

# Ministry Monday!

## d1 Treasures

### Lizzy's Journey Home

"Theo and I both felt very led by God to adopt an older (12 or 13 year old girl who was getting closer to age out). MANY people told us it was a bad idea because of her inability to bond with us and problems we would face. I began to be so fearful that I started thinking maybe we should go younger. We prayed for God to give us peace. Then in late January, we attended a Christian concert . In the middle a wonderful lady spoke of her journey as an orphan and her adoption at age 12. Then in a crowd of 10,000 she pointed to us and said," You who are afraid to adopt an older child don't be, God is with you." He HAS BEEN and I know He will continue to be."



"Just received a picture of Lizzy after they told her the news of her imminent adoption. We were able to send questions and received her answers. She sent back to us that she misses her family so much. It is so good to be able to have some communication. Counting down the days. "



"Colby started praying for us to adopt from China 5 years ago. We didn't feel God calling us in that direction at that time but he kept praying. Today we have a daughter from China. We weren't sure if we should bring Colby with us but he was so insistent that we brought him along. Here in China you don't see handicapped people. So as we were taking Lizzy to our room there were lots of stares, jeers, and pointing. Lizzy was so aware of it she didn't want to leave our room and definitely didn't want to go in her wheelchair. She was hungry, all of us were hungry but she was so scared to leave for food. Theo was about to go for some food when Colby said go get a wheelchair from the hotel and I will ride in one next to her. Lizzy loved the idea. As we walked downtown there were still lots of stares and jeers but her brother was there making her feel like they could do it together. She is still scared very scared. I am so glad Colby is here telling her it will be alright and letting her win every time at UNO. Keep the prayers coming. She is pretty weak and is struggling with walking. I know she will get strong again but this is not going to be easy for her for awhile. By the way she is still sweet as ever and such a precious little girl. I am so glad we didn't miss this."