

# FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

## *The Clary Family*

Hi, we're the Clary family - Amy, Chris, Charley K (4), Dawson (4), Castle (3), and Bexley (1). Our adoption journey began where all good things begin, at Chick-fil-A.

We bumped into some friends that were looking on their phone at another friend's Facebook page who had just had their Gotcha Day in China and was now visiting the orphanage the next day.

We were all watching anxiously as she was posting pictures in real time of her precious new little girl, Hannah. It all looked to be going smoothly. There were big smiles all around from Hannah, her new parents and the caregivers. All

but one. In many of the pictures there was a little boy in a red shirt in the background, sometimes right up next to her, sometimes holding Hannah's hand, peaking through the window at her. You could see in his eyes that he wasn't ready for Hannah to go away, not for a moment and definitely not for a lifetime.

That little boy caught my eye. I didn't know the family, I didn't know their story, really I didn't know anything about their journey, but I wanted to. I wanted to know more about that little boy. I became friends the mom on Facebook and sent her a message that was interested in following her story. She had pleaded on Facebook that if anyone could adopt this little boy, she would be so grateful.

That night, Chris and I prayed about that little boy. The answer was pretty clear early on. He was going to be our son. The next day, we reached out to Gladney to get his file and we started down the long road of international adoption.

After 11 long months, we traveled to China for our own Gotcha Day! His name in the orphanage was Da Da. We decided to name him Dawson (for Da Da is our Son). Of course, Hannah met us at the airport. I've honestly never seen pure joy as the reunion between those two friends. It was innocent and pure and fantastic and every other amazing adjective. They hugged and laughed and got so giddy that they fell to the ground, over and over again.



Amy is partnering with Gladney on the One Less Orphan Fund. The hope is to raise money for those looking to rescue orphans. The money raised will be given as grants through Gladney for families that make under \$150K a year and are Christian. Preference will be given to families who have adopted before (as they have probably already tapped out their social circle for donations).

**Save the date for their Gala on August 26 at 4321 St. John, Highland Park, TX.** Tickets are \$125. They are currently looking for donations for the live and silent auctions, corporate sponsors and folks who want to attend. Tickets will be on sale soon on [www.onelessorphanfund.org](http://www.onelessorphanfund.org).

## 25 DIVINE ADOPTIONS *by Amy Clary*

I am currently writing a book entitled 25 Divine Adoptions. Our adoption story garnered a lot of national and international press. The goal is to capitalize on that publicity to help other folks who are considering adoption (clean out the orphanages) and use the money raised to help fund other adoptions.

Our story was on CNN, ABC, CBS, CW, InTouch Magazine, Woman's World, Plano Profile, Reuters Asia, Fox Network, Fox local, CNN International and even ABC World News Person's of the Week. Below are a few of my favorite news stories.

- [www.cnn.com/2016/09/14/us/chinese-orphans-reunited-trnd/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/14/us/chinese-orphans-reunited-trnd/index.html)
- [abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/girl-rescued-chinese-orphanage-reunited-friend-42153139](http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/girl-rescued-chinese-orphanage-reunited-friend-42153139)

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