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In Memory of Dr. James and Marianne Nixon

The iron curtain had just fallen and Ron Stoddart had begun facilitating adoptions from Russia when Dr. James and Marianne Nixon learned about the orphaned children who were finding homes in the US. Ron was active in Trinity Lutheran Church in Whittier, California, where he had met James and Marianne. Their shared passion for helping orphaned children led them to include Nightlight in their trust over 20 years ago. No one could have predicted what a tremendous and ongoing difference that decision would make.

Since James and Marianne were born in 1926 and 1925, they lived through the Great Depression and learned the frugal lessons that affected them for the rest of their lives as they invested in property and lived within their means. Marianne came to this country from Germany after a difficult childhood growing up during the Depression and World War II. She never forgot these experiences and was especially generous to those in need. Their philanthropy was part of their financial plans and investments which were carefully designed for long-term growth. In addition, James had an extensive antique toy and train collection, his lifelong passion, and Marianne was an

antique doll collector who loved showing off her beautifully-dressed French and German dolls. James and Marianne were financially savvy and had an entrepreneurial gift as they invested in rental properties and other wise investments. Despite their thrifty attitude toward money, they were extremely generous and gave liberally to their church, people they met who were in need, and to Nightlight.



Marianne passed away in February 2002, and in September 2014, James joined his beloved wife. This spring, Nightlight received a large gift from the couple's trust. According to their children, they would be very pleased

to learn that Nightlight is using the gift from their estate to supplement a down payment toward the purchase of office space in Santa Ana, California. In this way, the one-time estate gift will make an enduring and growing impact because Nightlight will build capital over time and eventually eliminate the monthly cost of rent, allowing the organization to free up more funds for adoption costs. Those who knew Dr. James and Marianne Nixon agree that this is a worthy use of the gift to honor their passion for orphaned children. We will forever be indebted to them for placing their trust and confidence in Nightlight to be good stewards of their gift.

Kids from China and Kyrgyzstan Host Program



Meerim, a chaperone from Kyrgyzstan, said it wasn't easy to fly with eleven children for thirty hours. She said Genya took everything (including the salt, pepper, and butter) on his airline dinner tray, mixed it into his cup, and then drank it. I don't envy the chaperones for their work on that flight!

This summer, twenty-two children from Kyrgyzstan and China enjoyed a few weeks with host families in Kentucky and California. A few of the kids had the opportunity to go to Disneyland, and nearly all of them saw the ocean for the first time in their lives! More importantly, these kids experienced the love of a host family.

Hosting often leads to adoption, and this host tour is no exception. Most of the children met prospective adoptive parents who realized that committing to an older child is easier than they imagined.

Eleven of the children came from Shandong Province, China for three weeks beginning in July. While Nightlight has been involved with hosting programs for many years, this was the first time we had an opportunity to host children from China, as this is something which The People's Republic from China has just recently allowed. Six children traveled to stay with families in Kentucky while five of the children lived with families in California. Along with the 11 children, our agency hosted a director from the QingDao Children's Welfare Institute and a director from WeiFang Social Welfare Institute, both who accompanied children from their respective orphanages. We were also excited to welcome Alison Yu, our China Program liaison, who lives in Beijing, and who served as our main translator throughout the tour.

Because this was our first hosting tour with China, a lot of work went into the preparation of agreements, host parent education curriculum and cross-cultural training. We were blessed with families who stepped up to the challenge and who embraced these children with lots of love, attention and affection in order to give them an opportunity to experience a typical family life and to learn about American culture. While the children had relaxed days at home they also had opportunities to enjoy our parks, zoos, museums, lakes, farms, swimming pools, aquariums and amusement parks giving them a diverse experience of living in the USA!

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We are very happy to report that three families have committed to adopting the children they hosted! All of the children who took part in the hosting program have expressed a desire to be adopted by an American family. We have started heavily advocating for the other eight children: hoping and praying, a family will be found for each of them.

The children who have not been matched are featured on www.AdoptionBridge.org, and if you have questions, please use the link on their page to contact us. Because these children spent three weeks with families in the USA, we not only have access to their referral information, but can also put you in contact with their host family so you can learn more about the child's temperament, personality and medical needs.

With our first China Hosting Tour in the books and deemed a success, we are ready to find homes for each of these precious children and look forward to another successful tour next summer. If this is something that interests you, please begin praying about this opportunity for your family in the future!



MONTE CARLO NIGHT 2015

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



November 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Oasis Events Center, 801 Narcissus, Corona del Mar

Come dressed for an elegant and fun evening at the gorgeous Oasis Community Center. This is your chance to show your skills at the table, win some prizes, and support Nightlight's humanitarian effort: Every Child Has a Name. The money raised will help bring kids on our orphan host program. A professional gaming company will work the tables, and buffet dinner will be provided. Save the date, invite your friends, and come play!

To register visit: adoptionbridge.org/monte-carlo-night

Tender Hearts Celebration

Someone asked Lisa, director of our Kentucky office, which country do you like working in the best? "The ones where we have strong relationships," she answered. At the forefront of her mind was Uganda. Since Nightlight began working in Uganda in 2009, we have created a strong relationship with the Tender Hearts Baby Home in Mukono, Uganda. Twenty-five people from the US attended the celebration, most of whom were Nightlight adoptive parents, their relatives, or their friends. On August 29, we celebrated the grand opening of the home, which was under construction for almost three years.



ADOPTION BRIDGE

Waiting Children Profiles | Adoption Crowd Funding



Nightlight just 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.



Orphan Sunday

Churches all over the world will be observing Orphan Sunday on Nov 8, 2015. How will you be participating in this worldwide event?

Ask your pastor if you can set up an information table on November 8th at your church. Nightlight will be glad to loan you a table cloth and send an information packet which includes: brochures and poster-board sign.



Vivian's Hope Fundraiser

Saturday, October 3, 2015
Temecula, California

If you live in southern California, you'll want to join us for a beautiful, elegant dinner inside the cave of the Oak Mountain Winery. Funds raised go toward the medical needs of children at the Tender Hearts Baby Home, where a little girl named Vivian died of meningitis, but her memory lives on at the clinic.

For registration and more information:

www.nightlight.org/vivian

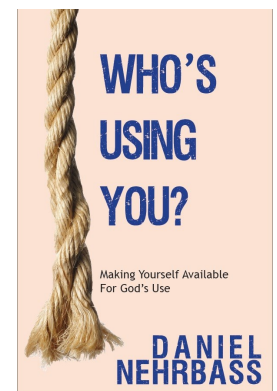


For the first time in our history Nightlight is able to purchase (instead of lease) our own building in Orange County, California! In order for us to reach our budget for this project, we need to raise \$200,000 before the close of escrow for the down payment. Learn more at: <https://www.nightlight.org/nightlight-finds-a-home/>

"Most of us don't like the idea of 'being used' – especially if we're used by others, or even the enemy of our soul, for negative purposes. But we fulfill our created purpose when we fully open ourselves to being used by God for His work and glory. Dan Nehrbass shows the difference and gives insights for being used the *right* way – by the Lord." *Jim Daly, President – Focus on the Family.*

Receive a copy of the book when you make a contribution at:

www.nightlight.org/book



2015 Winter HOPE Program



Have you thought about the upcoming Christmas season and new year? Christmas parties, gifts, the smell of gingerbread cookies, Christmas carols, a beautifully-lit Christmas tree, Christmas traditions and New Year's resolutions. Why not share it all with a host child from Ukraine —Could you think of a better Christmas gift?

You have the opportunity to host a child from Ukraine over Christmas.

Contact Rhonda@nightlight.org and see our hosting page here: <https://www.nightlight.org/orphan-care-summer-tour/>



Nightlight Launches a New Magazine

The Embryo Adoption Awareness Center division of Nightlight began producing a new magazine for fertility and adoption called Pathway2Family in 2015.

The intent is for a new edition of the magazine to be published every six months. The primary purpose of the magazine is for educating the target audiences most interested in embryo donation and adoption. We mail copies of the magazine to over 2,000 medical practices and fertility clinics throughout the country. We encourage them to place the copies in the waiting area after they have reviewed the contents.

The magazine is also available online in e-zine format and is promoted via our social media channels and email marketing efforts. Have you had a chance to read it yet? If not, please visit www.Pathway2Family.org today.



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Nightlight provides adoption services as a permanent response for children without parents through child advocacy, parent education and lifelong support... because every child deserves a loving family.