

September 25, 2015

Dear Family and Friends,

Some of you know we have felt called by God to adopt our first child into our family. We are adopting an infant from the United States (southern state) and will be matched with a specific child, prayerfully, soon. Then we will travel to the state the birth mom will deliver to bring baby home. As a family, we've been excitedly praying for our agency, birth mom and baby, and we've already picked out names, if it's a girl Kenadie Brooke and if it's a boy Grady Robert.

What has prompted us to adopt? Primarily, we've felt so clearly directed by God to adopt that we want to obey Him. God desires for orphans of all nations to be loved, cared for, and adopted into Christian families—ultimately so they can become saved and adopted into His eternal family through Jesus Christ. There are over 147 million orphans worldwide and 120,000 children currently in the U.S. foster care system. It is estimated that less than 10 percent of these children are adopted into evangelical Christian families.



The biggest challenge is not opening our hearts and home to a child, but it is finding the finances to make this happen. The estimated total cost for the adoption is \$30,000. That's certainly money we don't have, but we know God is faithful and is leading us to trust Him. Honestly, it's a little difficult (because of our pride) to make our needs known to the body of Christ, but realize it is biblical to do so. Your friendship is appreciated, and we would like you to pray and consider helping us in one or two ways with our adoption.

1. Please pray God would tenderly care for the birth mom and baby until we are able to bring baby home; that God would prepare Adam and I for the upcoming changes to our family; and that God will give us wisdom, discernment, and insight as we raise our child to know Jesus.

2. A local church in our area, First Alliance, has partnered with Lifesong for Orphans and committed an Adoption Matching Grant of \$3,000 to help pay our adoption expenses. Will you please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us meet this matching grant and cover the remaining amount needed for our adoption expenses to bring this child home? Our goal date is November 20, 2015, but funds will be accepted towards our adoption until the child is in our home and/or our adoption is complete.

Please make checks payable to "Lifesong for Orphans." In the memo, note "family account number, 5576" and "family name, Henry" to assure it goes to the correct account. Please mail to Lifesong for Orphans, PO Box 9, Gridley, IL 61744.

Lifesong has been blessed with a partner that underwrites all U.S. administrative and fund-raising costs (TMG Foundation and other partners). That means 100% of your donation will go directly to the adoption. Another option is to give online. Go to www.lifesong.org/donate/family. Select "Give to an Adoptive Family." Complete the online form and fill in "Family Account Number, 5576" and "Family Name, Henry" Fields.

In following IRS guidelines, your donation is to the named non-profit organization. This organization retains full discretion over its use, but intends to honor the donor's suggested use. Individual donations of \$50 or more and yearly donations totaling \$250 or more will receive a tax-deductible receipt. Receipts for donations under \$50 will gladly be sent upon request. Lifesong is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization.

Thank you for investing in the Kingdom through prayer and finances—it will be an investment with an eternal return! We'll give you an update with pictures of Kenadie or Grady and details as we receive them. Please pray this entire process will glorify God and fulfill His purposes.

Family Name: Henry
Family Account Number: 5576

In Christ,
Adam & Kristin Henry