



Shepherd's Field  
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# Heartbeat

August 2017



## Seth Joins Grady in Fuzhou

***"Tim baba, I'm going to miss you! Teachers, I'm going to miss you! I promise I will call, and I love you all forever."***

These were **Seth's** parting words to us as he embarked on his exciting, new journey to independence and self-sufficiency.



Twenty-one-year-old Seth is a very thoughtful and considerate young man who has grown up at Shepherd's Field Children's Village (SFCV) the past 11 years. There's no doubt that he is and always will be a beloved member of our ever-expanding family. Through the years, Seth saw a lot of kids come and go, and he became a big brother to many of them.

This big brother has always had an extremely caring heart. For example, anytime Seth was given snacks, he wouldn't keep them – he'd share them with his younger brothers and sisters. He often helped the nannies around the house cleaning tables, washing dishes and taking out the trash – and would emphasize that he could help because he's one of the older kids. In his free time, Seth loved listening to music, jammin' to some tunes on his headphones, smiling his way right into a happy, uplifting attitude. And he loved hanging out with the many foreign volunteers, which helped him learn some simple English.

In school, Seth unfailingly maintained good behavior. His favorite subject was Chinese. Not only did he learn to read many Chinese characters, he could also write them beautifully. And like most of us, he too had a least-favorite class – math! He told his teacher that math problems made his head hurt – but he pushed through to learn basic addition and subtraction.

Like his older SFCV brother **Grady**, Seth recently left to go to his hometown of Fuzhou, and will attend the same vocational training program for young disabled adults as Grady. We're confident that Seth will quickly make many new friends, and that he'll learn new job skills that will help fulfill God's purpose in his life, as well as help him earn a living.

Our parting words to Seth: ***"Shepherd's Field will always be your home, a home for all of our kids; the people who love you will always be here for you. We are so proud of you and wish you the very best. We will come see you in Fuzhou."***

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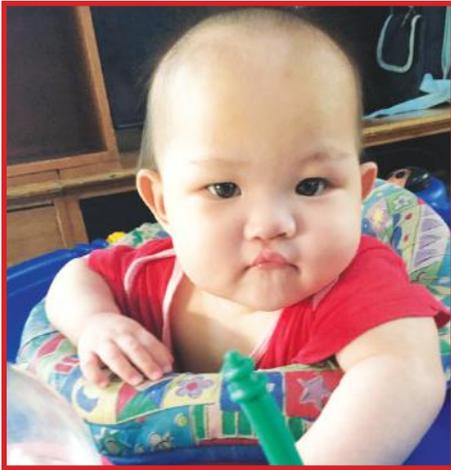
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**Mico (He Qianpei)** is on her road to recovery after her cleft lip surgery. She'll return to hospital later this month to undergo further tests on her heart, and the results will

determine whether or not she'll require surgery.



**Trudy (Xiong Chunyan)** recently received treatment to remove some of her facial scarring. The doctor suggested further laser treatment on the scarring, which will cost US\$533 (¥3600RMB) for each session.



**Wes (Ling Wu Dao)** received right eye cataract surgery last year, and we're now arranging for surgery on his left eye as soon as possible. That surgery

will cost between US\$1,036-\$1,184 (¥7,000-¥8,000RMB).

**Maggie (Tian Xin Xin)** was taken to the hospital to recheck her heart condition. She got a Glenn shunt 10 years ago, and still has some tricuspid regurgitation, so we're arranging to do an angiogram catheterization and an evaluation to see if she'll need future surgery.



**Jubilee (Li Ruxuan)** has congenital glaucoma, and we've already contacted Beijing United Family Hospital (BJU) to arrange for surgery as soon as possible. **The BJU Foundation** will pay for 90%, and we'll pay for 10% of a final cost of nearly US\$2,634 (¥17,800RMB).



**Oscar (Shi Yitie)** is a new boy who came to Shepherd's Field last month. He'll get a heart echo scan soon, and if the result of this scan is positive, we'll arrange for cleft lip surgery at the end of this month.



# Physical Therapists Gather at SFCV Summit

Every summer, we're privileged to welcome teams of volunteers who come to help and serve the children at Shepherd's Field – and this year was no different. A team of 12 physical therapy students and professors from **Southwest Baptist University (SBU)** in Missouri arrived early-July to volunteer with our therapy team. During their two-week visit, they evaluated several of our kids and offered treatment recommendations and options. They made wheelchair adjustments and provided wheelchair assessments and training for our team.

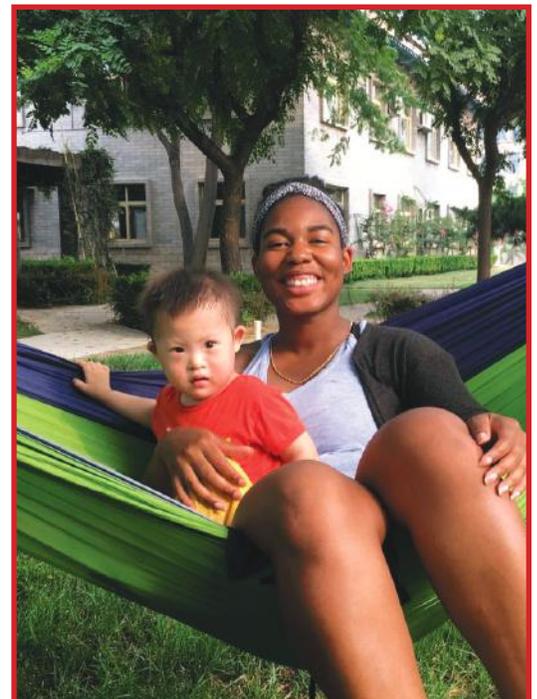


Our therapy staff is always blessed by the gifts that teams like this give us, including supplies, wheelchairs and education. In July, we decided to put on a Physical Therapy Training Summit for our own staff, as well as some of the therapy staff from two partnering orphanages. More than 20 therapy aiyis gathered here at Shepherd's Field for the summit, where they received training in an array of topics, including: Caregiver Safety, Wheelchair Fitting, Patient Transfers, Developmental Milestones and Range-of-Motion Assessment.

*The summit was a huge success!* Our therapy team is very grateful for this training, and we're happy to share it with clinicians who can minister to special-needs orphans outside of Shepherd's Field. We'd like to thank our friends from SBU for sponsoring the Summit, and for helping us to provide therapy training for our staff and partnering orphanages.

## Welcome Lael!

In July, **Lael Houston** joined the Shepherd's Field staff, and we welcomed her with open arms and hearts. If you visit, you'll find her in the new Vocational Building, where she's settling in as our first Public Health Coordinator and Life Skills Counselor. Lael is on a mission to improve the overall health of our campus, working closely with the school, therapy staff and aiyis. We've already initiated some projects: a Dental Program that emphasizes consistent dental hygiene, which will teach kids how to brush and floss properly; and a Healthy Living Program that will teach the kids about their own bodies and development, self-care, healthy eating and exercise, encouraging healthier choices and independence. Another major goal is to reconstruct Shepherd's Field's meal regimen, making it better-balanced and more nutritious for our kids and staff. With so many new opportunities on the horizon, Lael is thrilled to be here, and we are equally excited to have her.



# Interns Keep Coming Back

*"My internship at Shepherd's Field last summer rekindled my passion for adoption. This place and the amazing children here are truly set apart, so before I left last year, I already knew that I wanted to come back. Because of my time at SFCV I have a better understanding of the unstoppable power of redeeming love in our broken world."* – Megan

*"I decided to return to Shepherd's Field this summer because of how incredible my experience was last summer. I learned so much about the love of Christ through my internship at SFCV last year. As I continue my time here this summer, I am daily amazed by God's*



*love for His children. The children at SFCV radiate the joy and kindness of the Lord. These kids are truly world-changers; it has been a joy to see how they have grown over the past year!"* – Lindsey

*"It's crazy how much one place has changed my heart. I am honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to intern at Shepherd's Field Children's Village for a second time this summer – and the second time was even better than the first! Despite the sticky air,*

*mosquito bites, stomach bugs and uncovered sneezes, the kids were able to put a smile on my face every single day – and I never wanted to leave their sides. These kids are amazing and deserve just as much (if not more) love than anyone else. They stole my heart twice and maybe can steal yours too. Many of these kids need medical care, and you can be the one to change their lives, and possibly yours too! Sponsorship is \$35 a month and goes toward the child's living costs and medical care. So skip that impulse online order and give a child hope!"* – Jenny



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