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A New Family for Angelina



These are the stories.

These are the souls.

These are the portraits of
the lives we're changing.

Meet Angelina. This 4-year-old girl in Moldova has already faced many obstacles in life, including extreme poverty. See how your partnership brought her into a whole new world of hope, stability, and safety.

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DISCOVERING HOPE

The name Angelina means “angel of God,” and we couldn’t think of a more fitting name for this precious child.

Angelina’s mother faced the responsibilities of parenthood at the age of 15. But hope began to emerge when Childhood for Children Foundation, an organization that works with Orphan’s Promise, came into Angelina’s life.

A CALL FOR HELP

Our friendship with Angelina began with a pivotal moment when her mother gave birth to Angelina’s little brother, Ilya. Angelina’s mother contemplated abandoning her baby son when faced with the overwhelming responsibility of caring for another newborn without support.

She bravely reached out to Childhood for Children Foundation about her situation. The foundation’s psychologist engaged in a heartfelt conversation with her. In that moment, both parties decided to embrace the journey together. Because of your partnership, we were able to come alongside Angelina’s mother and provide guidance, mentorship, and essential aid to help navigate the challenging path ahead.

ONE ARTICLE SAYS THAT “MORE THAN 7,000 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PLACED IN STATE-RUN INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE’S POOREST COUNTRY, MOLDOVA, AND ONLY 2% ARE ORPHANS.”¹ MOST ARE PLACED THERE BECAUSE OF DESPERATE SCENARIOS THAT HAVE LEFT THEM ABANDONED OR THEIR PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO CARE FOR THEM.



UNICEF REPORTS THAT 10 PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN MOLDOVA LIVE IN EXTREME POVERTY.²

After Angelina's mother was discharged from the hospital a few days later, our team took her home—only to realize she didn't have one. Another family had been offering her temporary shelter. The situation was dire, and we knew she needed a more permanent place to stay in order to have a secure environment for her children.

When we pulled up to the gate of the temporary shelter, Angelina climbed out of the car to greet the family's dog. This was her beloved friend. Angelina started to take the slop from the dog's bowl and eat it, and we realized this was how she often fed herself. No 4-year-old child should have to live this way.

We helped Angelina's mom by renting a small apartment and providing food, diapers, and medical care. Angelina was often sick and behind in her developmental milestones. She was barely able to talk. Unfortunately, our visits went on for several months with little progress.

AN UNSAFE ENVIRONMENT

Our goal is always to keep families together. When that isn't possible, our first priority is the physical safety of the children.

After several months, one visit revealed that men were frequenting the apartment. There were signs of alcohol abuse, and the living situation was deteriorating into unsafe and unsanitary conditions. It was also a major concern that the environment could place the children in harm's way and subject them to exploitation and sexual abuse. The local authorities talked with Angelina's mom, but the situation continued to get worse and the children were removed from the home for their safety.

A NEW PATH FORWARD

After a year of navigating paperwork and trying to find a home, Angelina and her little brother met a loving foster family through Childhood for Children Foundation.

Denis and Irina love the Lord and are passionate about helping children in need. Denis works in construction, and Irina is a kindergarten teacher. They are committed to building a family and offering marginalized children a safe, loving environment to heal and grow. They visited Angelina and Ilya over several months before taking them home. "Angelina immediately ran up to us and did not want to let us go," Irina shared.



The day the children came home was a celebration for Denis and Irina's whole family. Aunts, uncles, and grandparents also came to welcome the kids into the family.

But the first year was difficult, as Angelina's immune system was very weak. She was sick with a lingering respiratory infection and struggling with speech delays. However, Angelina is now making great progress with consistent medical care, a stable environment, nutritious meals, and loving foster parents.



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BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES

Irina recalled how Angelina seemed to be afraid of everything when she first met her. Now, Angelina goes to vocal lessons, takes art classes, and enjoys being around her loved ones.

Irina shared, “During Angelina’s stay with our family, she began to understand that she has a family and friends. Angelina has a close relationship with her younger brother. She loves him very much and takes care of him.”

Instead of wondering where her next meal will come from or worrying about her safety, Angelina can learn, grow, and play like a child should. She has a supportive, loving foster family and a strong relationship with her little brother.

THANK YOU!

Angelina’s journey is a testament to the transformative power of your compassion and commitment. Your generosity has not only changed the course of Angelina’s life but has also sown seeds of hope in the lives of countless other children.

Your kindness is making a life-changing difference every single day for vulnerable kids like Angelina and Ilya. Thank you for seeing this little girl and the potential God has placed in her. Because of you, she can enjoy her childhood.

Instead of wondering where her next meal will come from or worrying about her safety, Angelina can now learn, grow, and play like a child should.

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