in our family has been devastated. All this was for

making money and work. I feel guilty about what happened to my beloved daughter...”

This July, the child went to the burn trauma authority, 304 Hospital in Beijing, to receive treatments. The experts in the burn trauma unit asked about what happened during the fire and about the previous treatments, they all sighed about the severity of her injury and said that the treatment process would be very long...

Since Xinyi was injured, Xinyi's parents have exhausted what they have saved from their meager incomes and have borrowed from everywhere to pay for her medical expenses. After 2 months, they've spent more than \$100,000 yuan on treatments. It will be a long road to recovery for the girl. What Xinyi needs the most now are the surgery to correct her constrictive throat (Otherwise she cannot be intubated during future surgeries) and surgeries on her hands and face for her to do daily activities. Please extend a helping hand and give Xinyi and her family the courage to continue on the road to recovery.

[More children needing help](#)

[Link to donate to Xinyi Huang](#)

## Special report

### Tianyu's story: a motherless child receives love



Tianyu and his dad

Tianyu Zhang was born in August, 2008 in a village called Shengban in Hebei Province. Tianyu's mother was mentally challenged. His grandmother had raised him for 3 months after he was born. After he was found ill during a checkup, his grandmother wanted to send him to an orphanage. Although everybody advised Tianyu's father to give him up, his father didn't agree because he couldn't bear to let go of him. His grandmother took his mother and left. They never came back to see Tianyu. From then on little Tianyu only knew how to say "baba (meaning dad in Chinese)". He didn't know how to say "mama". He didn't even know what mama meant. He and his father depended on each other to survive. 4-year-old Tianyu couldn't get up because of his cerebral palsy. He was skinny like a stick, only 35 inches high and weighs only 22 lbs. Although he has cerebral palsy, he has piercing eyes. When he sees people, he always gives people a slight and sheepish smile. Besides his dad, he didn't have other people to talk to so he didn't speak much. Once his father even firmly believed he couldn't speak. It wasn't until later on that a Good Samaritan found out he could speak.

At Tianyu's home, there was a little walker in a messy yard. Tianyu usually stood up against it. When he felt tired, he would sit on a small chair. Tianyu and his father live in a very old house. The walls are slabs of dirt and they sleep on a slab made of dirt. They don't have any presentable furniture except for a simple dining table. Tianyu's father looked after Tianyu by himself and could rarely go out to find jobs. The current stable income stream is just a \$100 yuan (approx. \$15 USD) a month and one acre of farmland. His father took Tianyu to see a doctor in the nearby city. At the time the diagnosis given was hydrocephalus. After they spent \$10,000 yuan, they went home because they ran out of money. The passive father looked at his sick child but couldn't do anything. After all, he was penniless and couldn't give his child the treatment he needed.

In July 2010, Tianyu's story went up on Yaolan.com and had received much attention from many kind-hearted people. Soon after, with the arrangement of volunteers, Tianyu went to Yiling Hospital in Hebei Province. After an exam, his doctor told them that his condition is a mild cerebral palsy. Also, the most important thing was to increase his nutritional intake and go through occupational therapy. The doctor went on to say that walking shouldn't be a big problem after a while and he could take care of the activities his of daily living. Afterwards, a kind-hearted person contacted Jingen Hospital, which specializes in cerebral palsy in Henan Province, to give him targeted treatments. Jingen Hospital presented a treatment plan that would last 1 year and cost \$2,500 yuan (\$390 USD) every month. Because Tianyu's father could only collect \$4,000 yuan, Good Samaritans started fundraising on Yaolan. With many volunteers' help, they collected donations of \$15,000 yuan (\$2,343 USD), enough to pay for half year's treatment (among which A Life A Time contributed \$4,000 yuan). Tianyu went on to receive treatments in August 2010.



Last July, Tianyu in his yard

After a few months of occupational therapy, Tianyu made much progress. In January, 2011, Tianyu could walk a few steps by the railings; could crawl; could sit up by himself; could roll over; could get off bed and walk by himself. After 6 months, his treatment money was used up. Yibao Foundation extended a helping hand and donated \$15,000 yuan (\$2,343 USD). Also with some donations from some good Samaritans and about \$1,000 USD from A Life A Time Foundation, Tianyu could continue his occupational therapy. In April 2011, Tianyu could skateboard. He could walk 2 meters and could talk much better and louder than before. He could communicate with other people. Before he could only smile all the time, now he can talk. In June, Tianyu saw people and he would say, "A Yi, A Yi (meaning aunt, an affectionate name for madam)." He could walk 4 or 5 meters far and had better strength on his waist.

Tianyu didn't have love from his mother, but he had a loving father and many mothers who love him dearly. Because of this love, he no longer is a flower in the wind but a cherished jewel. Tianyu didn't let us down and is always progressing. We believe that in the near future, he can walk freely like other healthy children.



In April of this year, Tianyu could already stand up by himself. Picture taken at Jingen Hospital.

**Financial report:****Balance Sheet As of 6/30/2011**

Cash in US Bank Account	\$82 , 776.61
Cash in China Bank Account	\$51 , 398.56
Total Cash	\$134 , 175.17
Total Assets	\$134 , 175.17
Net Assets/Fund Balances	\$134 , 175.17
Total Liability & Equity	\$134 , 175.17

**Income Statement 01/01/2011 - 6/30/2011**

Contributions & Grants	\$137 , 195.76
Interest Income	\$136.91
Program Services	(\$202 , 204.35)
Management & General	(\$1 , 996.51)
Total Income	( \$66 , 868.19 )

**Summary:**

1/1/2011 - 8/31/2011

**1. Rescue for individuals:**

Numbers rescued	36
Average amount donated	\$ 1,525.42
Subtotal	\$ 54,915.26

**2. Congenital Heart Disease Program:**

Numbers rescued	78
Average amount donated	\$ 1,646.80
Subtotal	\$ 128,450.79

**3. Other programs:**

Western Foundation Hydrocephalus Project	\$ 15,500.00
Jingen Hospital in Henan Province (CP)	\$ 2,155.38
Pingdingshan Orphanage in Henan Province	\$ 1,190.42
Subtotal	\$ 18,845.80

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 202,211.84</b>
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