



## Save a Child's Heart Newsletter

**SACH Mission to China - 2**

**November 2008**

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

**Dear Friends of SACH,**

Tuesday afternoon November 17, 2008 -

The second and third surgeries were completed.

Little Xu Zi Ao, age seven months, had her surgery in the morning and Yang Bin, age five and who is being extensively documented by Yoram Benita and Journalist Alison Klayman, was operated on in the afternoon.



Both returned to the ICU in stable condition. The SACH Team once again is working intensively together with our Chinese partners.

Many are old friends having trained in Israel making the mutual cooperation of the two staffs seem to be so natural.

You would think that everyone would be exhausted out by the end of the day but the team is young and full of spirit and has endless energy... and appetite.

**Wednesday November 18, 2008 -  
07:00 am wake up**

... But they forgot to wake us up. Several phone calls later the problem was resolved and the team was fed and off to the hospital.

Ma Chen Hao, one year and seven months old was taken to surgery.



In the ICU Zhang Yu Bo was vigorously demanding some milk. Xu Zi Ao continues to make progress. Yang Bin was extubated and is resting very comfortably even with the video camera trained on him.

The work continues.

Our ICU people headed by Dr. Ilan Cohen are now busy full time as the unit fills up. The surgery seems to be working non stop and spirits continue to be high.



As the day progressed Zhang Yu Bo was moved to a regular room in the ward and treated to a large bottle of milk. He and his parents are thrilled and relieved.



Ma Chen Hao returned from surgery to the ICU in stable condition and Wei Shuai Chen was then taken to surgery. Dr. Alona Raucher and Dr. Tommy continue to monitor the children in the ICU, in the Surgery Unit and, now that Zhang Yu Bo is

back on the ward, there too.

It is getting closer to the time when we have to start hanging the SACH Heart to Art Photography Exhibition and I am getting quite excited. Guy Kivetz, the Cultural Attaché and the staff at the Israeli Embassy which was so instrumental in bringing the photographs to China have had the written materials translated to Chinese.

The China Friendship Association with Foreign Countries had gone to far lengths to organize the opening and to invite many influential people to the opening on Friday morning. Hebei television has also been to the hospital to film the SACH team at work. They will attend the opening and are preparing a documentary to be aired on television on the Eighth SACH Medical Mission to China.



We are now at the half way mark. So far it has been remarkable with much thanks to Dr. Jiang Ming Wang and Dr. Li Jiang our hosts, and his warm staff. We look forward to the rest of our time here with the same enthusiasm that we started out with.

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