



Little Flowers Foundation

Greenhouse Report

Giving little flowers a place to grow in the Sun

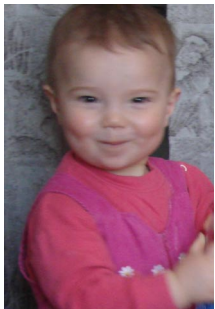
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What's in Bloom at Little Flowers

At Little Flowers Foundation this Spring your generosity is helping to plant the seeds of faith in the lives of many children! Through the grants you have enabled us to provide to Catholic adoptive couples, **five children** have been welcomed home in recent months to three loving, Catholic families. And we are praying that five more adoptions will be finalized for three other families by the end of the summer. We hope the details below will help you join in our celebration!

Two from Ukraine

Inspired in part by the experience they had when they adopted a preschool-aged child from Russia several years ago, a Minnesota family undertook the arduous adoption process again in order to bring another needy child into the family. This time, they looked to Ukraine (because of problems the family encountered this



time in Russia), but that wasn't the only difference. After this trip, they returned home with two children for the family to welcome instead of one: **Maxim, age 4, and Julia, 20 months.** With \$6,000 in assistance from Little Flowers Foundation, the precious children pictured here have joined four siblings and two loving parents in a new life.

Welcome, Kristina!

If you've been keeping up with Little Flowers news, you know that we have been praying for smooth sailing and the safe return of a Maryland family adopting a seven-year-old daughter from Russia with aid from LFF. After several delays the family was finally able to travel to Russia and retrieve Kristina, whom they had met and bonded with during a summer visit program. **Soon after Kristina was home, she was baptized in the Faith.** God be praised!

Three Daughters from the Philippines

A Maryland family recently returned from the Philippines with their three newly adopted daughters ranging in age from seven to 14 years. After squeezing in six weeks of school, they are now looking forward to a summer of swimming and family fun. Their new mom



Jenny, Evamae and Wendy:
Welcome Home!

characterized the aid the family received from LFF-around \$5,000- as "an answer to prayer." The girls' father adds, "We are so very blessed to have them with us as our children to love and raise," and both parents wish to thank every person whose donations to Little Flowers made this adoption happen!

LFF Benefactors Aid GA Couple

Another story we shared with you in our last Greenhouse Report concerned a Georgia couple's desire to adopt two special needs boys from Ukraine. Both children require wheelchairs, and one of them needs surgery that will not be done until he reaches the US.

This family requested a grant from LFF for \$7,500; the adoptions will cost more than twice that amount. We asked for your help in providing this couple with the needed aid.

Your outstanding response enabled us to approve a grant in the amount of \$7,000, nearly the total amount needed. God bless you for your generosity. After quite a few paperwork delays, the family hopes to receive their travel date very soon.

Survival of a Liberian Infant

In our last Greenhouse Report we shared with you that LFF had approved a grant for a Maryland family of 11 adopting a Liberian baby. These parents have endured some problems in their quest to adopt, twice having received a referral for a child who was subsequently unavailable for adoption. Now, they have finalized travel plans using a \$5,000 grant from LFF and expect to be in Liberia this month to meet and bring home their little boy. This child, one of many, many orphans and abandoned children left ill and vulnerable as a result of the country's 14-year civil war, is aptly named Survival. He is 11 months old. **Please pray for his health and safety as he awaits his new family.**

One Child at a Time

Each week brings more families to the Little Flowers web site requesting information on adoption expense assistance. We pray that our fundraising efforts will be able to keep pace with the increasing requests we receive for aid from Catholic families. **If you can help,** please use the enclosed card. **Help us change the future... one child at a time.**