



Newsletter

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President's Message

2004 was a tremendous year for A Child's Hope Foundation. We have an adoption center in Haiti with 11 children already matched with parents who will be bringing them home very shortly. This work we do is really about saving lives and building families. We have saved several lives already.

In November, Gina Duncan, our director in Haiti, was at the general hospital in Port-au-Prince. She noticed a bundle of blankets lying on the floor in a corner of the infant's wing. She went over to see what it was and found a baby lying there, still bloodied from birth and still attached to the placenta. The mother had died in child birth and because there was no one to take in Lisa (the baby); she lay in the corner for two days while they waited for her to die. Gina was able to rescue Lisa and now she is a healthy, beautiful child living at our adoption orphanage.

Bill Turnbull, one of our board members, has often likened what we do for these children to a lifeboat. Our desire is to increase the size of the boat so there is more room for children like Lisa, giving her the opportunity to live, to have a bright future, and to be loved by a supportive family. Thank you for all that you do for the Foundation. With your continued support many more orphaned and abandoned children will be saved into loving families.

Regards,

Perry Brätt, President

Perpetual adoption fund

Orem, Utah



Each year 5 million American families look into adoptions; each year only 50,000 children are actually adopted - barely 1 percent. While some families find out that adoption is just not for them, A Child's Hope Foundation believes that one of the major factors keeping orphans out of good families is the prohibitive costs of adoption. Regardless of whether the adoption is domestic or international, the costs range from \$15,000 to as high as \$40,000. Many adoptive parents have saved for years to afford an adoption, other have spent their life savings, and some have even taken a second mortgage on their home, just so they can bring a child into it. Even many of the most financially secure families cannot afford these fees.

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NEXT PROJECTS

Haiti **March 9-17**
 June 8-16
 August 9-17

MEET THE ORPHANS

Jyms and Silverta Joseph



When Silverta and Louis Jyms' father, a local fisherman in Anse Rouge, Haiti, passed away, their mother found herself with six children and no money.

Because her handicrafts could not support all six of her children, she made a decision that no mother should ever face.

Not knowing what else to do, she turned over her two youngest children to the government, which then brought Jyms and Silverta to A Child's Hope Foundation to give them a chance for a better life.

Silverta and Jyms Joseph have been at A Child's Hope Foundation since last August, when the TiMache, Haiti center was dedicated.

Their beautiful smiles and cheerful dispositions have melted the hearts of ACHF volunteers ever since.

Silverta and Jyms have yet to find a loving family to adopt them. For more information, please contact A Child's Hope Foundation.



We call it the Perpetual Adoption Fund.

The Perpetual Adoption Fund is a loan program that will provide up to \$10,000 per adoptive family to help with the immediate payment of the adoption fees. A Child's Hope Foundation will also help the family explore federal and state adoption tax credits, as well as insurance and other adoption reimbursements, helping to put money back into the parents' pockets. When these tax credits come through, the parents can begin to repay the loan. A Child's Hope Foundation is currently in the process of partnering with a major lender in order to make more loans available to more adoptive parents.

The Cost of Adoption

Take a look at how A Child's Hope Foundation smoothes the way for adoptive parents.

Domestic Adoption:
Cost of Adoption: \$30,000-35,000
 (includes agency fees)
Time to Adopt: up to 2 years
 Wait to be selected by a
 birth mother
Orphan Availability:
 Birth mother selects you

A Child's Hope Foundation:
Cost of Adoption: \$13,000-15,000
 (includes agency fees)
Time to Adopt: less than a year
 Select an available orphan
Orphan Availability:
 Parents can see all orphans
 available - you choose the
 orphan you love the most

A brief look at each column shows that A Child's Hope Foundation has cut the cost of adoption down to nearly one-third of the average, has decreased agency fees, and cut the time it takes to adopt an orphan. A Child's Hope Foundation is dedicated to helping bridge the gap between adoptive families and the orphans that need

SPECIAL THANKS



Aaron Peterson

A Child's Hope Foundation would like to thank Aaron and Darla Peterson for their generosity to the Foundation. Without their support, the Foundation would not be where it is today.

Aaron and Darla Peterson have three children. They adopted their oldest, Marin, who is now two years old. Darla gave birth to two beautiful twins in December.

Aaron's company, Prosper Learning, donated the servers upon which our website is currently operating, saving us thousands of dollars. They also donated a database system which will be used to store all ACHF records.

Despite these and significant monetary donations, we feel their greatest gift to the Foundation has been their time and energy. Aaron has donated countless hours to serving on various committees for the Foundation. Aaron even traveled to Mexico with us to help scout possible locations to build another orphanage.

A Child's Hope Foundation thanks Aaron and Darla Peterson for their great love, help and support.

LIST OF NEEDS

1. Formula
2. Diapers
3. Baby Food (Gerber, etc.)
4. Medical Supplies
5. Money for items that can only be purchased in the country.

Visit achf.org/news.html for a comprehensive needs list.



How to Help A Child's Hope Foundation



With your help, we can continue to eliminate the barriers that keep so many orphans out of loving homes.



Volunteers are in for a truly life-changing experience as they take an active part in saving lives across the globe



We exist to help adoptive families as they save lives. Each adoption not only saves that orphan, but the

