



Dear Family and Friends,

Most of you know we have felt called by God to adopt a “fatherless” child into our family for quite some time. Praise God! He has seen fit to match us with two little girls from China, both age two, and both listed as having special needs. We hope to travel this winter to bring them home. As a family, we’ve been praying for these girls, these daughters of our heart, aptly named “Faith” and “Hope”.

What has prompted us to adopt? Primarily, we’ve felt so clearly directed by God to adopt that we want to obey Him. We also desire to give our girls the family that they may not have had otherwise. God’s Word clearly speaks to His heart for orphans – that they are to be loved, cared for, visited and adopted. One of the prayers of our hearts is that these little ones will come to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ and will be adopted into His eternal family.

There are over 147 million orphans worldwide and 120,000 children currently in the US Foster Care System. It is estimated that less than 10 percent of these children are adopted into evangelical Christian families.

The biggest challenge, however, is not in opening our hearts and home to another child, but it is finding the finances to make this happen. The estimated total cost for our adoption of both girls is \$35,000. That’s certainly money that we don’t have, but we know God is faithful and is leading us to trust Him. By God’s grace and support from our church’s adoption fund, we’ve been able to pay the initial \$11,500.

It is very difficult (because of our pride) to make our needs known to the body of Christ, and we hope to not offend anyone by our asking. We love you, brothers and sisters, very much, and only ask that if you feel that the Lord has laid the fatherless on your heart, you would consider helping us bring our two girls home through one or two ways.

1. Please pray that God would tenderly care for Faith and Hope in China until we are able to bring them home. Also pray that God would prepare all the siblings for the upcoming changes to our family; and that God will give us wisdom, discernment, and insight as we raise Faith and Hope to love and know Jesus.



2. Lifesong for Orphans and Orphan Care Alliance have committed an Adoption Matching Grant of \$3,500 to help us pay our adoption expenses. Will you please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us meet this matching grant and cover the remaining \$23,500 adoption expenses to bring Faith and Hope home? Our goal date is November 13, 2013, but funds will be accepted towards our adoption until the girls are in our home and/or our adoption is complete.

Please make checks payable to “Lifesong for Orphans”. In the memo, note “3808” and “Kelley” to insure it goes to the correct account. Please mail to:

Lifesong for Orphans
P.O. Box 40
Gridley, IL 61744

Lifesong has been blessed with a partner that underwrites all U.S. administrative and fundraising costs. That means 100% of your donation will go directly to our adoption.

Another option is to give online. Go to www.lifesongfororphans.org/give/donate. Select “Give to an Adoptive Family”. Complete the online form and fill in “Family Account Number (3808)” and “Family Name (Kelley)” fields.

In following IRS guidelines, your donation is to the named non-profit organization. This organization retains full discretion over its use, but intends to honor the donor’s suggested use. Individual donations of \$250 or more and yearly donations totaling \$250 or more will receive a tax-deductible receipt. Receipts for donations under \$250 will gladly be sent upon request. Lifesong is a 501©3 tax exempt organization.

Thank you for your time and your willingness to consider partnering with us on our adoption journey! We will continue to give updates through pictures and details as we receive them. Please pray this entire process will glorify God and fulfill His purposes.

In Christ,

Rick, April, and children