With so many recent things happening, we felt that this would be a good time for a year end update on Lily’s House. We continue to attempt to support various needs in and around Beijing. This is the story of Mr. Mao and his small family. Mr. Mao suffered an electrical accident as a child which resulted in having his hands and arms removed. He has relied on the use of his feet to make a living by drawing paintings or writing calligraphy. His wife had polio as a child and as a result cannot stand straight and at times requires a wheelchair to get around, but she cooks tasty ham hocks of which she sells to others. They are not lazy by any means and given different circumstances they would have done very well but together they barely make enough to survive, and they attempt to manage with what they have. Their finances are so tight that they were not even able to have hot water in their home because they were unable to afford a hot water heater. In November Lily’s House has been able to support them through generous donations by installing a hot water heater and providing them 800 RMB a month to pay for utilities. We would continue to help families like these as they struggle to make ends meet and raise their families.

Lily’s house continues to have 6 wonderful children of which two are now in the process of adoption. They continue to be well fed and get wonderful attention from Lily and the nannies. Lily continues to use what finances she has to keep this home a stable and nurturing environment for the remaining children but expenses are rising and the future of this home is uncertain. On top of that with changes in Chinese law it has become more and more difficult to obtain children for Lily’s House. Orphanages are not as willing to surrender children to outside NGO foster homes as they were in the past. Because of this God has opened up a new opportunity to help these children in need. As one door closes another opens.
This new project takes place in Bayannur, Inner Mongolia. If the children won’t come to us then it is time for us to go to them. Orphanages like the one in Bayannur are more than willing to work with organizations such as Lily’s House to help their children. The orphanage will provide the location, all repairs that need to be done, all furniture and supplies needed, utilities, clothing, food, and of course the children who are in need of special care. This could be upwards of 10 to 15 children at any given time. What Lily’s House would do is provide the salary and invite the necessary physical therapists and the education to work with and raise these children.

With that being said, the orphanage will fund for all of the children’s needs but funds for inviting physical therapists are scarce. They have agreed to work with Lily’s House in making this project come true and with this new batch of children will also come more options for adoptions in the future. We are hoping this project will be fully started by the spring of 2019 but with this we need your help.

We know that during this time of year money might be a little tight. Transparency is key, and it would require about 8,000-9,000 USD a month to keep all of these projects running. As many of you know, Lily currently has no salary and still will not take from donations to pay herself. She is trying to think of ways to make money in China so that she and her daughter can continue to live as well as continue Lily’s House. Her heart is definitely sent by God and her focus remains on these special needs children and giving them the love they require when no one else will. So in this season of giving please pray and consider giving to Lily’s House either as a one time contribution or a monthly contribution to help this cause. Again, 95% of all proceeds go to help these children in need. Whether you donate or not, we are very glad that you can share with us these wonderful new opportunities beginning at Lily’s House that God has provided, and we ask that you continue to keep Lily’s House in your prayers. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lily’s House Team

If you wish to give please click this link https://www.holtinternational.org/appeals/where-most-needed.php and be sure to note in the comments section “For Lily’s House”. Then, please send an email to Yih-Pai Lotz at yihaichu@gmail.com so we can send you a thank you letter and keep you in the loop with future happenings at Lily’s House. Thank you.