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DURING MY STAY AT HOLT I HELPED CARE FOR MANY OF THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED RESIDENTS. I LIVED IN A HOME WITH TWO BABIES WHO HAVE DOWNS SYNDROME (I AM HOLDING JU-VN IN THE PICTURE ABOVE),

ANOTHER WITH A SEIZURE DISORDER, AND A TEENAGE BOY WHO HAS AUTISM.



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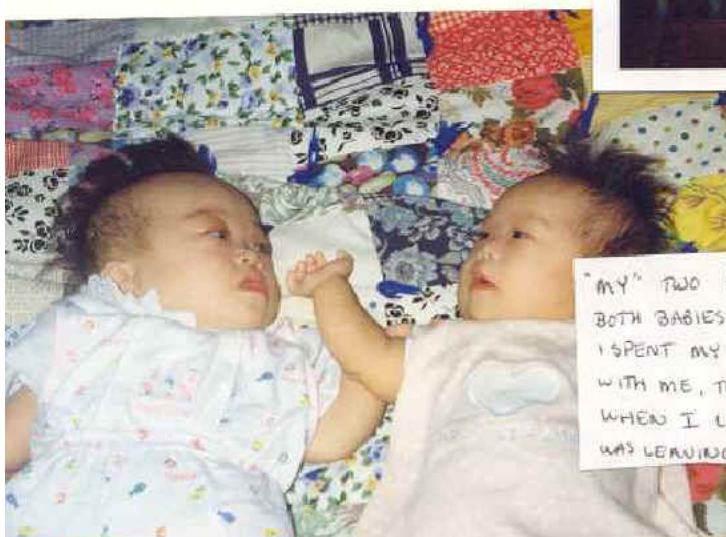
MANY MORNINGS OF THE WEEK I SPENT "TEACHING" AN EARLY EDUCATION CLASS. I PROVIDED PHYSICAL & SOME INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION TO THE RESIDENTS. OTHER DAYS I WORKED WITH THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST TO LOOSEN LEGS STIFF FROM CEREBRAL PALSY. FOR THE 300 RESIDENTS THERE WAS 1 PHYSICAL, 1 OCCUPATIONAL, AND 1 SPEECH THERAPIST.





WHILE IN KOREA, THE HOUSEMOTHERS (THOSE WHO DIRECTLY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESIDENTS) HELPED ME CELEBRATE MY 21ST BIRTHDAY. THEY TAUGHT ME VARIOUS CUSTOMS AND SOME HAN-GUL (KOREAN LANGUAGE). IN RETURN I TAUGHT SOME ENGLISH AND SANG BEATLES TUNES.

WON CHUL BEING HELD BY 2 VOLUNTEERS. HE CAME TO THE US TO HAVE SURGERY TO CORRECT FACIAL DEFORMITIES. A SURGEON IN THE US DONATED HIS SERVICES AND OTHER ORGANIZATION PAID FOR HIS HOSPITAL STAY AND OTHER EXPENSES. THIS IS HOW MANY OF THE RESIDENTS HAVE THEIR MEDICAL PROBLEMS ATTENDED TO.



"MY" TWO BABIES, JU-UN AND ED-MEE. BOTH BABIES LIVED IN THE HOUSE WHERE I SPENT MY SUMMER. THEY WENT TO TOWN WITH ME, TO THE STORE AND TO CHURCH. WHEN I LEFT KOREA I FELT LIKE I WAS LEAVING MY KIDS BEHIND.