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Adoption story highlights

The Coleman Family

"We adopted our first daughter two years ago and were able to pay for her adoption completely out of pocket. When we started another adoption journey a few months ago, we didn't have any money left in our savings account. We knew that we didn't have the money but felt like another adoption is what God was calling us to pursue -- so we stepped out in faith to obey God. The grants we received from SowingRoots and a few other organizations were so helpful in our journey and were a confirmation that God was supplying our needs to do what He asked us to do!

We were working with a small adoption agency and had anticipated waiting a year or more to be matched with a child. We had been waiting exactly two months when our caseworker called to tell us there was a baby girl in the hospital and her birth mom had chosen us to be her parents! They told us that as soon as we could name her they would start calling her by her name. We went to work trying to decide on a name and a few hours later we named her Ava Anne. She was born six weeks early at only 4 lbs 9oz and spent twelve days in the newborn ICU. We were able to take her home the day she was released from the hospital...just five days after we initially found about about her!

Ava is still so tiny but is doing well and fits perfectly into our family. We are so blessed at how God provided for our journey and brought Ava into her forever family! We will forever be thankful for SowingRoots and the financial assistance they extended us and we look forward to seeing the great things that God will do in Ava!"



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At SowingRoots, our mission is to love and care for orphans worldwide. To learn more about our approach or to get involved, visit www.sowingroots.org.



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The Redfern Family

"We are in process to adopt a little boy from China. SowingRoots has helped us with some of our adoption costs with a grant and we are so grateful. Some people are surprised when they learn that it costs around \$30,000 to adopt one child. Every little bit will help get our son home.

Our son will be two in May -- we will call him Max, after my grandpa. His sisters and brothers are also very excited to get him home. They talk about teaching him how to play cars, sing songs, go to Awana and taste the homemade chocolate chip cookies they make. Adoption has changed our lives and our family. We are so grateful to SowingRoots. Thank you from Torey, Jenne and family."

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California fundraising event highlights

On March 1st SowingRoots held a fundraising event for the first time in Manhattan Beach, California. Thanks to our board members Eric and Sonya Barton, we successfully launched in front of 75 guests.

The casual evening event was held at the inspiring Bo Bridges Gallery and focused on raising awareness for our mission to love and care for orphans around the world. Thanks to event participants, funds were raised to continue fostering the ability for SowingRoots to reduce the financial burden for adoptive families.

This event kicked off important new partnerships and advocacy in the Orange County market. Thanks again to Eric and Sonya for helping to lead this effort and spread the news of our mission in southern California.



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Upcoming events

April 29 - 30 | Lynnae's Gourmet Pickles

All proceeds of pickles purchased at lynnaesgourmetpickles.com will be donated to SowingRoots! Help honor the "Hot Mama's" in your families and support orphans and adoptive families by purchasing pickles.

May 10 | 2nd Annual SowingRoots Fundraising Dinner

Join us for dinner, live entertainment, an interview with a grant family and an evening of fun! This dinner will be held at the Tacoma Broadway Center for Performing Arts. For more info and to purchase tickets, visit www.sowingroots.org/events.

October 6 | 1st Annual SowingRoots Golf Tournament

Grab your clubs and form your team for a "hole" afternoon of fun at the Fircrest Golf Club. Hole sponsors are needed at this time. For more info contact jenny@sowingroots.org.

Grant updates

First quarter 2014

We received 11 grant applications for our March 1st application deadline! SowingRoots granted 6 families with financial assistance for a total of \$7,500. These 6 families represent 7 children from 4 countries (China, Ethiopia, Haiti and South Korea)! We continue to be amazed at the variety of countries and needs that adoptive families and children face.

Note: our next grant application deadline is July 1st. Download an application today by visiting www.sowingroots.org.

Thank you to our generous sponsors - without your support our vision to connect orphans with forever families would not be possible. With an estimated 153 million orphans worldwide, the opportunity to meaningfully impact orphans seems daunting. As we come together collectively to serve orphans and by the grace of God, we can make a difference, one child at a time.



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