



Save a Child's Heart Newsletter

SACH Mission to China - 3

November 2008

**Shijizhuang, China
November 16-24, 2008**

Dear Friends of SACH,

November 20, 2004 - Day 4

The SACH Team continues to work with close cooperation and enthusiasm with our Chinese counterparts

Today there are two more surgeries; Liu Sen Da, nine months in the morning followed by Hou Zi Yi, two years and three months in the afternoon.

In the ICU all is well. All the children are now extubated and stable. Zhang Yu Bo is sitting up and smiling as is his beautiful mother.

With all this positive news, I want to tell you more in depth about one little boy who has won our hearts;

Yang Bin is a quiet and serious five year old born October 30, 2003.

When he smiles his entire face lights up.



He was diagnosed with congenital heart disease known as VSD before he was a week old. VSD (Ventricular Septal Defect) is a large hole between the two cardiac ventricles (lower chambers of the heart). It causes severe heart failure. Yang Bin's VSD was very large placing his life in danger at his early age.

He and his parents together with his grandparents live in a village two hundred kilometers, a three hour drive from Shijizhuang. They are all farmers. Yang Bin has never had the joy of being in kindergarten with other children because of his illness.

Last week his grandfather was watching television and heard about SACH. He made the long journey to Hebei Children's Hospital the first day we were here.

After reviewing Yang Bin's medical history he was told to bring the child to Shijizhuang for evaluation.

Yoram Benita and Alison Klayman our film crew accompanied the grandfather back to the village and then brought Yang Bin and his family back to the hospital.





On Tuesday November 18, 2008 Dr. Lior Sasson and Dr. Han Jiang Gang successfully closed the VSD surgically.



Yang Bin was then moved to the Pediatric ICU Unit where Dr Ilan Cohen and Doctors Lu Zhei Kai and Gu Jiang Rong closely monitored him.



After one day he was extubated and on Thursday, November 20, 2008 was deemed well enough to be returned to the general ward He is being followed by Dr. Alona Raucher who also did the diagnostic Echo Cardiogram upon his admission.

Yang Bin is now on his way to a normal life where he will be able to do all the things that little boys love...and he can go to school and learn a profession which is his parents dream for him.



Regards
Sheila

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