

Little Flowers Foundation Greenhouse Report

These little flowers need a place in the sun to grow...

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Cheaper by the Half Dozen

Pasha Needs a Family



The Clancy children, with Bob and Mary Jo, look forward to five more sisters and a big brother joining them soon.

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Bob and Mary Jo Clancy have been working to raise \$30,000 in order to adopt six siblings from the Philippines, aged 10-16. The children have been in an orphanage waiting for an adoptive family for five years. Although \$30,000 sounds like a lot of money, when you consider that for each child only \$5000 is required to save him or her from a life without a mother and father, it seems like a bargain. The Clancys have raised the majority of the necessary funds, and are

Military Family Awaits Sibling Pair

On behalf of the Muller family we would like again to thank all of you who responded with prayers and financial gifts to our last appeal. Because of your generosity we were able to provide them with more than \$5000 in assistance with their adoption expenses. The Mullers hope to bring home two siblings very soon. Please keep them in your prayers.



The Muller Family

Wisconsin Family to Adopt Chinese Toddler

A 14-month-old Chinese orphan may soon come home to join his new family. His parents and four new sisters can't wait to welcome him. The little boy is hearing impaired, but his special needs will not be addressed in the orphanage. Please pray that he can join his family soon. They still face many expenses, including travel, in order to complete their adoption.

Special Needs Boy Needs Special Home

Five-year-old Pasha is living in a Russian orphanage. His overall physical development is deemed "below average," including a heart problem and some deformity of the legs due to rickets. The Russian doctor notes however that he is "active, sociable and friendly." If Pasha is not placed soon, he faces being moved to an orphanage from which adoption is nearly impossible. Please pray that a family is found for him.



Catholic Group to Sponsor Russian Orphans

This July a program being sponsored in Gaithersburg, Maryland by a Catholic prayer community will bring as many as **24 Russian orphans** to stay with host families for three weeks. The program is designed to connect the orphans with families who are seriously interested in adopting. By hosting a child for the three-week stay, potential parents can explore the relationship with the child and see how the child fits into the existing family structure. Although host families pay nothing up front, those that decide to adopt these needy children face about \$28,000 in expenses all told.

This program represents the **last hope for adoption** for most of the children who will participate. It is sobering to realize that kids who "graduate" from orphanages at 17 or 18 in Russia do so with little education, no marketable skills, and no money. Most end up in the prostitution "industry" or some other kind of crime. Naturally this perpetuates the cycle of unexpected pregnancy and orphaned children.

Little Flowers Foundation is setting up a special fund for Catholic families adopting through this program. If you wish to make a contribution, please write **Adventure of Hope** in the memo of your check. For more information on the program, please see <http://www.motherofgod.org/events/adventure.htm>.



As you can see **our need is great, but so is our hope.** We know that the God who calls His people to "defend the cause of the orphan" (Isaiah 1:17) will surely bless those like the Clancys and the many others who are sacrificing to do just that. Will you help? Can you make a financial gift to Little Flowers Foundation to offset the expense of adoption for a loving Catholic family? (Donations are tax-deductible.) *We also ask your prayers for these waiting children, that Pasha will find a home, that the visiting Russian orphans will find families, and that all the children whose stories we've shared with you will be safe from all harm.* May God bless and guide you.

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