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Glossary

Bilateral retinoblastoma

This condition means having cancer in both eyes

Tumor

An uncontrolled, unusual growth of cells within the body

Speech therapist

A person who specializes in helping people speak

Bladder exstrophy

A birth defect that involves a badly formed bladder and urethra

Impeforate anus

A birth defect that involves a malformed anus or missing anus

Abdominal distension

An enlargement of an organ in the body

Epispadia

A birth defect of the opening of the urethra

Constipation

Trouble with poo-ing

Chemotherapy

Treatment that uses chemical to kill cancer cells

UPCOMING LUOYANG OUTREACH

From June 17th to 28th a group of doctors and nurses will be journeying to Luoyang for the opening of a new operation theatre and to operate on some orphans there. The group consists of specialists in the fields of plastic surgery, anesthesia, urology, neurology and nursing care.

Picture gallery



Clockwise from top left:

- Chen Xi
- Sabrina
- Sheng L.



Peter Newall, who finished 104th



GOBI DESERT MARCH

6 days, 250 km, 6 stages, a race of physical and psychological endurance, \$100,000. This was the Gobi Desert march.

Peter Newall from the Swiss Reinsurance Company took part in the Gobi Desert Race organized by Racing The Planet. It was held in June 2008 and his goal was to raise money for the Chinese orphans in the COO programme.

During the march, he walked and ran through the Kizilsu Kirghiz Autonomous Prefecture, through the Gobi Desert in Mongolia. With the Swiss Reinsurance Company's sponsoring programme, he raised a total of \$100,000.

We would like to thank Peter, Swiss Reinsurance Company and the various individual donors for their amazing contributions and support for our

COO programme. MedArt also thanks Kitty S. H. Chan for being our main contact and coordinator throughout the entire event.

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OUR RECENT PATIENTS



Ben

Ben is a 4-year-old suffering from **bladder exstrophy**. He had 2 surgical attempt to close his bladder in China, but both failed. COO managed to close it successfully in December 2008. However, he will need further surgeries before he can return to his original orphanage. He is now in Beijing, running around like a normal child.

Qiao

Qiao is now 2 and a half years old. She had **bilateral retinoblastoma** when she first arrived in Hong Kong in December 2007. Shortly after this, doctors from the HK Eye Hospital removed her left eye, replacing it with a false one. She then received 9 cycles of **chemotherapy** and 3-weekly laser treatments. She is now staying with the Ngan family. Although her **tumor** continues to decrease in size, doctors have found various new tumors. They are now administering radiation for her



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- Forward this newsletter to a friend or hand them a copy
- Offer to volunteer
- Make a donation



Jian C.

Jian C. is a 13-year-old boy from the Suzhou Orphanage. He suffered from **bladder exstrophy-epispadias** complex. He received a major surgery in 2003. He was back in Hong Kong recently for bladder training. He also attended the 2007 Lang Lang concert. During February 2009 this year, he received another surgery in Suzhou Children's Hospital. He is now able to attend school and urinate by himself.

Sheng L.

Sheng L. is a 10 month old boy born with an **imperforate anus**. He received his surgery in Suzhou in October 2008. He has had constant **constipation** and **abdominal distension** and was in Hong Kong for treatment this month.





Jing T.

Jing T. is a 6-month-old baby suffering from **bladder exstrophy** and **epispadia**. He received a 13-hour surgery from our Exstrophy team on 21st of March. He is now recovering from this surgery and will remain in a cast for another few weeks.

En J.

En J. was born with no ears and was abandoned to die in a box and be eaten by wolves. With the funds from COO, she was fitted with a hearing aid headband in Nov 2007, allowing her to hear better ☺ Since then, she has been receiving lessons from **speech therapists** and can pronounce simple words now. En J. came back to HK for evaluation for long-term hearing aid and possibility of artificial ears. She will be back for a recheck of her hearing in the near future.



Volunteer's STORY Jason Fan

Witnessing the work of China Orphan Outreach has been deeply satisfying for me. Many of my months have been spent in China and I have seen great need. High-quality medical treatment is scarce and children are suffering from diseases that could be easily prevented or treated. These children are simply slipping through the fingers of a world that could easily bring them comfort. Thankfully, organizations like MedArt are stepping in where they can meet a need. They are making concrete, substantial, and life-changing improvements in China despite the many obstacles that hinder many other well-intentioned institutions. The fruits of its labor are right before my eyes: Jing Tai will no longer have to live with the complications of **bladder exstrophy**.





Our fundraising concert in November was an unforgettable experience for all of those who participated

The concert started with a touching performance of Tchaikovsky violin concerto with soloist Chen Xi, winner of the 12th Tchaikovsky competition, followed by an encore performance of a piece of Chinese music composed by Mamood Rumjahn donated to MedArt. He used a violin donated from Alfredo Primevera, Emilio Slaviero and Dimitri Musafia, which is now up for auction.

The evening ended with Beethoven's 9th Symphony played by more than 80 musicians and 280 singers.

Our concert raised approximately \$2,650,000. This concert not only warmed the hearts of many, it also gives a sense of hope, excellence, joy and brotherhood to many individuals who are less fortunate than us. This is a true sharing of brotherly love.



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