



Host A Child In Your Home This Summer



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Twelve kids from Ukraine. Twelve from China. Seventeen from Colombia. These are the kids Nightlight has committed to find host families for this summer. During the month of July, kids from these three countries will spend a few weeks with a loving family, and possibly find an adoptive home! If you would like to host, please see more information on our [hosting webpage](#).



Ukraine

[See the photos of the kids on our Ukraine flyer.](#) We are looking primarily for families living in or near California or Colorado, but everyone may apply. These kids will be coming during the month of July for 3 weeks. They are ages 9-14. The cost is \$2500.



China

[See photos of the kids on the hosting flyer.](#) July 16-August 3. We are primarily looking for families living in or near Kentucky and

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South Carolina. The cost is \$3000. The children are all ages, and have minor or correctable special needs. [See more about China hosting.](#)



Colombia

This program is in conjunction with [KidSave Host Programs](#). Families nationwide may host kids age 9-14 from Colombia. The cost is \$2500. After creating a profile with KidSave, you will be able to [view profiles of the kids who are coming](#). Hosting will be through the whole month of July.

[View profiles of kids here at our Adoption Bridge Site.](#) After you set

up a profile, you can search for "Waiting Children" by the location category "Hosting" or "East-Asia" and look for hosting profiles.



[Fill out an application to host here](#)

Scholarships are available for hosting.



Key Dates for 2016

California

Reunion Picnic: July 16
Vivian's Hope Fundraiser: October 1
Monte Carlo Night: November 19

Colorado

Reunion Picnic: June 25

Kentucky

Reunion Picnic: June 25

South Carolina

Reunion Picnic: May 14



[RSVP for your Picnic here](#)

David and Meagan: A Domestic Adoption

Our adoption story begins with infertility and a heavily emotional period during which we grew to depend more on each other, on our community of support, and on our God. While adoption was not the original means by which we had imagined that we would grow our family, through God we were able to see the intentionality of the circumstances our life had brought us to and see a clearly carved path toward adoption. Now with our son home, we are completely confident and grateful for the role adoption has played in creating our family. Because of adoption, we have Hudson with us, he has a vast network of people who have prayed for him before he was born and will continue to pray for him throughout his life, he has an extended family that is not defined by blood alone, and he has brought a unique joy to us as has his birth mother by enabling us to become first time parents. Two things we now know and can say with uncompromising sincerity: Adoption is Love and God Provides!



Becky's Story...God's Plan

“Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand, for God is with us.” Isaiah 8:10.

So often we devise plans for how our life should work. We make plans for a job, plans for a house, and plans for a family. Often times when that plan doesn't happen the way we think it should, we ask God, “Why”? We don't always know the “how” or “why” of His plan. Sometimes we are lucky enough to eventually figure it out, and other times we don't. My story starts with me asking God, “Why” and ends with the understanding of His plan.

This chapter of my life started several years ago when I decided if I was going to have another child it needed to be now, as a single mom, or never. I got pregnant very easily 11 years earlier, just as I had planned. My perfect and healthy daughter, Ashley, is 10 years old. I guess I was just lucky that God and I had the same plan. I came up with a plan this time and expected it to work just as easily as it did 11 years ago. I did get pregnant very easily, however it ended in a miscarriage. Not only did this happen once, but 4 times. It was heart breaking to see such a tiny heart beating one week and then no longer beating the next week. This is when I cried to God, “Why would you give me these precious babies just to take them away from me weeks later”? What kind of plan did He have for me? I couldn't make any sense of things. I prayed for strength, patience and understanding and I kept pushing ahead.

My doctor eventually discovered I have a chromosomal abnormality called a Robertsonian Balanced Translocation 14;21. This means I have all the correct chromosomes (balanced) but one of my 21 chromosomes is at the wrong place (translocated), attached to one of my 14 chromosomes. This creates problems when trying to have a baby. Each baby has a chance of having correct or normal chromosomes, a balanced translocation like me, or be unbalanced (one too many chromosomes or one too few chromosomes) which would most likely end in miscarriage. At this time my doctor gave me my options for moving forward. I could continue trying and pray for a healthy

baby but most likely have more miscarriages in the process. I could use donor eggs. I could try IVF with PGD (genetic testing on the embryos) and pray for at least one healthy embryo. Or lastly I could try Embryo Adoption (EA). I was immediately led to Embryo Adoption. My doctor gave me a list of agencies and clinics that offer EA. On the list, Snowflakes Embryo Adoption Program through Nightlight Christian Adoptions was the only one that was willing to work with me as a single mom.



I was quickly matched with an amazing family who was willing to give me their remaining embryos. We both agreed on an open relationship. I became pregnant on my first transfer. I was very nervous through most of the pregnancy, but with God's love and prayers from so many, Tyler was born November 11, 2014. Not only was I blessed with a perfect little boy through EA, but I also gained a whole new family. As soon as I held Tyler in my arms I knew this was God's plan all along. Every time that I communicate with Tyler's genetic family I know that this family was meant to be part of my family and this little boy was meant to be mine.

My babies in heaven will never be forgotten and are looking down on us each day. God has a plan. We don't always know His plan and sometimes it doesn't seem like there could be any good coming from His plan. Be patient, be strong, keep the faith, and wait for God's plan to play out. God is good...all the time!

Farley Family Hosts...then Adopts (again)



When I was approached last summer about the Chinese hosting program, my initial response was that we would pray about it but: "We cannot adopt this year." We have five kids (our youngest was adopted from China). Our oldest will leave for college this August, and my mind was reeling with tuition expenses and

all that goes along with having a senior. During this time of prayer, two of my sons came to me saying that they did not want to host because it would be too painful to send a child home at the end of three weeks. In the end, the family decided that all emotions and inconveniences would be worth it to provide a child the opportunity to experience a family. We made it a family mission to pray for our host child to find a forever family during the three week program. Our family chose to host Ryan, an 11 year old boy with bilateral microtia.

When July arrived, we were all a little anxious, but then we received an email with a picture of the host children getting ready to get on a plane for America. All of the children looked uncertain, but my eyes were searching for Ryan. He was looking away, and something about this picture made my heart cry to the Lord for these children. How terrifying it must be for them to get on an airplane and fly around the world to meet strangers who will take them into their homes, feed them new foods, and take them to new places. When we met Ryan at the airport, he greeted us shyly. We tried to use our translator on our phone, but he wasn't too interested in that. I am sure there were many factors which played into his dislike of the translator including the fact that Ryan does not have external ears or openings to his ear canals. So we discarded the idea of using a translator app, the kids grabbed Ryan's bag, and I took his hand. Ryan squeezed my hand, and my heart melted.

Our weeks together were filled with fun. Even though we tried to expose Ryan to a lot of new experiences like the zoo, aquarium, the pool, and church, he preferred our time at home. Ryan loved being part of our daily life. Some of that was play (soccer, biking, and water balloon fights) and some of it was work (cooking, chores, and walking the dog). Ryan just wanted to be a part. He learned our daily schedule from the kids and he jumped right into the mix. There was always time for rest and snuggles. Ryan called me Mama and after one week, I was torn up. This boy needed a family. He is a smart, sweet, fun-loving boy. So we continued to pray, and we shared his info with everyone we knew.

Taking Ryan to the airport to return to the orphanage in China was one of the most difficult things we have ever done, but our hearts were soothed because we thought we had found a forever family for him. The situation for the other family changed, and we began to pray about Ryan becoming our son. In this past year, God has taught us so much. Don transparently shared with our deacons and pastors our desire to adopt Ryan and our concern about our financial ability to pay for an adoption at this time. We were challenged to leave the financial concerns to the Lord and just follow what we knew we were called to do. We have seen God provide for the orphan through His people. We have worked hard at fundraising, but we have been repeatedly overwhelmed with the blessings bestowed upon us by brothers and sisters in Christ. We will be traveling to China in June to bring our boy home to his forever family.



Sometimes – no, make that OFTEN, God surprises you.

By Kimberly Tyson

In March an email winged its way into my in-box announcing a competition called *Innovations 4 Entrepreneurs*, sponsored by Comcast Communications. I reviewed the purpose and the rules. I only had to write a 250 word essay; I figured, why not? So I began to craft my essay, but unfortunately, every time I tried to submit, I would receive an error message indicating I had too many words. I typed up what I wrote in a Word document so I could count the words and then paste them into the field. 250. ERROR! I kept whittling away and finally figured maybe it was saying 250 characters, not 250 words. So I whittled some more, and when I got down to 250 characters, it was accepted! I thought to myself, “Good grief, 250 characters doesn’t give you a lot of opportunity to tell your story.” In fact, I’ve probably written more than 250 words now!

Fast forward six weeks later... I receive a new email from Comcast telling us that we are one of 30 regional finalists from throughout the country and that we should watch for our \$10,000 prize to come in the mail in 4-6 weeks! What!?! That’s amazing. God just decided to

bless our socks off. Isn’t that just like Him?

But that wasn’t the end of it. The regional finalists were then eligible for six grand prizes of \$20,000. You may have received an email from us asking you to vote for Nightlight – for this portion of the competition the winner is being selected based on popularity. Thanks for all of your votes!

As of newsletter press time, we haven’t learned if we have won the grand prize yet, but we hope we do! We’re already winners in God’s eyes, right?

The six finalists will be invited to a trip to Philadelphia to spend a day attending group sessions with industry experts, who currently include: Anita Campbell, Founder, CEO & Publisher of *Small Business Trends*; Robert Irvine restaurateur, TV star and entrepreneur; John Jantsch, Marketing Consultant, speaker and best-selling author; Denice Hasty, Senior Vice President, Product and Marketing, Comcast Business; Sam Schwartz, Chief Business Development Officer at Comcast; Louis Toth, Managing Director for Comcast Ventures; and experts from Drexel University’s Charles D. Close School of Entrepreneurship.

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Nightlight recently launched a new adoption crowdfunding and waiting children website. It’s called AdoptionBridge.org. Take a look, browse our families who are fundraising, build your own profile, and link it to social media. It’s all as easy as posting to Facebook! We are making adoption more affordable through this crowd-funding resource.

In addition, see our regular updates of new waiting children. You can subscribe to updates and be notified whenever we post new profiles. The AdoptionBridge is bridging all members of the adoption triad: adoptive parents, waiting children, and birth mothers.