

News from the...

## Bethesda Rehabilitation Ministry of Anshan, China

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### Party for Chinese New Year

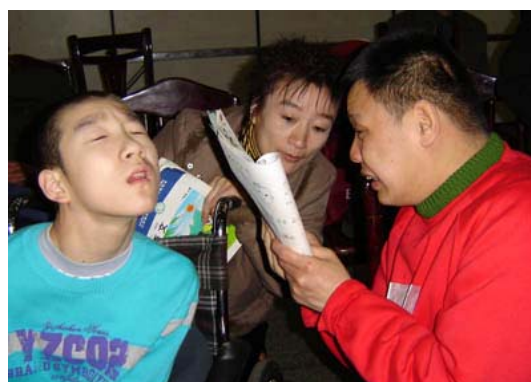
On 26<sup>th</sup> of February, we had a New Year party with the children and parents in our distance learning program. It was also the first time for these "classmates" to meet each other face to face, so they were very excited to know new friends.

.Our teacher and volunteers made careful preparation for this first gathering. After celebrating the coming of New Year, Ms. Kong, the teacher of the program, reviewed the progress made in the past two months. Then the children were divided into different group and our volunteers began to quiz them. All children were excited and actively participated in the exam. We also had games for the children and their parents. We were very happy to have four American friends from Luke Society to join us that day.

According to our plan, we will have similar gathering regularly. Since the weather is becoming warmer, our future gatherings will be held outdoor, like in mountains or at seaside. We hope to have more time to bring these children out of home and enjoy the beautiful nature.

### Our Students

Huang Yue is now 9 years old. She has been suffering from rickets of lower limb since birth. Due to the needs for her parents to earn a living, she was left home alone most of the time. Gradually her



personality became very introvert, anxious and fearful. Even a ring tone could frighten her. Nevertheless, part of her still wish very much to communicate with the external world. Therefore, she broke the window of her home, so that she could look out. Ever since she joined the learning program, little Huang Yue is getting more outgoing and confident. Everyday, she is learning through the DVD independently, and this becomes the happiest moment of her day.



Wang Mei Chen is a pretty and active little girl, now 7 years old. She became paralyzed in an accident occurred during bathing when she was a newborn. Little Mei Chen had a hunger for learning. She verbalized the shared inner voices of our children: "In fact I don't want to be a disabled person, I wish to go to school like other kids do." That's why she treasures this special chance very much, and studies with much discipline and diligence. She is reviewing the DVD content from day to night. Now she has finished over 10 chapters. It's just like dreaming for her, and she can't help dancing in joyfulness frequently. On her face we can find the contentment of learning and studying!



### All-sided Care and Concern

Only two days after our gathering, we had a snow storm of 64 years in Anshan. The city was almost paralyzed for two days. The weather became very cold in the following days... Considering that most of our students live in the suburb areas and in poor living condition, Bethesda organized some youth volunteers from the





hospital to visit the families with special need, bringing them with life necessities and medical care.

