

GREENHOUSE REPORT

These little flowers need a place in the sun to grow...

Through this periodic update we hope to keep interested families and benefactors informed about the children we are working to help, as well as those we've already assisted, with your support. If you would like to find out more about the adoption of any of these children, please contact Little Flowers.

Couple Opens Hearts to Twins

☉ For Liberian seven-year-olds **Rebecca** and **Sonie**, a difficult childhood may be about to be transformed. These girls were orphaned by fighting that spilled over from Sierra Leone not long after they were born, and are now living in a rudimentary Monrovia orphanage. A Catholic couple has been found in the US who can provide a loving, faithful environment where, we feel sure, these girls will heal and thrive. Little Flowers would like to help defray the expense of these adoptions. *About \$6000 is needed.*

Miracles from Sierra Leone

In the fall of 2000 seven children and two adults were brought to the US by a New York Rotary Club to receive prostheses and other medical treatment for the malicious amputations they had suffered as part of the civil war in Sierra Leone. Soon political asylum was sought for the nine, and granted. Over time it became clear that the children needed permanent homes with American families, and some of them have been placed or are with legal guardians who hope to adopt them.

These children are also awaiting homes:

- ☉ **Sheku** is 16 yrs. old. His parents were killed in front of him when he was eleven. He is missing both forearms and has traumatic glaucoma in one eye where he was hit with a butt of a rifle. He has a job and sends money to Sierra Leone for his younger sister and 2 brothers (ages 9, 5, and 4) and would like all of them to be placed.
- ☉ **Fatu**, who is 12 years old, saw both of her parents killed. She is missing her right forearm, through mutilation. She is outgoing and very athletic.
- ☉ **Memunatu** is a beautiful girl of age six. She is very bright and probably above grade level. She

was left to die when her grandmother was shot and killed, while she was carrying Memunatu in her arms. Her mother was also mortally wounded and it was Memunatu's eight-year-old brother who rescued her and saved her life. She is missing her right arm. The father would like to release her four brothers and, they too, need to be placed.

☉ The agency feels that Memunatu has become like a sister to **Mohamad**, also age six, and that they should be placed together if possible. Mohamad's left leg is missing above the knee. He is also very bright and eager to learn.

The agency estimates that \$10,000 will be needed to complete each adoption.



Damba and Fatu from Sierra Leone play with Nicholas Judge at the annual VIDA picnic. Damba is being adopted by a family in Virginia.

Columbian Boy Hopes for a Family

☉ **Jhon** is 11 years old. He has a congenital eye disorder that could leave him blind unless he receives corrective surgery and a cornea transplant. He lives in government-provided foster care that is adequate but does not meet his special needs. He is behind in school, hampered as he is by his poor vision and family status. Little Flowers has identified a doctor willing to donate the needed surgery, but **Jhon needs a family.**

Family Ready for Bulgarian Child

☉ A Catholic family hopes to adopt **Dominic**, a three and a half-year-old boy currently living in an Eastern European orphanage. He needs medical treatment for the visual and hearing problems he

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suffers like many other children with Down Syndrome. Dominic's adoptive mother says he is "perfect in God's eyes and in ours." Little Flowers would like to assist this family with the funds it needs to complete this adoption, *around \$6500.*

Big-Hearted Family Needed for Infant

⊗ Just before this report went to print, we received word about a **2-month-old** Guatemalan girl named Gabriella who will need heart surgery before she is three years old. **She also needs a family.** Please contact us for further information.

We ask you...

Pray for families for Sheku, Fatu, Memunatu, Mohamad, Jhon, and Gabriella. Pray about whether God is calling you to adopt a needy child. Pray for Rebecca and Sonie, that their adoption will proceed speedily, that they may join a forever family in the US. Pray for Dominic and for the family seeking to adopt him. Pray for the work of Little Flowers.

To make a donation toward defraying the costs of the adoption of a needy child, please use the enclosed card. For more information on adopting a child profiled here, or other special children, please contact Little Flowers.



Rob (with daughter, Ellen) and Kathleen Judge with Joan Andrews Bell at the VIDA picnic. Little Flowers Foundation assisted the Bells in the adoption of two children from Russia, seen here in the stroller.

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