

A Home for Sanjith, Thanks to Gift of Adoption

Provided by Kris Peters, Gift of Adoption

Sanjith, a one-year old boy in an Indian orphanage, was considered too physically impaired for many adoptive families. But Melissa, a teacher of at-risk children, was drawn to him and re-examined his file. Although Sanjith was listed as being vision and hearing impaired in addition to having a seizure disorder, Daniel and Melissa asked for new testing and found that his hearing wasn't as bad as originally diagnosed. He was also given glasses (though he hasn't totally adapted to wearing them yet). Daniel and Melissa remain hopeful that, once in the U.S., medical treatment and a loving home will help him overcome any other obstacles he may face.

Daniel and Melissa had four children when they felt drawn to adopt their fifth child, Shabnam, who is now nine. When they began considering another adoption they came across Sanjith's file and knew that if they didn't bring him home, it was possible no one ever would.



Sanjith, age 2, in Bangalore, India.



Sanjith's new family (l-r): Kylee (age 10), Shabnam (age 10), Mom holding Adam (age 5), Austin in front (age 12), Dad holding Aden (age 4).

A grant from Gift of Adoption will help this family bring Sanjith home. "We knew we couldn't afford another adoption," wrote Melissa, "but we knew we had to make a difference in the life of this child. We couldn't just let him sit and waste away.... Our other children are very excited as they wait for Sanjith to come home." For more information on Gift of Adoption, call Iowa's Chapter Director Kris Peters at 515-441-0547 or visit their website, www.giftofadoption.org.