



Living Water – the Well doesn't dry up

By Sheila De Jong, Katelyn's Fund Founder and President of the Board

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.' " Revelation 7:17

Where do we go when we are parched? When we are so thirsty it seems nothing will quench our desire, nothing will fill that need. We go to the Well, the One who offers us living water; His spicket never runs out, never runs dry.

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38

We walk with One Vision Orphanage, we have many opportunities to see and seek Him. As I was in Haiti in March, immediately I was overwhelmingly greeted with calls of my name, and grabbing of my arms and given a huge hug; not a pity or pretend hug but a full out, wrap your whole body around you hug, not letting go for some time kind of hug. The depth of the sincerity drenched me with love. As I walked hand in hand, the bittersweet realities of caring for orphan set in, the simple sweet presence of Him in the eyes of the children and the pounding demands needed for their care. I was first gathered to look at the cook stove, only two burners were now working and it was taking quite some time and effort for the cooking ladies to prepare food for nearly 80 people – replacement cost \$3,500...drenched in need.

As I walked along, with singing in my ears and a little one on my hip, I was shown school books and progress being made by students - saturated in gratitude for His provision of the supply of the books last year. We continued walking and I was summoned to the kitchen where we were told by the government that it was "not up to code" – consumed with both stifled laughter and disgust. As we walked on, around the corner, my eyes were filled with delight as I had longed to see the



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Mission Statement

Speaking boldly for the fatherless. Advocating that all children, regardless of circumstance, race, or origin, are children of God, and deserve physical and spiritual restoration, implemented by the body of Christ, in obedience to the commands of the Father

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We were so humbled to be chosen by Interstates, as a side-by-side partner. They sacrificed much time to pour into meeting with our board, giving us insights, pouring out their time. They implemented their skills, to look for ways to help us as a ministry continue to look for the best ways to meet the needs of the orphan.

They kicked off the partnership with participation in a walk/run; what a joy to see so many employees and families take part. They took time to meet with us as board members many times over the course of the year and poured into us so we could continue to seek and pour out in our ministry. The Interstates Foundation Board also generously gave a donation to the ministry, while very unexpected, it will make deep impact on many lives. We humbly thank all of the Interstates Companies.

We learned much from you and appreciate the time investment. We were strengthened by Him through you, seeing that He releases people to walk alongside the orphan in creative ways.

Our deep appreciation to you!
Thank you so much – for walking with us and we speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

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A Life Changer!

By Alison Obbink

On December 27, 2016, my life was changing and God was working in more ways than I could have imagined on that cold morning. A group of 25 from Sioux Center was about to embark on a journey that only God could have orchestrated! This was my first experience going to Haiti and visiting an orphanage. I was excited to say the least but also feeling nervous because it was all so new.

Driving through the communities of Haiti was heartbreaking and instantly had an impact on my heart and my mind. I have never experienced living conditions like this before - pure poverty. When we entered the orphanage and I see some of the most joyous faces I have ever seen, I experienced pure joy! Stepping off the bus and meeting the kids, especially our sponsor child, was exciting! Throughout the week and throughout different activities our group was able to be with the kids and get to know them well and love on them well. I remember before the trip I felt sad for the kids in the orphanage because they did not have family to love them like they deserve. After being with the kids and putting a face to the orphan, I realized that I was thankful that God led the kids to this orphanage where they are taken care of, fed, school is available, they get to learn about God every day, have a family with Katelyn's Fund and the staff at One Vision Orphanage, and have each other. God was working in our group and especially in me. Although I was completely heartbroken throughout this trip I also experienced what pure joy is. My heart hurt at the thought of leaving them and also filled up with love because of meeting them. They showed me what contentment is and that happiness does not lie in the possessions we have but in doing what God is calling us to do and walking alongside Him in our lives.

Our group experienced very crazy flights home which I believe happened for very specific reasons. First, I think that the devil was working against us and trying to get us to focus on how unfortunate it was that we had to spend extra hours in airplanes and on airport floors. He wanted to steal our joy and excitement from the trip. He did not want us to share what God was doing in our lives. He was wrong. Second, I think that we had time together to stir up some emotions and ideas of how we could help Katelyn's Fund and the kids at One Vision. Between the 25 of us, we took 10 different flights home. A few of us drove a rental vehicle home from Rochester, MN. On that drive home we discussed what we could do to help. We knew that a transitional house was needed for the older kids that were reaching the young age of 16 years old. Haitian law requires them to leave the orphanage at this age unless there is an exemption filed. The exemption is not guaranteed and can be taken away - very scary. Can you imagine putting your 16 year old child on the street without a job, schooling, family support, no money, no home, and nowhere to go? Imagine what could happen to your 16 year old. It's very hard to think about. Sex trafficking and child slavery is very present in Haiti. These facts are what drove us to think up the Prime Rib Supper Benefit. God laid this on our hearts and he orchestrated every step of the way. He brought together a group that could work together joyfully in planning. He rose up those in the community to help with the event and buy tickets to the event. When we began seriously planning the benefit for Katelyn's Fund we thought if we could just get 200 people to walk through the door that would be an awesome goal. Although hopeful that we could fill New Life Reformed with 352 people, we just weren't sure that it was going to happen. God showed us very quickly that it was going to happen. That New Life would be filled. He really just moved mountains to get people to come hear about and support His children, His orphans. We were so thankful and moved by all the support! The night went so smoothly and we were able to raise more than we even thought we could! What a blessing!

So did I ever in a million years expect this kind of stirring of events to happen from a little trip to Haiti? No way! I felt God's presence in a way I have never felt before that trip. I believe that He was working hard for our group and on the hearts of our group. Not one of us came back the same person. We had a post trip meeting and we were challenged to not feel guilty about all that God has given to us but instead to go and use what God has given to us for His purpose and for what He is calling us to do.

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Larry Goedhart
by Mary Goedhart

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precious older ones – they came with humbleness and huge smiles—it seems my cup overflowed and couldn't be contained. I was quickly summoned to the well – the deep well that provides clean water to not only our children but to the community. We have three faucets outside the wall where there are certain times of the day this water is available for free to those who come. There are lines upon lines for those that desperately need clean and safe water. Now I am pulled to the well with urgency, I am told, the well is broken again, not the kind of broken that we tried to fix before with a new part, but something much more – repairs costing nearly \$3,000...flooded with expense and concern.

We continue on, we see how the activity room is organized and tidy, pride exuding like a waterfall, showcasing their empowerment. We walk in the office where there is a new requirement by the government for the nurse to have a bed in the room for those needing care, cost \$200. Feeling a blend of emotions, like I need a drink of water and the desire to lay down in the heat of the day, drenching of the needs. He continues showing His faithfulness as we walk into the pantry and on this day, not every day, but this day, there is enough rice. As I hold sweaty and sweet hands, my mind thinks of the sweetness and hard in the things here and the trust these precious ones have in us loving them and helping them. They hope as we hear the news of the needs that we will see them, that when they go to the well to get water, evidence shows, nothing comes out, leaving them uncertain of how their literal thirst will be quenched. We know there is trust, poured out in their childlike faith, they ask, they pray and they wait. Then they pray and wait again.

We also know ministry, especially orphan care is on-going, the needs do not stop, feeling the pressure of being asked the question when back home, how much will you come to those needing to give as the “giving well”? How many times will you ask... will that well you are asking from get dried up? How much will you keep asking? Our answer can only be, as long as the need is there, we will ask, as long as we are seeking His face, we will ask, inviting others to come, with us to the Living Well.

We know it is beyond us – we need a provider who doesn't run out or grow weary. One who not only meets but IS the highest standard, the only Savoir, Jesus Christ. He is the One who can supply for those waiting and praying for healing of a broken well.

My mind was flooded as I continued to walk with the children and the staff; listening, and thinking about so many things. I came home, as with so many other trips, asking Him to walk with us as closely as we listen, as we ask His thoughts on so many things. As we seek ways to understand what this bittersweet entanglement means to love an orphan so deeply and experience the costly ways in doing so, we are left at a place of being completely parched, so thirsty for something to quench this. We walk, to look with eyes fixed on Jesus, gaze not distracted by all the drowning waters or situations, but just like the trust of a child, going to faucet, knowing with certainty the water will flow out, providing more than is needed as in the trust of a child praying. We go to the Living Well, drenching ourselves fully in His presence, asking for Him to wash over us in the ways that we think, providing the things that we need, and cleansing us for all righteous.

A request of our readers - If anyone is interested in providing for well repairs or cooktop refurbishing, a medical bed, or monthly rice supply, we would rejoice in His providing flowing water through you.

Praying for Possibilities

by Sheila De Jong, Katelyn's Fund Founder and president

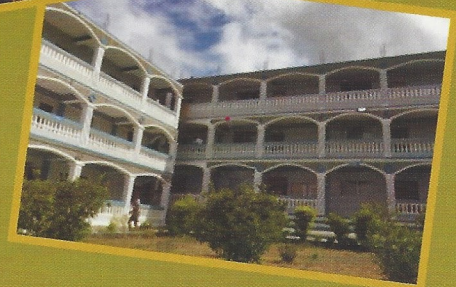
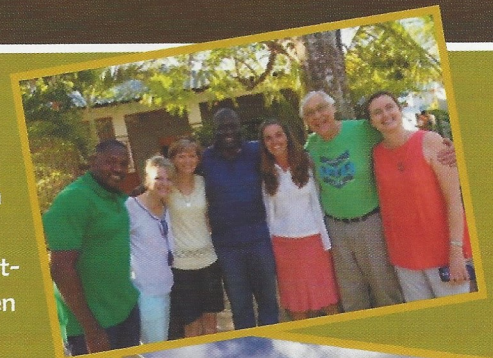
Exit Strategies... it sounds so intentional and yet so cold. Our hearts ache as we think about our Haiti kids “aging out” and what that means for them. We know like a successful carpenter, they need tools, things to help them. We know education is a huge factor that is life changing for children and their trajectory for success. Without it, you cut down so many opportunities while “limits” seem to skyrocket.

We were able to travel to UCI Haiti, a Christian college in Haiti, about 6 hours from the orphanage. They are an accredited school that offers degrees in agriculture, education, medicine, business, and theology. Tuition is \$1,600 per year for each student. They have dormitory housing and students are given two meals a day. The directors are Spirit filled and walking close to His heart. Leaders, Kristi and Jean Jean Momprenie exceed excellent standards and speak empowerment that is aligned with our shared belief in helping shift thinking and lives by giving opportunities beyond learning “how to fish”... but learning “how to learn” which creates endless possibilities.

There are many great parts of the university that impressed us – the high quality of teachers, the faculties, the sense of community, and their ethical and dignifying values. But the very

best part is that it is a Christian university, where things are taught and spoken in His Truth. We pray that this will be a partnership and path open to our Haiti children.

We know there will be much hard work needed on the part of students to pass the exams. Also, hard decisions like building on to the school, hiring more teachers, and raising funds for the older student's tuition to the school for those outside the orphanage walls also exist for UCI and those who support it. We praise Him for the opportunity to see UCI and we pray He opens doors for many to go there.



He is at work for the kids at One Vision. And we are to take care of the orphan and the widow. Once you put a face to the orphan, your heart changes; it's not just another picture on your fridge. It's one of Gods kids!

My prayer is that that stirring will not leave my heart. That it may continue to stir and that I may continue to do what God is calling me to do in His Kingdom. I feel like there is more work to be done and the need is great. If you have felt a call to go and do something I encourage you, do not ignore this call. It will bring you closer to the One who gave you life. I encourage you to walk alongside Katelyn's Fund. Pray for them in their many decisions that they need to make. Pray for the finances to come in and relieve the pressure from budget needed to run an orphanage.

There are many ways to help if you are feeling a stirring in your heart to help. First, you can become a family sponsor which means you can partner with Katelyn's Fund to become a monthly sponsor of a family group at One Vision Orphanage. This is a great way to support Katelyn's Fund and also have a connection to the kids at the orphanage. This will help support their schooling, food, health care, clean water and care takers salary!

Second, you can attend the annual Katelyn's Fund Auction in November! This is their only fundraiser throughout the year. It is a very fun family orientated night.

These are just a couple ways you can help a great non-profit organization! I'm so thankful for all Katelyn's Fund does in our community and in God's world and for the fact that they took me along on a journey that changed my heart and my life.



Adoption Stories

The Dave and Leslie Family

Dave and Leslie

Children: Eliana (6), Jadon (14 months)

Work and live in a city in central Asia

(due to security concerns, Dave and Leslie requested that their last name and location not be shared)



We are very excited to continue on this adoption journey! After struggling with infertility two times, and God giving us two miracle babies, we are eager to welcome our third child into our family. We have had a heart to adopt from Central Asia since moving here to work. Our country doesn't allow foreigners to adopt so we were very excited when we heard that Kyrgyzstan had opened. God opened many doors for us to get all our paperwork done despite not living in the US. In addition to this, when Katelyn's Fund gave us a grant towards our adoption we were even more encouraged that God was leading us on the path for adoption. Because of these funds, along with money from some other sources, whenever we get a placement we can move forward with our adoption. We are so amazed that all the money is there waiting for us! Thanks for helping to make that true! We are so thankful for all of you that support adoption!

The Hepworth Family

Zac and Ebie

Church: Capital Church in Boise Idaho



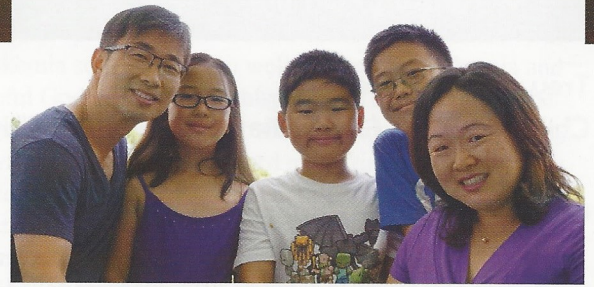
Our adoption journey has been marked by the fingerprint of Jesus every step of the way! From being blessed with grants to being matched with two perfect children we are seeking to adopt; a little boy 10 months old, and a little girl 2 and a half! Our little boy has been chronically ill since he was born and has recently tested positive for hep B. We believe for full healing in Jesus mighty name and we are also praying that we would be able to go to Africa for our court date by his first birthday, July 8th! Will you join us in prayer for these things! We are so grateful for Katelyn's Fund and how it has helped us get that much closer to our financial goal! Being able to move forward with bringing our children home without the stress of final payment deadlines has been an incredible blessing for us!! We also were so blessed by the Katelyn's Fund team when we had our skype interview! We were so encouraged by the team, their realness, their genuine prayers, and their desire to speak into our lives! The Hepworth's are forever grateful!!!

The Kim Family

Hyeon and Anna

Children: Nathan (11); Nehemiah (10); and Elizabeth (8).

Lele (乐乐) is our foster child's Chinese nickname which means joy. We haven't decided on her English name yet.



Church: New Community Covenant Church, Chicago, IL

One thing that my husband and I shared was a heart to adopt an orphan child. However, after having three of our own children, we weren't sure if we could handle more. At one point, we thought we could start, but seeing how complicated the process was and how expensive adoption could be we thought we should best close that dream. But God had other plans. Last August, we received an email from an adoption agency that we inquired with. They knew we were American expats living and working in China. In the email was an "unusual" request to provide temporary care for a recently adopted Chinese child. Because the adopted parents ran into some problems with US immigration, they could not bring this child into the States. Both the parents and the adoption agency were asking if we could provide temporary care while the parents go back to the States to appeal this decision. After asking our children for their permission, we opened our home to this 6 year old child with special needs- praying that she and her family would soon be reunited again. But sadly, after two months of living with us, the family of the adopted child would have no other options but to nullify their adoption, making her an orphan again. At that point, we felt conflicted. The adopted family and the adoption agency both were hinting to our family that it would be great if she could have "a family like yours." We didn't know what God's will was at that point. We knew what the costs (emotionally, financially and timewise) would be because she had already lived with us two months and we weren't sure if we wanted to pay that cost. However, we didn't have peace. One day, after prayer, I suddenly knew what we needed to do. I went back home and my husband at the same time said he wanted to talk. He reminded us of our conviction that if the Lord brought a child to us, we would not turn our backs on this child. Wasn't this the child that the Lord has brought into our lives? We knew that the journey would definitely not be easy, but we finally knew what the Lord's will was and we had peace. We can also trust Him to provide the money that we thought we could never afford. The grant provided by Katelyn's Fund was part of the beautiful plan God had from the beginning. It's His way of showing that He would take care of us, as we take care of His orphan child. Since then, God provided one miracle after another. He's allowed the Civil Affairs' official to grant this child to stay with us during the adoption process. We are so grateful that Katelyn's Fund was God's tangible source of help and encouragement that we so needed.

The Lauman Family

Adam and Megan

Children: Kayden (10), Judah (9), Adalynn (6) and Leo (4).

Church: Morning Star Church in O'Fallon, Missouri



We are the Lauman family and we were initially led to adoption almost three years ago. At that time we had two beautiful biological children, but knew that our family was not complete. We eventually found ourselves in the China program and brought home our youngest in November of 2015. Yet even in the midst of the craziness of the adoption trip and adoption itself, we knew that our journey was not over. Even before landing in the US we knew that we were going to be back soon for an older child. After continued prayer upon our return we entered the adoption process again less than six months after getting home.

Working at a church is not the most profitable career choice and we knew that God was going to need to show up if we were going to follow His calling. We were confident He would provide and excited for the witness we could claim as funding showed up in record time. Through lots of hard fundraising work and a handful of generous grants like Katelyn's Fund we met our funding goal with a month to spare. The beautiful thing was that funds always seemed to show up at the right time. Just as we would learn that another fee was due we would receive a donation and at the end we knew that a large amount of fees were needed that we didn't yet have. Thank God Katelyn's Fund was able to close most of this gap. It was an enormous blessing and helped give us the peace to prepare for meeting our son without the looming stress of debt or upraised funds hanging over us.

Thank you to everyone that helps to support Katelyn's Fund! Your generosity is going to a great cause and has helped to give a family to a boy that longed for one for nine years. Not only is it going to a great cause, but the board that manages the fund truly cares about the cause and filling the need in a prudent fashion. Their interview was thorough and we felt truly cared for whether or not we had qualified for a grant. Their time and attention was a blessing even before knowing there was a financial commitment attached.

The McKeown Family

Trey and Courtney

Children: Caris (3), Addie Kate (1), and Mikiyas is our adopted son and he will be 2.



Church: First ARP Church in Gastonia, NC

The Lord placed adoption on our hearts at a young age. Before we were married, we were confident adoption would be a part of our story in some way. In January 2013, we were called to begin the international adoption process during the PASSION Conference in Atlanta, GA. The Lord had been stirring in our hearts a deeper love for the nations and specifically a deeper love for taking care of the orphans. We chose Lifeline Children's Services as our placing agency. In addition to the start of this wonderful journey, God blessed us with Caris Claire, our first daughter in February 2014 and then our second daughter, Addie Kate in March 2016.

As we began to pray about which country to adopt from, the Lord kept drawing us back to Ethiopia. On October 26 we received the phone call we have been waiting on for years! We got our referral for our son, Mikiyas! His name means "Yahweh is my God" and we believe and trust in the Great I AM to provide in ways that we could never imagine.

We knew we would need at least \$15,000 more in the coming year for our final expenses so we began to apply for grants. We read about Katelyn's Fund online and immediately felt we shared the same vision for adoption. When we received the call to set up an interview, we were excited to be able to share our story. The interview time was incredibly encouraging and impactful for us. The Board genuinely wanted to come alongside us, hear about our family, pray for us in specific ways, and share their story and heart for adoption. We praise God for not only the grant that was given to us, but mostly for the prayer and partnership in the gospel that Katelyn's Fund has offered us.

Taking care of the orphans and defending the fatherless is God's command for all believers. The adoption journey has tested us in new ways, but it has given us eyes to see a deeper love of Jesus, the cost He paid for us, and the sacrifice He made for us to be in relationship with Him eternally. John Piper said, "adoption is the visible gospel." It is our hope as we have walked and will continue to walk through this journey that the gospel of Jesus Christ will be put on display through our family. As we wait, we will continue to commit our way, trust in Him, and know that He will act in faithfulness for our good and His glory! Psalm 37:3-7

The Nelson Family

James and Christi

Children: Dan Dan (14) from China, Our bio kids are Corban (13), Jadon (11), Jeuel (6) and Carmi (1).



Church: First Baptist Church in Mishawaka, IN

We're the Nelson Family and we recently adopted our daughter Dan Dan. Our adoption was expedited because our daughter was aging out on January 5. We began the process at the beginning of August and traveled mid-December 2016! We arrived home just one week before her 14th birthday. We are so thankful to Katelyn's Fund for helping us reach our goal so quickly. It was such a whirlwind and so many times we weren't sure we would make it. The paperwork, the funding, the medical arrangements for our daughter's disability...it was really overwhelming. But now that she's home, we really can't imagine life without her. She's truly an amazing girl and she's THRIVING. Two of her lifelong dreams have already come true...she's swimming and biking on a regular basis. She's learning English quickly and taking initiative with her own education. We couldn't be happier and she tells us every day that she loves us so much. This was truly a match made in heaven. Thank you, Katelyn's Fund, for being Jesus' hands and feet to us!

The Schafback Family

Jason and Heidi

Children: Kaylee (19), Grace (14), Samuel (13), Jonathan (10), Esther (9), Josiah (7), Child to be adopted: Ruthie Joy

Church: Northland Alliance Church, Remer, MN



Well God has sure done great and amazing things! It all started while we were in Ethiopia adopting our two boys in 2012. I just felt God was putting a little girl on my heart again. Habakkuk 2:3 "If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will

not be delayed.” It felt so long and God sometimes seemed silent but the desire never left my heart for one more little girl. With much prayer and sometimes tears in this wait. During this time in May of 2014 our daughter Esther was diagnosed with leukemia. She became paralyzed and then soon started chemo and had a spine surgery to remove tumor on her spine. She was full of cancer and tumors. Our hearts were shattered again. Our son Noah went to be with Jesus in 2003 after leukemia so we knew too well this path of leukemia and hard days. Well even while Esther was not doing well and things didn’t look hopeful God kept almost whispering to my heart that she would be fine. I had hope because God can do anything. He is God and nothing is too hard for Him! It was still a deep burden on my heart to pray for not only Esther’s healing but also for our little girl whoever she was. I cried out to the Lord many times to show Jason that we were missing one more and also for God to bring her to us. It was very late one April night and Jason told me that God had showed him that a little girl was going to come home to us. He went on to say that the time wasn’t yet to start but it was getting close. Well it was a few months later and we were driving home from another appointment of Esther’s in Minneapolis when I received an email from CCAI about a little 1 year old girl who had HIE and would we be interested in looking at her file. I wrote back right away but they had just closed so had to wait all weekend to see the file. Well it came on Monday morning. We both prayed and had 2 doctors review the file. To be honest, we were worried because terms like mental retardation and big delays were in reports. I actually called CCAI to say no we just can’t do big needs like this after just going through Esther’s treatment for the past couple years. Well God did not let me say no. The kind godly lady at CCAI said; you know let’s pray about it and ask God for wisdom. Take time to hear the Lord and remember this is a faith journey. We prayed and sought the Lord. It was an amazing moment when a lady who was in China that I didn’t know but was friends on facebook posted a picture of the little girl we were praying about. It was as if this picture jumped off the cell phone into my heart. It was a God moment. I wrote Kyra to see if this was truly her as she looked so amazing and strong. She wrote me and yes this was Cai Xin Xin!!!! My heart was filled with joy! She went on to tell me that she just took her first few steps and was full of joy and smiles. She told me more about her and how much she adored her. Through this huge blessing from the Lord we knew she was ours! Our fears were gone and we have never looked back. “Sometimes in our darkest moments, God is accomplishing the most. What appears to be a dead end is the seeds of God’s new beginnings.” Quote by Jan Beazley

Through Noah going to Heaven, Esther also going through leukemia treatment, and church planting not working out, God still had good plans for our family. He never left us for a moment even when we couldn’t see. God supplied a wonderful pastoral job and provided a house big enough to fit us all and more, and Esther is cancer free and healthy and strong. Only Jesus. We are truly been blessed by Katlyn’s Fund as they had a time of prayer for our family and for Ruthie Joy to get home soon and also gave us a grant which truly blessed us! We felt refreshed by their love for our family! God has done great things! Ephesians 3:20, “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever, Amen.” We look forward to the coming days when we can finally meet our little princess Ruthie Joy Cai! She is a daughter of the King! We pray God will use our family in more precious children’s lives to advocate and who knows maybe adopt just one more!

The White Family

Brian and Meghan

**Children: Asher (9), and Kaden (7),
in the process of adopting: Isaac (2)**

Church: First Baptist Church of Arnold, Arnold, MO



Our names are Brian and Meghan White. We have been married over 11 years and, God has blessed us with two awesome and energetic boys, Asher (9) and Kaden (7). Although we discussed the possibility of adopting before we were married, it was about 5 years ago that God began to clearly lay on our hearts that we were to adopt. Through research and prayer, we felt that international adoption was the right avenue for our family. But the cost of international adoption is really steep, and out of fear we kept hesitating. God does not give up, though, and He very clearly kept telling us to “Go!”. Furthermore, He promised to provide for the work He has called us to. In February 2016, we submitted our application and formally began the adoption process. As we were filling out the mounds of paperwork, God began to tug on our hearts to adopt a child with special needs, specifically Down Syndrome. When the time came to choose a country to adopt from, we were drawn to China, which has a large number of special needs orphans waiting to be adopted. We have now been matched with a 2 year-old little boy with Down Syndrome named Isaac. Isaac was found abandoned at the gates of an orphanage when he was approximately 2 weeks old. He lived in the orphanage in southern China until last spring when he was moved into a foster home due to failure to thrive in the orphanage. We are excited to be heading to China in late May or early June to pick Isaac up and make him a part of our family. Praise God, He keeps His promises and has been faithful to provide all the funds needed for this adoption! Agencies such as Katelyn’s Fund, not only provide funding to help adoptions like ours proceed, but also provide encouragement to adopting families who see that there is an army of like-minded warriors praying and supporting them. We are so truly grateful for people pouring out their love and support for our family and orphans around the world. Because of God’s very generous and loving people, there will be one less orphan very soon!

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 defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow and the orphan. *Isaiah 1:17*

