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Hannah Sun Reid, Donna Cuthbertson and I visited three very different orphanages when we were in China. The first one was The Philip Hayden Foundation in TianJin. This orphanage takes in children who need medical procedures and eventually most of these children are placed for adoption. In 13 years 800 children of 4,000 special needs children have been adopted.



We visited a small orphanage in Lang Fang run by an American couple, Pam and Bill Baker. The children at this orphanage are all special needs orphans who need medical care. Many of the children have brittle bone disease. This orphanage has created a bakery to train the orphans so that the young adults can have jobs in the community.



This picture shows the Bakery, as well as the special bicycles that are made onsite for the children so that they can be more mobile.

The last orphanage that we visited was the state orphanage in TianJin. There are 800 children in this orphanage. One of the children who I work with in Cobourg was adopted from this orphanage 9 years ago. It was an honour to visit the place where this young girl lived before being adopted.

