

January 10, 2006

Dr. Ignacio Ponseti,

It is a pleasure to email you and personally thank you for your lifelong work with children to improve their quality of life with this method.

It has been 1 year and 1 month since we were able to travel as a family to receive our adopted son, Jude (Xin Sha Ji), from Xinjiang Province, China. He was born with bilateral clubfoot and had received no form of surgery, casting, or bracing prior to his adoption into our family. He did receive physical therapy in China starting at 12 months of age, once a week, for stretching exercises until Dec. 2004; Jude's date of birth is 3-1-03.

Once in the United States we were able to arrange an appt. with Dr. Novick under the supervision of Dr. Grogen in Tampa, Florida at Shriner's Hospital for Children. He began serial casting on Feb. 10th and on April 30th had heel cord lengthening surgery. Another set of casts were applied immediately following surgery and kept on for 3 weeks and on May 22nd the wearing of the foot abduction brace (FAB) began. Jude wore the brace 23/7 for 3 months and on July 22nd, Jude officially began wearing his FAB 14/7.

I am a member of the [Nosurgery4clubfoot](#) yahoo group and was able to gain access and information regarding your email address and suggestions for photo angles so that you may be able to review Jude's progress thus far.

I know that Dr. Novick is pleased with Jude's progress, but it would be an honor to get the opinion from the one and only Dr. Ponseti himself.

We are so pleased with Jude's progress. Jude began the casting process at nearly 24 months old and finally receiving the brace at nearly 30 months of age. Truly amazing!! It just goes to show you that this method can work for older children.

Sincerely,

Anita Kelliher
alkelliher@msn.com

Jude's adoption journal:
www.caringbridge.org/fl/jude



