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Here is the latest update for your sponsor child. Thank you for your continued support and prayer as we help bring love, hope and opportunity to China's abandoned and disabled.

Long Han Wen

Age: 7

Birthdate October 5, 2010

Home: Changsha

Gender: Male



Long Han Wen's therapy mainly focuses on his endurance and his ability to control his head. During his afternoon nap, a delta-ring is placed on his left side to keep him in an appropriate posture. Initially, he didn't like using it, but has now gotten used to it and is able to keep the right posture. After a period of therapy to strengthen his neck muscles, he has made great progress in controlling his head. He is able to keep his head up for 5 to 10 seconds while lying in a prone position. His endurance has also increased and he is able to do therapy exercises for more than 40 minutes without feeling tired. His emotions are very stable during therapy. When he is encouraged during therapy, he responds much better.

He is now very settled into the activities and life at the Light House, living happily in a big family. He is very good at learning, so the teacher changed his curriculum for September to help him learn more. In cognition class, he reviewed his knowledge about the human body and also learned about the shoulder for the first time. If the teacher asks him to say the names of human body parts, he raises his hand up to point to his shoulder. In communication class, he is able to recognise his friends and himself. He also learned to express his inner thoughts, his likes or dislikes and his personal needs. If the teacher shows things to him and asks him whether he likes them or not, he smiles and looks at his favourites and reaches out for them.

In the past, he would cry if the carer fed him later than some of the other young people. Now if we tell him to wait for a while to take meals, he doesn't scream anymore and is able to wait for a short time, though he might groan a bit while waiting. It seems that he now has some idea of time passing.