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Blessing the Woodpecker Family

Thank You
St John the Baptist

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YOUR LOVE, FOR LIFE.

Your gifts bring love, hope and opportunity to China's children.

For I have come that may have life and have it to the full John 10 v 10.

Thank you all at St John the Baptist for your consistent support of the Woodpecker Boys in Hengyang, China. Your support brings love, hope and opportunity to eight little boys in that home.



Although we can't say that things are completely back to normal - our staff continue to do 15 day shifts. But, we are happy to report that daily life within the Hengyang Spring Centre has returned to its pre-virus rhythms. Thankfully, that still leaves lots to do: our morning dancing in the courtyard, circle time, physical therapy sessions, school classes, sports and recreation, playground time, craft classes, swimming in the pool and the craft workshop.

In the autumn the boys enjoyed their 1st ever BBQ! Hot dogs, corn kernels, kebabs, chicken legs, taro chips, tofu and so on are suitable for a barbeque and very agreeable to our children. The caregivers carefully cooled the food before feeding it to the younger children. Older children are not so cautious - the kebabs have just reached their hand and a bite is gone. Once they are quite stuffed, they go to the playground to bask in the sun, take a walk, and feel the last warm day of autumn!

One of our lovely care givers wrote about one child recently.

"I did not go to work this afternoon, and I wanted to visit Beibei. Before I reached the door, I heard Beibei's laughter. Along the corridor on the fourth floor, there were children and staff, and everyone is interacting, dancing, having fun, and playing ball. I watched quietly from the side, and Beibei is really skilled in the wheelchair.."



When Beibei saw that I came, he became even very proud. Holding the wheels on both sides with both hands and rolling, the speed of the wheels moved forward quickly, and I was shocked. I was afraid that Beibei would fall. When he was about to reach me, I wanted to block him with my hands. As soon as I stretched out my hands, Beibei's wheelchair suddenly stopped. I pretended to be frightened, and he smiled triumphantly."

Thank you St John the Baptist for being hope bearers to these boys.

Thank you for your continuing partnership – I hope that you are encouraged and blessed that your giving will change lives.

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