



6. Type of God: Goddess of Women and Children

Chinese names/ titles:

Jin Hua (Mandarin)
Kam Fah (Cantonese)
Young Lady Golden Flower
Madame, the Kindness of All

Legend:

Legend states that there was a wife of a local official who was having difficulty giving birth. In a dream a god instructed her to send for Golden Flower to assist in her childbirth. After Golden Flower arrived the woman successfully delivered the baby. Golden Flower was a young maiden and from then on no one wanted to marry her because they thought she had supernatural powers. Distraught and ashamed she committed suicide by drowning herself in a lake. When the villagers found her they noticed that her corpse was in good shape and fragrant as a flower. The people of Guangdong started to worship her as a goddess. It is said that one day Jin Hua journeyed to Heaven to care for the sick. She then sent 12 disciples to replace her on earth. Each can be seen holding a child as they had vowed to watch over children and to act as midwives.