Orphanages Probed After Fatal Fire

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January 4th Fire

Government will carry out a month-long inspection of orphanages run by individuals and private operators after a house fire that claimed seven young lives in Henan province, Xinhua reported...

SHANDONG CIVIL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATES MEPHIBOSHETH VILLAGE

A few days after the fire, Shandong officials applauded us, during an unannounced visit, for the great job they said we are doing. They explained that we were to certify our kitchen staff with the proper authorities, be inspected and approved by the fire department and submit the details for each of our children so that we could finally be register. But next, Henan Civil Affairs contacted us demanding (under pressure from Shandong Civil Affairs) that we send Henan all of the children.

OUCH!

A WET NURSE FOR MOSES

So, we prayed and asked, “How about if we send our kids to Henan’s Jinggong hospital?” They thought it a great idea; so most of the kids are still with us in Jinggong hospital, cared for by our own staff. Isn’t that what happened to Moses when his mother put him in the basket?
Tim, Love, Moses, Caiqi are still in Mephibosheth Village in Dadian because local Civil Affairs officials have agreed to allow us to find **ADOPTIVE FAMILIES** for these four Shandong kids. So, we prayed for four families and God provided them earlier this week. Xinwei just left with the police to write the required declarations explaining how these kids came to be in Junan.

200 MORE KIDS?!

We are hanging on to God's promises. Ro 8:28, Ps 37, Is 58

Dr. Song, director of Jinggong Hospital has given us the use of the above 3 story building, with a full basement, to care for up to two hundred more children. This building was the Jinggong Hospital thirteen years ago. We've replaced the roof, scraped, skinned and painted the walls, connected to city water and torn out the old bathrooms. There is a lot more to do. Hopefully we can fix the glass, buy new bathroom fixtures and add a kitchen, dining space and a laundry in the basement.
The need is great. Civil Affairs is pressing Jinggong Hospital to accept another thousand children. Mephibosheth is already cooking for more than three hundred. Another two hundred in the big building we’re fixing will bring the number to fifteen hundred meals a day!!

Please pray! While, we have been able to keep most of our children and even rescue more kids than during any three month period since we started helping children in China, the authorities, are having to put the healthiest and the least valuable kids back into the orphanages; the healthiest for adoption and the least valuable for minimum care. They will be profitable for the orphanages until they die without attracting attention, “Enjoying their rightful benefits”. One struggling little girl was taken from us yesterday and we were given a list of nine more to be moved. This requires God’s attention. Thank you for your prayers

ANSWERED PRAYER & MORE OPPORTUNITIES

1. The Registration of Mephibosheth’s Village Although authorities have talked about tearing down our houses again, we are working to complete Mephibosheth Village in Dadian as an exciting farm for special needs families. We will invite healthy children to buddy with special kids, one on one during a limited stay. Children will enjoy: Water, Animals, Healthy Food, Inspirational Movies, Free Enabling Devices, Training, Singing, Creating and Bonding. A farm does not need to be registered and it does not require certified land. However it may ultimately open the way for government approval and recognition. Volunteers Needed.

2. Registration for the House of Mephibosheth & Certified Land. Dr. Song reported to Xinwei that he spoke with Henan Civil Affairs regarding the registration of Mephibosheth. They said that they could register us in Ruzhou without a deposit and register us for the whole Province of Henan with a RMB 100,000.00 refundable deposit. Pray more,

3. We need more English speaking volunteers and staff.

4. We Need Therapists.

5. Our Nanny’s Praise report. We’ve been praying for our domestic helper and her family. Fifteen years ago she allowed her son to go to swim with friends. The story is heartbreaking. Her son drowned and her husband became an unforgiving, wife beating drunk. However, Steve got an idea. “Xinwei, call Hongyan’s husband. I want to meet him and I’m going to make him a deal.” Mr. Qu, accepted the deal over three months ago now! Qu, Hongyun, and their daughter Enhui live with us where ever we go.

6. We need cooks for simple Healthy Food.

7. We Need More Staff. We presently have one staff for every ten kids.

8. This has been the toughest and most expensive three months we’ve experienced in China. The amazing thing is that just before it all began to explode we had an unusual spike in support. Since the last news letter we’ve put more than a dozen kids in the hospital, constructed buildings, bought
tools, rented and furbished buildings and traveled between our places. We’ve wanted for nothing. Thank you Lord and Everyone that He used.

100,000 D PRAISE REPORT

With three hundred children, the thought of providing up to five diapers a day for each of them is simply unthinkable! But we PRAYED it, because it is really the easiest way to keep the hospital from smelling like a country toilet. That’s more than a thousand diapers a day! Mifan Mama, who has already helped with truck loads of clothes and supplies, called to ask what we need. I said, “Diapers”, “How Many?”, “A thousand a day.” Some time passed and I received the following response, “Steve we could not find a deal on diapers in a quantity of less than 100,000. We have the funds; can you receive and store a

100,000 DIAPERS!

Thank You Everyone

@ Mifan Mama!

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Mephibosheth Village Video Thank you for your prayers and so much love.