



Nancy's story 2010

Impressions from the October trip

Dear friends,

Thank you!

Seeing the children for the first time, when asked what do I think or feel? Let me say this, there are no words that can describe my feeling. In my heart and mind all sort of mixed feelings from shock, pain, sadness to moment of numbness. The reality really kicked in on the long ride back to Shanghai. Why are these children suffering? What's God message to mankind? How can mankind learn from these experiences? Most importantly, is mankind learning from these experiences?

I would say caring for these disabled children is one of the toughest jobs in the world. How can one find such compassionate, love and strength when one's own birth mother abandons such beautiful child? I rather assumed such selfish act is out of fear. On the other hand, are the caretakers doing it out of compassionate or there is other self motivation as I for one is not ready to care for such special children.

How much feeling do these children have? What sort of pain are these children going through? What are in their minds? What can they tell us? What can we do to make it easier for these children?

Any one visiting these disabled children who don't shed a tear need soul searching. My son, Jarryl (13 year old) was so moved with the trip and told me that he will do a video of Mifan Mama on his next trip and send in Julie Martens for nomination as CNN Hero. In the case of Shaun (15 of age), when asked what was his first reaction to which he replied "I wanted to get out of there at soonest possible."

This trip humbled us and to certain extend set our priorities straight. As I really don't know the right answers to the above questions, I explained to my children that we are here to ease the pain of those suffering in any way we can. There is so much to be done at the orphanage but believe with full supports from all walks of live the mission which started off Mifan Mama will be accomplished.

If my schedule permits, my children and I will be certainly be in the next trip to see these children.

Best regards,

Nancy