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IGNITE★LIGHT

Sharing LIGHT in the darkness of child abuse

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Prayer Requests:

- 1) Praise Report: We have raised enough to completely renovate one full bathroom! Continued prayers for the help needed for the remodel and funding for the other three bathrooms!
- 2) Pray for loving foster families! With an increase in the numbers of children entering foster care and a retention rate of only 30-50% of foster parents, our country is in a foster care crisis!
- 3) Prayer for continued funding as we continue to spread our reach to hurting children.



Because of your Giving!

[A letter from one of our centers as they placed their next order:](#)

Last week we had a young child come to our clinic. He and his siblings went into foster care the night before. When he arrived at his afternoon appointment, we learned that he had not slept the entire night before due to being in a new place. After his checkup, we gave him the blanket from inside the backpack. He was very excited to see the fun camping pattern. He snuggled up in the blanket and fell asleep right in our waiting room chair. When it was time to leave, he would not let go of the blanket, even to put his coat on! He got excited once again when he realized that he not only gets to take the blanket with him, but the backpack as well. Ignite Light truly made this child's day. It was heartwarming to see something bring him comfort when he needed it.

Some families who come to our clinic had to drive hours to get here. We had a very large sibling group in our clinic. We were seeing all of the children, so they had to arrive right away in the morning. After spending most of the day at our clinic, all but one of the children fell asleep in our waiting room. As they were leaving one of the children opened their backpack to discover a blanket. Soon after, each child was hurrying to see if there was a blanket in their backpack. They talked the whole way out about the fun patterns and were excited to have something comfy to use to sleep on their long trip home!

A note from our Founder



After three years of prayer, paperwork, tears, travel, excitement, and more prayer, our son is coming home! Darin will be leaving in just over a week to begin

the final exit process. To say this journey has felt long, slow, and tedious is an understatement. We really had to focus on each individual step to keep from being overwhelmed, often feeling as if this day would never come. ***Philippians 1:6 says "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"***. Isn't it reassuring knowing that we serve a faithful God who doesn't leave things undone? He completes what he starts and we can trust his plans for us! The next few weeks, even months, will be a time of joy and excitement, but also great transition for our family as we adjust to being a family of 8 now! We appreciate any and all prayers!

How to Pray:

- 1) Safe travels for Darin and our son
- 2) For the remaining finances to cover our adoption
- 3) For our son's heart and emotions as he settles into a family while also losing everything he knows and loves
- 4) For us as we help him transition to his new life

Church Plant, Coffee, and Backpacks

Do you remember the game, "Three of these things belong together" If you were a fan of the PBS show Sesame Street as I was you may even be humming the song of this popular tv game (Any one? No? Just me?). If someone would have put church plant, coffee and backpacks into those squares I for sure would assume they had made a mistake. When we began speaking with good friends about their dreams for their new Church Plant in Anchorage, Alaska they shared that meeting the needs of local foster children was high on their priority list. They felt strongly our Backpacks would be a great way for them to make this possible and they wanted to sell coffee to pay for it! We agreed to take a phone call and talk about the possibilities of what it would look like to bring our Project to their area. We listened to their heart and concerns for their community and rather quickly our own hearts were stirred for the needs of children in Alaska. As they shared with us how over 3000 children enter foster care there each month, we couldn't help the tears that began to flow. All the reasons of why it wouldn't work for us to help in Anchorage slipped away and we began to focus on the one reason we had to help. Simply put there are hurting kids who need to see Light in the darkness of child abuse. The launch date is not yet official, but we do know late fall or early winter we will begin phase one of Project Ignite Light delivering our first 100 backpacks - all in infant sizes. There's still a lot of logistics to work out, but our goal is to train and equip Legacy Church to serve their community, allowing us to multiply without needing to deliver the Backpacks ourselves. We will still have many costs involved as we support them, but the true work will fall on Legacy Church to supply the Bags of Hope for their local children. They are still in need of a trailer (5x10 or 6x12 if you would like to help them out) as well as a commercial grade Espresso Machine. Together we are going to share Light in the darkness of child abuse in Alaska!

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