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We are trusting in God's goodness! Many of you know the recent heartbreaking trial we have been going through. Although I would like to say that our little boy is back with us, we at least now have peace that we know where he is.

As we investigated further, we discovered the huge misunderstanding about us and our ministry that led the biological father to come and so abruptly take Tunwah away. He promised it was only for a visit but he never intended to bring him back. Tunwah is now with his grandparents and they have the legal right to keep him.

Due to the interference of others, Tunwah's grandparents were led to believe that we were refusing to allow them to have contact with him. That is certainly not true. We never knew that the family had been trying to get in touch with us to see him.

The other people involved know us very well, and although close to Tunwah's relatives, blocked them from making contact with us; they say their actions were out of a pure heart and a desire to not get involved; but that led the family to think we were avoiding them and were hiding from them.

As you know our ministry is very open and public, we have a page for our ministry on Facebook, a web site and a big sign on our facility with our ministry name on it. Our numbers and email are on literature everywhere. **We never take children away from their families and block them from contact.**

Tunwah's biological father was unwilling and unable to care for him and asked us to take him three years ago. We have never heard from him in all that time until last month when he came to our house and demanded to take Tunwah away.



The way in which we take these children into our home and care for them and love them like our own is very different from other organizations that institutionalize them in an orphanage.

Those places only provide for their physical needs and the staff keeps their distance emotionally; although that would be easier, it is not the way the Lord has shown us to do it.

We have reached out to Tunwah's grandparents to make peace and they now are beginning to understand the truth about us. They allowed us to visit them and see Tunwah last Sunday. It was very emotional and really quite heartbreaking.

The moment he saw us he began crying uncontrollably. He was unable to speak and seemed so shattered emotionally. We continue to pray they will eventually let him come back to us. **We thank God that we now know where he is and we plan to keep visiting and hopefully minister to the grandparents as well. Thank you all for your prayers and for continuing to pray that God's will is done.**



One thing we are so thankful for is the transformation that took place in Tunwah's life while he was with us; not just physically, but spiritually. He has given his life to Christ and was baptized one year ago this month. **We are trusting in the word of God that has been sown into him and we believe he is going to be a mighty man of God wherever he is.**



We have allowed ourselves to be so distracted and consumed by this struggle and the heartbreak that we have not been able to focus on the big picture. We have learned so much from this experience and we are moving forward to continue to grow and reach out to the lost. We are continuing to seek the Lord's guidance for the provision and open doors to purchase land and begin building. Otherwise we are at a standstill with growth. Child services still calls us and asks us to take in more orphans but we are unable to at this time. It breaks my heart to turn children away, but we must have a larger facility, a school and other team members in order to rescue, educate, disciple and care for more children. **We thank God for reminding us to keep our focus on Him.**



To all our faithful partners, we thank you so much.

If you would like to be a part of helping us spread the gospel, helping us accomplish the extraordinary in this world; help us rescue orphaned and abandoned children and give them the love and hope they deserve, please consider partnering with our ministry.

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