

# Familybuilding FOUNDATION



To Ted, Tami, Ryann, Sheryl, and everyone at Familybuilding,

We personally cannot find the words to express how thankful we are, so we wanted to express to everyone involved in the Familybuilding Foundation and how much this means to our family.

When we took this young little girl (above right) unexpectedly into our home, she was pale, sad, scared and did not act like a normal, happy 10-month-old child. We did not know everything she had been through when we took her in, however soon after, we became aware of the neglect and the severity of the drug abuse her parents were dealing with. Our hearts broke knowing that she was not cared for properly and that the cycle of drug abuse and dysfunction was beginning to influence her entire life. We promised we would do whatever was necessary to help end that and not let her grow up in that kind of environment. It did not take long after she was with us for her to begin to thrive! She is smart, kind, loving, safe and most importantly happy. We never planned on raising her permanently but after everything we have experienced God is leading our hearts to continue to stand in the gap for her. So far, that has meant over two years of court and litigation!

We responded to the call for help because social services was going to take her into custody. Therefore, we have privately financed the legal battle and her support with no governmental assistance or help. So far we have kept her safe and she is thriving! However, that has come at a tremendous cost. We work as

much as we can to provide for our family, now a family of four children, but it has been difficult to keep up with the legal fees we did not anticipate. Ted, Tami and the Familybuilding Team, you are very good at what you do, and our family is grateful for you always being there for us throughout the litigation to keep this child safe. You have never pressured us about the legal fees and always made us feel that it is not about the money, but that this is truly your heart and your passion at Familybuilding. Regardless, we have still felt horrible for not being able to pay off the debt we have accumulated through this legal process. At times this case can be overwhelmingly stressful, but on top of that we have worried we may not be able to continue the battle for her if we cannot afford it. That thought is unbearable!

Hearing the news that you are starting a non-profit with a purpose of helping families in need brought so much renewed hope and faith! We hope you all know what this meant to our family when we heard the news!

We hope this letter brings you and all the donors every bit of joy you deserve. We know the Lord has an amazing plan for us, but until now we never dreamed it could be a financial one. Please know whoever reads this letter how hard it is sometimes to receive, but we know it is not about us, but this beautiful little girl who deserves a fair chance at a fulfilling life and not one full of hopelessness, depression and despair. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! God is so good and just, and so are you all for doing HIS work through the Familybuilding Foundation. God bless you all.

With all our love, loyalty, respect and gratitude,

Anthony, Candice and family

