

May 10, 2010



Dear church, family, and friends of Michael and Suzanne,

Lifesong for Orphans (www.lifesongfororphans.org) is a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to help meet the needs of orphan children around the world, and obey God's call to "visit the fatherless...in their affliction" (James 1:27).

The number of children worldwide without families to love and care for them is astounding... there are **over 43 million orphans in Africa alone!**

God tells us in His word He has heard the cry of the orphaned and abandoned children (Psalm 10:17, 18) and He has made a way for them to be cared for – through adoption. As believers, He adopted us into His family through Jesus Christ, and did not leave us as spiritual orphans!

We believe adoption at its core is evangelism--a vital part of the Great Commission is bringing the mission field home. God desires orphans from all nations to be adopted into Christ-honoring families so they may ultimately be adopted into His eternal family through Jesus Christ. God calls us to fulfill James 1:27, "visit the fatherless..." but *not all are called to adopt*. Some are called to pray, some to give financially, some to go on mission trips, and some to adopt.

Michael and Suzanne have sensed God's call . . . and have joyfully stepped out in faith and obedience to adopt children. As you may already know, international adoption can cost around **\$25,000** and prevents many godly families from adopting. *Lifesong* believes God has raised up the Gowin family "for such a time as this..." and we have committed an **Adoption Matching Grant of \$2000** to help raise the funds necessary to complete the adoption of *this child*. This means *Lifesong for Orphans* will match "dollar-for-dollar" everything the Gowin's raise from their church, family, and friends between now and June 30, 2010, up to \$2000. We invite you to support them financially to make this adoption possible. Your gift is tax deductible and you will receive a tax-deductible receipt. **100% of all funds raised will go directly to cover adoption costs--nothing will be taken out for Lifesong for Orphans administrative costs.*

Will you invest financially in the life of this child? . . . It will be an investment with eternal return.

God bless you for laying your treasures up in Heaven,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Lehman".

Andy Lehman
Vice President

p.s. I trust God will do great and mighty things through this, and all for His Glory!

