

The Griffin Family

Our Both Hands Project

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress. James 1:27

The Widow:



The Orphans:



Our Family:



BOTH HANDS:

Both Hands (through its partnership with Lifesong for Orphans) is an organization that is dedicated to comforting widows and helping orphans. If you have ever sponsored somebody to participate in a walk-a-thon, a golf event, or anything similar, then this will be an easy concept to understand. Instead of golfing or walking, a group of us will be spending about 8 hours helping a widow fix up her house. We are asking people to sponsor us and the money will be used to bring our Moldovan orphans home to their forever family. This is a win/win/win if we've ever seen one!

For More information on Both Hands & Lifesong for Orphans please visit www.lifesongfororphans.org

OUR FAMILY UPDATE:

For the past five years we have been attending Osborne Baptist Church in Eden, NC. During that time we have grown closer to God and closer to each other as a family. After hearing Samuel Thomas, head of Hopegivers, tell the story of how King David adopted Mephibosheth, Jonathan's crippled son, (2 Samuel 9) we began praying specifically about what God's plans were for our family. During this time of prayer, we learned about a small country in Eastern Europe called Moldova. Moldova is the poorest country in Europe, and there is a need for loving families for the orphans who live there. Last fall we submitted our initial application to adopt a sibling group (2-3 children) from Moldova.

We were surprised to discover that the cost of our adoption is 3 times what we expected, and we still need \$60,000 in order to complete the adoption. Although this figure seems enormous, it is a small price compared to what Jesus paid for us! We have received a great blessing of an \$8,000 matching grant from Lifesong/Osborne Baptist Church, so funding raised from our Both Hands Project will be matched up to that amount. We hope you will read on to learn more about the widow, the orphans, and this project.

THE WIDOW:

We were certainly touched when we heard the story of Rebecca Rhodes. She was born in Hong Kong and educated in Australia. Five years ago she married James Rhodes, preacher at Sandy Ridge Christian Church and full-time health inspector for Rockingham County. Three years into their marriage, James suddenly came down with flu-like symptoms and passed away ten days later. His unexpected death left Rebecca heartbroken and without family members nearby to provide comfort and support. Although she was a homemaker during their three years of marriage, she has begun a pre-nursing program at GTCC in order to serve others and provide an income. She lives in Mayodan with her dog Jamie, who she adopted from the Rockingham County Human Society after James' death. On Saturday, June 19, 2010 we will spend the day fixing up Rebecca's home and showing her the attention and care that God considers "true religion".

THE ORPHANS:

The actual number of children orphaned or abandoned in Moldova is unknown and hard to calculate. Many families have left their children in the care of the orphanages while they have gone elsewhere in the world to seek employment. Sometimes they return and sometimes they do not. There are about 12,000 children in orphanages at any given time. Supervision and medical care at the orphanages is minimal. At age 16 children graduate and are released to find their way in the world. Young men often turn to crime to support themselves and young women can become targets of human trafficking as prostitutes. Poverty in Moldova is the biggest issue as to why children are abandoned. As you can imagine, there is a need for loving families for these children, and families willing to adopt sibling groups are rare. We are hopeful to travel this summer to meet the children God has planned for us!

BOTH HANDS:

We are not all called to adopt, but we can all play a part in this wonderful process. Would you consider taking part in the joy of adoption by helping us raise the money to bring two Moldovan children home? Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and consider our invitation!

There are two ways to help:

- * Pray for Rebecca, our children in Moldova, and our family as we raise these children to know God and His son, Jesus Christ.
- * Consider making a tax-deductible donation to reduce the remainder of our adoption expenses.

I am enclosing the following amount in support of the Griffin Both Hands Project:

___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$500 ___\$1,000 ___\$5,000 ___Other \$_____

Please mail this form and a tax-deductible donation by June 19, 2010 to:

Lifesong for Orphans
PO Box 40/202 N Ford Street
Gridley, IL 61744

In the memo section, please write: Griffin #1256 adoption

Donations may be made online at www.lifesongfororphans.org/bhProj.html

**Note: 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.*

**100% of all funds raised will go directly to cover adoption costs-nothing will be taken out for Lifesong for Orphans' administrative costs.*