



Willa and Ezra, Snowflakes® 1152 and 1153

2024 Annual Report



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Christian Adoptions

Unexpected Blessings



We thank you for your continued support and interest in our ministry of sharing God's love through foster care and adoption. This year was one of many unexpected blessings.

Our foster care program continued to see **growth** with the need to hire additional foster workers in CO and TX. We were unexpectedly blessed by a large number of foster families who already had foster placements and transferred to our agency from an agency in Kentucky that went out of business. Additionally, several of our families who had fostered children for 2 or 3 years were ultimately able to finalize their adoptions of these children.

Our international program **expanded** to include our first matches from Ecuador, Portugal and the Philippines, and we also reopened our Canada adoption program. We also added a new partner agency in Hong Kong to get more referrals of children in need there. Nightlight received a very large grant for families who are adopting older children or those with special needs from Latin America.

In the Snowflakes® embryo adoption program we had a **record number** of babies born! We also marked the retirement of Kimberly Tyson as Beth Button became the new director of the Snowflakes program. For years we awaited the right person and the right time to hire a nurse with embryology experience for the Snowflakes, and we found Mackenzie Ladsten.

Our Anchored in Hope program is a unique service Nightlight offers to children who are awaiting adoption from foster care. Each of these cases is individual, and we are **trailblazing** this territory of red tape and interstate agreements. We were able to place 9 Anchored in Hope Children this year. We also had 9 families who had placements last year be able to finalize their adoptions this year.

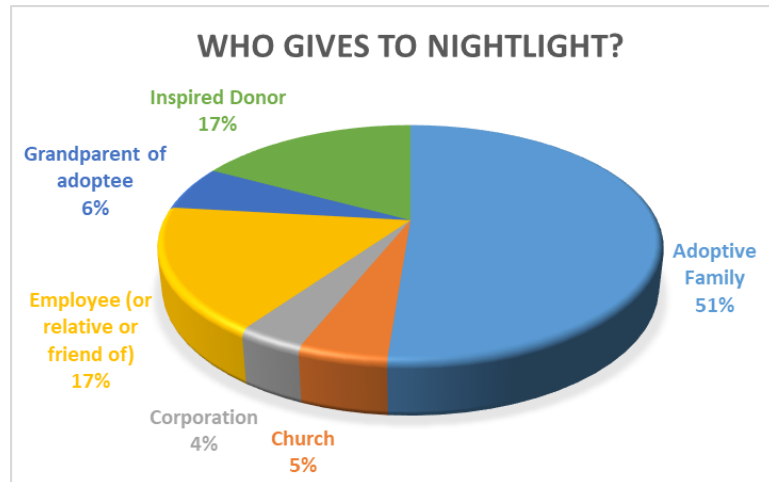
Join us in the incredible and often difficult work we are doing to insure that every child has a loving family through adoption or permanency in foster care.

Although we have had a record number of Snowflakes® babies born and record number of international children come home, this year has been our greatest financial loss ever. We need your prayers!

Please consider making a **year-end donation** to Nightlight Christian Adoptions to help us continue this **important work**. You can donate here <https://nightlight.org/donate>.



—Daniel Nehrbass, Ph.D. | President



The Aldridge Family

Nightlight Does Foster Better

We became foster parents in 2019. Before we got married, we talked about adoption being something that we were open to later in our marriage. We both wanted a biological child first, though. Fast forward 8 years, and we had one biological child but were struggling to have another. We made a trip to visit friends in Lubbock, Texas, one weekend in August, and the theme of foster care came up with every friend we visited. This was clearly where the Lord was pointing us. I wasn't sure that Trey would be on board, though. When I brought it up, to my surprise, he asked me to start researching the process. We were licensed by January of the next year. We got our first placement in 2020, just weeks before the world shut down and have had 11 children come and go from our home since then, with stays ranging from 1 day to a year and a half.

As with most families starting foster care, we didn't really know what to prepare for. What we knew, though, is that we could be a safe place for kids who needed a safe place. Our original goal was to adopt through foster care. We knew several foster families that had their first placement stay with them forever. It turns out this was not the path that God had for us, though. Our first child was a six month old who stayed with us for a year and a half. He was a sweet, active, sassy little boy whose family was not in a position to take care of him. We walked with him through his first time sitting up, his first steps, and his first and second birthdays. All of these milestones were bittersweet. We loved celebrating with him and watching him grow, but we knew that these were precious moments stolen from the family he was supposed to have. We had to trust that God held him in His hand and that the Lord's sovereign plan was better than ours. And this became the theme of our journey.

Our second baby was two years old. He came to us for only a week before moving on to live with a family member. When the caseworker brought him to us, she asked that we be sure

the doctor looked at his eyes at his initial visit. In the seven days he was with us, I was able to get him an appointment with the only pediatric optometrist in the area, take him to that visit, get him fitted for glasses and wait for them to come in. By the divine provision of God, he was able to see clearly for the first time the day before he left us.



The Kegley Family

The next several children who came stayed an average of 3 weeks each, moving on to either go to a kinship placement or on to a place that would allow them to be with siblings. At this point we were starting to wonder what God had in store for us. We discovered through countless late night phone calls, disrupted baseball games, and court hearings that God is not only working in the lives of these children; He is working in our lives, too. Over the past 4 years, he has changed our hearts from desiring to grow our family to desiring to be a safe place for kids to come and stay as long as they need. And there is such a need. For every placement that we've been able to say yes to, there have been half a dozen where we've had to say no. The "nos" never get easier because it means there is a child sitting in a strange place waiting for someone to be their champion.

In 2023, we were back to the point of being done with foster care. We had finished a particularly difficult placement feeling unsupported, and we were ready to walk away for good. We were with a different agency and we had actually asked them to put us on the inactive list. During that time, I hosted a table for a local nonprofit at a foster care awareness event. Each organization represented was asked to give a short speech sharing what they did in the foster care realm. That was the first time I met Chloe. After listening to her speak about how Nightlight does foster care differently - their heart for supporting families so that they are able to be the last stop before permanency, their low caseworker-to-child ratio - I went home and told Trey that we weren't done forever; we were just switching agencies. We have been licensed with Nightlight for a year, and that difference in focus has made all the difference. For every case hiccup, for every court hearing, for every question Chloe has been there. Our philosophy in foster care has been to always advocate for the best interests of children in our care. It is beautiful to be a part of an agency that advocates alongside us in that.

Welcome Home!

Nov 2023 to Oct 2024

International Adoptions

Aasha
Aatika
Adrian
Adriel
Akila
Albert
Alejandro
Alexa
Alondra
Amari
Amine
Andrea
Aneliya
Angel
Angel
Antony
Arriyana
Bernardo
Brandon
Camila
Carlos
Cassandra
CHEUNG
CHEUNG
Cristian
Daniela
Danniel
Eloise
Evangeline
Gabriela
Gabriella
Gunjan
Hana
Hudeyba
Ibukunoluwa
Idah
Issa
Izabela
Jean Paul
Jasper
Jeronimo
Jesus
Jesus
Joanna
Jose
Josiah
Juan
Kai
Kaltoum
Larissa
Laya
Laya
Liza
Lucero
Luigi
Luna
Maicol
Maizy

Marcos
Maria
Maryanne
Mazee
Nadia
Natalia
Oluwafunmilayo
Osman
Pamela
Precious
Rafael
Rahma
Reighn
Rose
Rosely
Sai
Samanta
Samantha
Sara
Sarah Sofia
Saumya
Sebastian
Selah
Shyla
Sukanya
Suweida
Talia
Tamandani
Tofigatele
Tamara
Valeria
Victor
Wan
Wai Yee
Wendemi
Wilda
Willow
Wilson
Xavier
Yaritzza
Yoana
Yogalakshmi
Yu-an

Domestic Adoptions

Aaron
Adalia
Aria
Caleb
Camilla
Carter
Chandler
Colin
Eleanor
Emmanuel
Finley
Gabriel
Gabriel
Gabriel

Hannah
Jameson
Joseph
Julien
Julien
Junia
Junia
Kezlyn
Layla
Liam
Luca
Mary
Mason
Naomi
Noah
Oliver
Osirix
Robert
Samuel
Selah
Tatum
William
Zane

Snowflakes®

Babies

Abigail
Addison
Alexander
Amelia
Amos
Anamaria
Angus
Anselm
Archer
Asher
Astrid
Austin
Ava
Ava
Bailey
Beckett
Ben
Benjamin
Beverly
Boden
Brady
Brenton
Bridger
Brilea
Brinley
Calvin
Carter
Charles
Charlotte
Christine
Clark
Constanza
Cove

Crosby
Daphne
David
Dominic
Dylan
Egan
Eliana
Elias
Elias
Elijah
Elise
Ellen
Eloise
Ember
Emerson
Emerson

Harrison
Hattie
Heather
Henry
Henry
Holland
Holly
Hudson
Hudson
Hudson
Huntley
Ian
Isaac
Isaac
Isaac
Isla



Precious

Emilie
Emma
Emma
Emmett
Esther
Ethan
Evangeline
Evelyn
Ezra
Felicity
Finley
Fletcher
Frances
Genevieve
Genevieve
Gwendolyn
Hadassag
Hallie
Hannah
Harper

Ivy
Jack
Jack
Jackson
Jett
Joanne
John
John
Jolie
Jonah
Josephine
Josephine
Josiah
Josiah
Judah
Julia
Juliet
Kane
Kanyon
Karis

Kendall
Kentaro
Kipten
Kiralyn
Lauren
Leo
Leonard
Liam
Lillian
Lucas
Lukas
Luke
Luther
Lydia
Lydia
Lydia
Macsen
Maisie
Malachi
Maleah
Martha
Miyako
Matteo
Matthew
Melody
Mia
Micah
Miles
Natalie
Neveah
Nicolas
Nolan
Olivia
Oscar
Owen
Peter
Renzo
Rex
Riley
Ruby
Ruth
Samuel
Samuel
Savage
Scarlett
Scott
Seamus
Shepherd
Shiloh
Soren
Stella
Stella
Stevy
Sutton
Thatcher
Theodore
Theodore
Walker
Walker
Wells
Willa

Wilson Foster Placements or Foster Adoptions

Aaliyah
Amiya
Amor
Andrew
Angel
Angela
Armani
Augustine
Ava
Avery
Ayden
Bailey
Caleb
Caleb
Carter
Carter
Carter
Cheyenne
Christian
Cody
Cole
Connor
Connor
Dalton
Damien
Drace
Draconis
Ellie
Fabian
Gabriel
Gerald
Grace
Grace
Hannah
Hermelinda
Hunter
Isabella
Israel
Itachi
Izebellah
Jace
Jace
James
James
Jazlyn
Jazmin
Jazmin
Jersey
Journey
Julia
Justin
Kailah
Kalani
Keelan
Kennedy

Kharee
Kingston
Kyliee
Kyzer
Leiland
Libny
Linton
Luca
Madison
Malaki
Malaki
Malaki
Maliq
Maliq
Maria
Mckayla
Messiah
Nicco
Nova
Olivia
Paisley
Patience
Preston
Richard
Robyn
Sadie
Sah'Renity
Samuel
Sawyer
Shayla
Shellie
Shinobi
Stanley
Tarick
Thaira
Tiana
Tylen
Tylen
Viviana
Zaiden
Zayden
Zaylie
Zoey
Zy

Anchored in Hope

Alexander
Christopher
Elias
Elijah
Genesis
Jaida
Jayceon
John
Lilliya
Matthew
MyZhae
Raushaun

Every Embryo Matters



Adoption on my heart and this seemed like such a unique and amazing way to grow a family.

After Rob and I married, we were blessed with five wonderful children. God tugged at our hearts to adopt so after a few years, we brought home our amazing son from China. He was such a wonderful addition to our family! God continued to stir our hearts towards adoption so we explored different options, but doors kept closing. We prayed, trusting that God would show us the right path in His perfect timing.

Then, one day, I received an email from Nightlight Christian Adoption Agency about their new Open Hearts Embryo Adoption Program. It felt like the answer to our prayers and everything began to fall into place. We were matched with an incredible family, and we adopted their four embryos, which had been frozen for 21 years.

Sadly, three of the embryos didn't make it, but one of them, our beautiful son, thrived. He is perfect, fearfully and wonderfully made, and was born in October of this year.

Before I met my husband Rob, I had heard about embryo adoption and thought, "What a beautiful thing—embryos are babies made in God's image, and they deserve a chance at life. How amazing it would be to adopt one of those precious, frozen lives and give birth to an adopted child." God had put

We are beyond thankful to Nightlight and their incredible Open Hearts Embryo Adoption Program. It has blessed our family in ways words can't even express. We are overjoyed to welcome our precious Leo into our home, and our hearts are full of gratitude for the gift of this new life.

—*The LaFeve Family*

A New Song to Sing

My story begins in the small town of Pignon, Haiti, where I was born the oldest of three sisters. Life changed forever when I lost my mother during childbirth and my father soon after, leaving my sisters and me in the care of our aunt. At the age of five, I lived in a small shanty near a clinic where an anesthesia nurse had come to assist an eye surgeon with his work.

This nurse stayed in a medical dorm overlooking our small shanty and often heard my nightly cries of hunger and grief. Unable to ignore, she came to my home, scooped me into her arms, and took me to the clinic to feed me. She continued this act every day until a doctor pointed out that thousands of children were starving, and helping just one wouldn't make a difference. Undeterred and moved by compassion, she firmly declared, "Well then, I'll just adopt her." At 60 years old, this widowed nurse, nearing retirement, made the extraordinary decision to give me the love and care I so

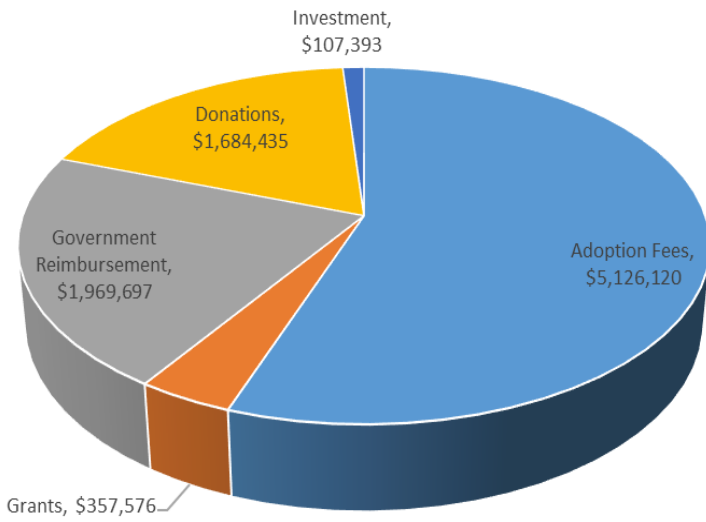
desperately needed.

Her decision transformed my life. She could have ignored my cries, pursued her retirement dreams of skiing in the Aspen mountains, but instead, she opened her heart to adoption. She taught me to embrace my Haitian heritage and gave me a sense of belonging in a world so different from where I was born. Though my journey hasn't been without struggles, Psalm 42 reminds me that God has lifted me from the mire and given me a new song to sing.

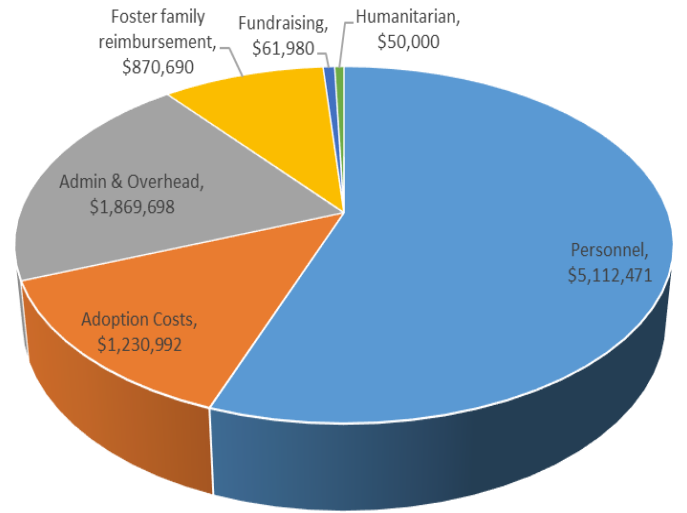
Today, I work at Nightlight Christian Adoptions in the Snowflakes Embryo Adoption Program, helping families give frozen embryos the chance at life. Each phone call, email, and conversation is a reminder of the profound impact love and sacrifice can have—a reflection of the life-changing love I once received.

—*Wisline Cledgett*

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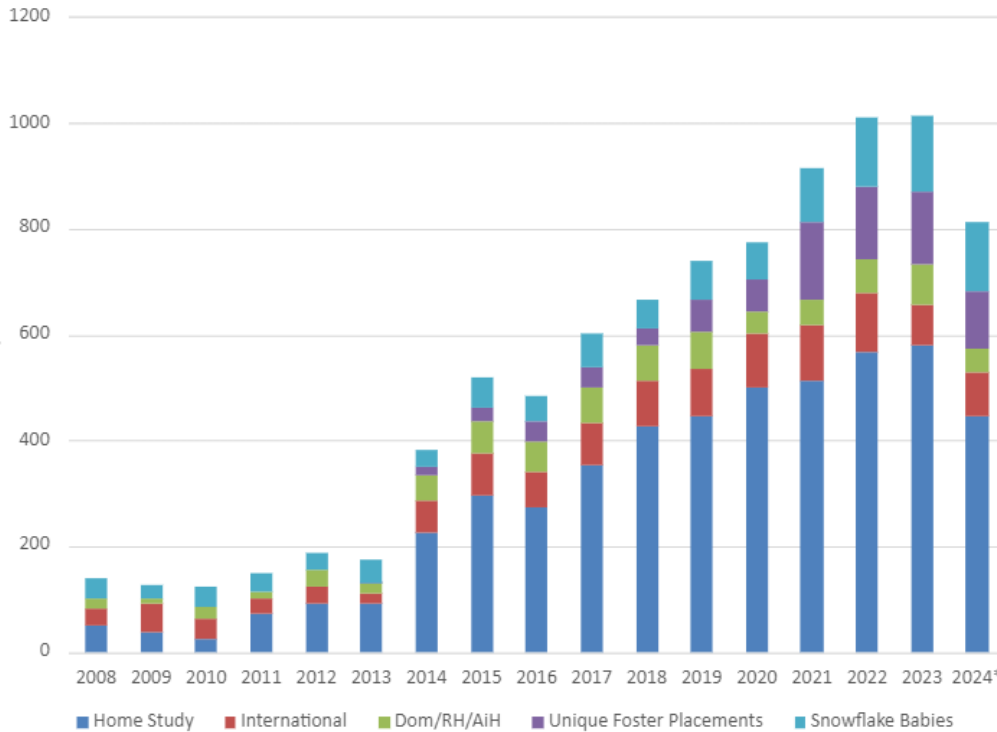


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(2025 Budget)



The cost of our mission
(2025 Budget)

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Finley May

*First 10 months

Back for More

After 3 years of marriage, Aaron and I decided we were ready to grow our family. We tried for 6 months with no success and heard about a local agency looking for Christian parents interested in adoption. We dove headfirst into the adoption world. Because the agency was already working with several birth moms, we were able to expedite our home study. We brought our newborn son Spencer home just a few short months later. That sweet boy born in 2007 is now a senior in high school and has brought endless amounts of joy into our lives. We eventually had two more children who are currently 12 and 13 years old. Aaron and I felt like our family was complete after having three kiddos.

Fast forward to 2019 when Covid hit: Aaron started working from home and I started homeschooling our kiddos. These life changes brought us closer as a family and made us value our children even more. It also prompted us to want more children because we found this next level of joy in our parenting life. Because Aaron and I were already in our forties, and we had struggled with infertility already, we knew our options were limited. Even though we had great success with domestic adoption 15 years before, we knew that would be challenging in our forties as well. Embryo adoption was something I had read about years before. It stood out in my mind as an option for us even though I did not know much about it. I reached out to Cindy (from Nightlight's Amarillo office) for wisdom. I told her we were exploring options to have more children.

Aaron and I knew this was God's Providence because embryo adoption had been placed on my heart many years before. We began



working with Snowflakes® in November of 2021. Eleven months later I became pregnant with our adopted embryo and gave birth to our son Elijah on June 10, 2023. Both adoptions are open adoptions, so this has given us an opportunity to have these extended family members we love and cherish. Embryo adoption has given our older children a chance to grow themselves into better people by helping to raise and love a new child in our family. They have learned so much about self-sacrifice for the betterment of “the least of these”. We have also learned about God's Providence through adoption, and the blessings and joy He gives when we are willing to step out in faith to accomplish His Will.

—The Ghanbarpour Family

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