

## THE BIG BUILD

*“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world”  
James 1:27*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Allow me to introduce you to JT Olson. He is an inspiration to me and many others and God is using him in incredible ways. JT founded an organization called Both Hands ([www.bothhandsfoundation.org](http://www.bothhandsfoundation.org)). Both Hands is the best organization I have seen with the purpose of exercising religion that is pure and faultless. **However, to continue helping the widows and orphans, we need your help!** Please take a few minutes and read about this ministry.



### The Genesis of Both Hands

Both Hands came as the result of a simple letter JT sent to a friend. He wrote to ask if his friend would sponsor him in a golf marathon. The funds would go to a wonderful crisis pregnancy ministry. JT's friend sent the letter back with a handwritten message saying that **he'd gladly support his efforts if he was working on a widow's house instead of playing golf.**

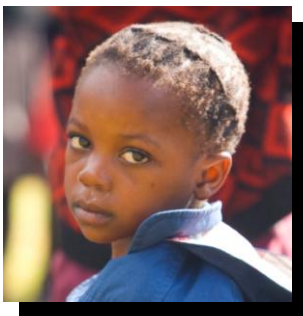
**One for the  
Orphans**



**One for the  
Widows**

For five years that letter stuck with him, until another friend, who was adopting four orphans from Moldova, expressed his **need to raise funds to pay for the adoption.** That's when the idea for Both Hands grew legs. JT and his friend recruited others, located a widow's home in need of repairs, enlisted local businesses to donate supplies and food, and hundreds of people wrote checks to sponsor the workers that day. It was an amazing day! **This group of Christ followers raised \$55,000, almost enough to cover the costs of the adoption expenses, and they totally transformed the widow's home they worked on.**

### “The Big Build”



We are asking our family and friends to sponsor us while we work on a widow's home for a day. Think of it like a charity golf outing; but instead of us golfing to raise money, we are going to support a widow in need. **Every dollar raised in “The Big Build” will be multiplied by 2.** One dollar will go to a fund at Lifesong for Orphans that will provide money for both Christian families who have a heart to adopt but do not have the financial capacity to do so, and orphan care projects all over the world. The other dollar (match from a philanthropist) will help offset operational expenses for Lifesong and Both Hands. These organizations are working together to serve widows and orphans, who will benefit from your contribution.

### Spotlight: The Widow – Audli Yeakel

Audli lost her husband to a heart attack about five years ago. A Vietnam veteran, he suffered Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder for many years, but he gave his life to the Lord about five years before his death. Audli attends Crosswinds Community Church and appreciates the support of her church and this opportunity to improve her home. Those of us on the Both Hands/Lifesong work team are going to recaulk and paint all of her windows (25!), paint her foundation, garage and awnings and upgrade her landscaping. Audli is humbled and honored to receive this blessing from strangers and knows it will ultimately lead to a blessing for those impacted through Lifesong for Orphans.



## **\$2 DOLLARS FOR EVERY \$1 DOLLAR DONATED!!**

### **A leveraged opportunity to help!**

Recently JT had a philanthropist approach him with an interesting offer. This generous man will match dollar for dollar what we on the “Both Hands/Lifesong Big Build” team are able to raise. The Both Hands/Lifesong Big Build is scheduled for **October 9<sup>th</sup> in Bloomington, IL**. We will be renovating Audli’s home to raise money for adoptions and orphan care. This is a ‘win-win-win’ situation – the widow is blessed, the financial burden for the adoptive family is relieved and more orphan children receive loving care, and the church is allowed to exercise pure and faultless religion as instructed in the Word and as a witness to others.

**This is the best leveraged kingdom investment I have ever seen.** Please join my family and friends as we attempt to exercise religion that is pure and faultless. **Thanks in advance for your participation in this God honoring opportunity.**

## **How Can You Help?**

**My request is simple and straightforward.** *We can all play a part in this wonderful process. Would you consider taking part in the joy of adoption and orphan care by sponsoring me for the Big Build project?*

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider my invitation! There are two ways you can help:

- 1) **GIVE** – Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help orphan care projects and Christian families with adoption expenses as I work with our team to better the life of this widow, Audli.
- 2) **GET INVOLVED** – If you have a friend who wants to adopt but is burdened by the cost, encourage them to contact Lifesong for Orphans. Or, if you’d like to volunteer for the day, please let me know.

**“Religion that is pure and faultless before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction.” James 1:27**

For more information on Both Hands and Lifesong for Orphans please visit <http://bothhandsfoundation.org/> or [www.lifesongfororphans.org](http://www.lifesongfororphans.org).

To make a donation online please visit <http://www.lifesongfororphans.org/bhProj.html>

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## ***Every Dollar Helps!***

Please make your tax-deductible checks to **Lifesong for Orphans** with **“The Big Build-IL”** in the memo section of your check.

**Complete this form by October 31<sup>st</sup> and return it to Lifesong in the enclosed envelope.**

\$5,000     \$1,000     \$500     \$250     \$100     \$50    Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

**\* 100% of your gift will go directly to cover adoption costs and orphan care projects**—nothing will be taken out for Both Hands or Lifesong for Orphans’ administrative costs.

\*Please note that in following IRS guidelines, your donation is to the non-profit organization Lifesong for Orphans. They retain full discretion over its use, but intend to honor the donor’s suggestion.