



Is your home God's Prepared Place for KangKang (Jachin)?

Our family is leaving China in early June. The orphanage says they would allow another foreign family to take KangKang, but not a Chinese one.

KangKang (Jachin) is 6 years old. He's been in foster care since he was 18 months old. I believe it was his diagnosis of [failure to thrive](#) that prompted his placement out of the orphanage into a foster family. We are his third long-term foster family. He has been with us for 2 years and 8 months. When he came, at nearly 4 years old, he did not seem to recognize his name, did not cry when hurt, and could not walk. He could, however, hold a pencil correctly and unlock and operate an ipad. (We've had to change our password several times because he would learn them and unlock it when we weren't watching :) He loves, loves anything electronic and has a special place in his heart for Apple products :) In social gatherings, he will sometimes make a lunge for a person's Iphone in hopes of being able to play with it.

Now he knows his name, will usually cry if he hurts himself or feels sad/frustrated and can walk a good distance IF he feels like it. His walking is still often slightly wobbly, but other times beautifully stable. He is pretty strong willed, so if he doesn't feel motivated to go somewhere he'll just lay in the floor and refuse to go. He reacts well to confident people with whom he is familiar who give him simple commands—especially if they explain "why." He recognizes and alters his behavior according to expectations of him. (He is quite good at manipulating and ignoring instructions from those who are less assertive!) We have ordered a special needs stroller developed for kids with these kinds of mobility/compliance challenges that will fit him until he is a teenager. However, we try to avoid putting him in a stroller so that he does not lose exercise or strength. In April 2014, Kangkang was diagnosed at [Elliot's Corner](#) in Beijing as being on the [Autism Spectrum](#).

He understands both English and Chinese and loves to be read to in either language. He can also read in both languages. If you ask him to point out a word on a page he almost always gets it right. He follows instructions if it's to do something he likes, for example "bring daddy a book so he can read to you."



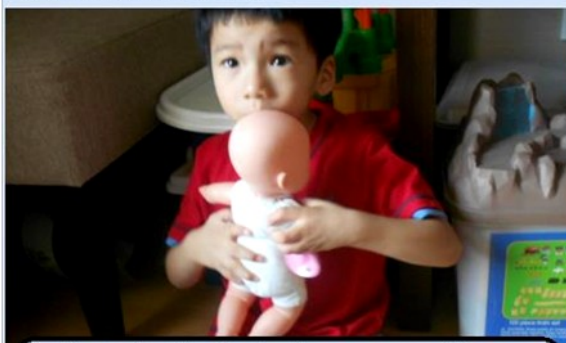
Please pray for a home
for KangKang!
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KangKang does not speak much, but has made significant progress since starting to attend Little Turtles preschool for autistic children in September 2014. It is a private, Chinese non-profit school that requires an adult to accompany the children for their classes to help them participate and also attend to their needs. Though now he regularly says words, he does not continuously use them. His first and only sentences are "Mama loves me" in English,

and "我要上学" meaning I want to go to school in Chinese. He points and uses sign language to communicate he wants some food, a toy, more, to get down, music and "please stop that". He makes sounds daily. He will recite a sentence or a familiar poem with MMMMmmm if you leave off the last part. If it's in Chinese, he gets the right tones. KangKang also quickly mastered and uses the picture communication method, using a binder full of Velcro pictures. He pulls the picture off of its spot and places it on a sentence strip to tell you what he wants. He usually chooses, "Let's sing, 5 little ducks" or some other song.

KangKang seems very musically inclined. He can hum simple tunes after hearing it 1 or 2 times and for complicated songs it takes him 3 or 4 times. He can pick out a tune on the piano or the xylophone and correct himself if he gets a note wrong. He can now write the English upper and lower case letters and his numbers. However, he became bored with the task fairly quickly after he mastered it. He initiates hugs (coming up with arms open), book reading (bringing you a book and taking your hand and placing your hand on the book) and eating (bringing a box of cereal out of the cupboard and to the table and then looking at you). KangKang loves to explore new places and we never have the lay-down and refuse to go problem when we go to a playground or playplace. He climbs and loves to slide down slides and ride the merry go round.

**I hope this portrait gives you some idea of our little guy :) I am happy to answer any questions you may have and thank you for praying and taking an interest in him!
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KangKang is also still working hard on potty training. He can use the potty when taken there at the right time, but rarely initiates toileting. He wears a diaper at night and for going out.

