

connection AND restoration

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Set in a Family: The Miracle of Anna's Adoption

Once upon a time, on the other side of the world, far across the ocean, a tiny little girl named Anna faced a very tough start. Born a twin, she was left behind due to medical challenges, enduring neglect no child should face. In time, a well-intentioned family adopted her and brought her to the United States. But in time, it became apparent that they could not fully meet Anna's unique needs.



After arriving at My Father's Arrows, it became clear that Anna needed a different environment—one where she could be the only child, fully seen and cherished. **God had a plan.** Ben and Cheri—longtime volunteers—married later in life and had not imagined having children. God began to open their hearts. Ben and Cheri had lived faithfully, just the two of them and their dog, Gracey Mae. A wonderful change was coming, and they had no idea - their little family was about to grow!

For a year, I prayed for clarity and discernment, **trusting God to reveal the very best path for Anna.** He confirmed to me again and again that Ben and Cheri—our faithful volunteers and longtime ministers—were Anna's parents, though **they were completely unaware of the blessing ahead.**

Around that same time, Cheri had been praying, thanking God for all the blessings in her life, while quietly sharing her longing to be a mother. Little did she know, **God was already unfolding the plan and preparing a miracle.**

Anna's Adoption (Con't)

With permission, Ben and Cheri were asked if they would consider adopting Anna. Though they had always believed children were not possible for them, they prayed—and then **wholeheartedly embraced precious Anna**. Having already met her through volunteering at My Father's Arrows, love quickly blossomed for their little family.

Now, with the help of an adoption attorney, Anna is becoming their daughter—a cherished and deeply loved child. Today, **she is thriving in a family that can meet her unique needs, surrounded by love** in a home that serves God and others.

Even more beautifully, Anna remains forever connected to her My Father's Arrows family—no more losses for this sweet girl. Ben, Cheri, and Anna radiate joy every time we see them. Even their dog, Gracie Mae, has a new pep in her step! **Anna has moved from a corner of neglect to the heart of a family, where she now shines.**

Witnessing this miracle has been one of the greatest joys of our ministry. God truly “sets the solitary in families” (Psalm 68:6), and **we** *Sarah* **have seen His promise come alive.**



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A Sweet Surprise Along the Way

What started as a simple day outside turned into a small adventure when the girls discovered wild berries along the way. With curiosity and excitement, they gathered and enjoyed this unexpected treat, soaking in both the beauty of the day and the joy of something provided right in front of them. The berries were **a sweet reminder of God's care in even the smallest details** --- **providing not just what is needed, but little joys in every day.**



The Little Things That Make a Big Difference

Big thank you to Larry Ward for his generous donation of cleaning supplies to us!

We were able to go pick them up with some of our boys, and it meant a lot to not only receive the donation, but to let them be a part of the work as well.

The children were happy to volunteer hours to help others. Volunteering in the community helps them understand their role as active, caring citizens.



Grateful for the Opry Night Sponsors

To the sponsors of the Spring Opry event, thank you for your generous support. Your involvement did more than make an evening possible—it helped create real impact in the lives of the children we serve.

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Craft to Calling: Redemption Bracelets in Action

What began as a simple craft in our girls program has grown into something much bigger. The Redemption Bracelets started as a hands-on activity, but quickly became a way to teach entrepreneurial skills, build confidence, and create meaningful outreach opportunities.

Each bracelet is handmade by the children and carries a powerful message: **no two are the same, just like each life has purpose.** The single red bead is intentional—it tells the story of redemption and reminds us that **what may look imperfect can still be used for something beautiful.**

But this is more than a bracelet. The kids are learning how to create a product, share its story, and engage with others. They're gaining real-world skills—communication, responsibility, and ownership—**while seeing firsthand how their efforts can make an impact.** These bracelets have opened doors for conversations, connections, and support for the ministry.

If you would like a bracelet, or if you're interested in carrying them in your business we would love to connect with you. Give Isaiah a call at 850-675-4403 and help us continue turning small beginnings into lasting impact.

Honoring Mothers

Honor a special mother in your life as a way to nurture children, leave a legacy on her behalf, and show the love of Jesus to a child every day.

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Provision in Unexpected Ways

As Mother's Day approaches, we're reminded that the role of a mother is not always filled as expected. For many, that **space has been marked by loss or absence, making this a tender time for children and adults alike.**

Whether it's the pain of infertility or being separated from one's parents due to circumstances outside their control, the longing is real.

But God is faithful.

Healing often comes through consistent, everyday moments of care. Needs are met through a house parent, teacher, or mentor—offering steady care and presence. Over time, trust, security, connection, and hope begin to grow as **God gently restores what once felt empty.**

"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you..." (Isaiah 66:13, NKJV).

Blessings,
Sarah Ellis
Executive Director
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a special message from Sarah

