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## Heartbridge Healing Home Child Report: January, 2015



*A cheery little fellow!*

**Name:** Patrick

**Gender:** Male

**Birthday:** March, 2014

**Special Need:** Anal Atresia, TOF, Pulmonary Atresia, Inguinal Hernia

**Admission Date:** April 10, 2014

**Admission Weight:** 2.65 kg

**Current Weight:** 6.57 kg

谢谢 (Thank You!)

"Every Child Counts"

**Report:** Patrick is definitely a morning person. Each morning he wakes, stands up in his crib and calls “Mama, Mama!” for his nanny to come and get him up. He is always excited and happy as his diaper is changed and he is dressed for the day.



Then it's on to breakfast. Patrick enjoys a hard-boiled egg most mornings, and loves to examine it thoroughly before handing it over for his nanny to peel. He is such an enthusiastic little guy, and he takes great joy in his daily routine. Well...I must qualify that, as he does start to cry when he sees Nanny making preparations for his daily dilation therapy. Thankfully he doesn't hold a grudge, and this therapy will get him ready for his final surgery in a few months. Sorry buddy, but it's all for the best!



*“Oh no, not again...”*



Medically, Patrick is doing quite well, although the nannies have become concerned about a hard lump that has developed under Patrick's chest incision. We have been assured that this is an overgrowth of bone that sometimes happens after heart surgery. It isn't painful or harmful, and will become less prominent as he grows older and gains some more weight. This could take months or years, but we are glad to know that everything is okay and Patrick isn't at all uncomfortable.



Patrick continues to enjoy his lap-bouncing games with the nannies. It was hard to get anything but blurry pictures, but this little guy simply wouldn't hold still...see next page!



**Ready...**



**Set...**



**"Here I..."**



**GO, GO, GO!!!"**

We are happy to see that Patrick is showing more interest in his bottle again, and even enjoys holding onto it during his feedings. He gained a whole pound in January, which is a nice increase from recent months. Hopefully the trend will continue!



Perhaps our most exciting bit of news this month is that Patrick is scheduled for his adoption physical. His home orphanage plans to send Patrick's file (along with a group of others) through before Chinese New Year! That will be February 19<sup>th</sup> this year, so it is coming up SOON! It will take awhile for everything to make it through to an adoption agency (especially with Chinese New Year shutting paperwork down for a bit), but we are very hopeful that Patrick's file will make its appearance in early spring. Then we just need for his family to find him!

I can't tell you how happy I am that this beautiful boy will soon have his chance for a family! Thank you for helping Patrick to reach this very important milestone in his life. This simply would not have happened without the love and support of so many!

Gratefully yours,

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