

FACES FROM THE SEA

A ministry update from the Sea of Faces Foundation

Second Qtr, 2009

Apr - Jun 2009 Statistics

Applications Received: 18
Average Spent Before
Applying: \$15,046
Average Amount Still
Owed: \$12,986
Grants Awarded: 1
Total Dollars Given: \$2,000

Committed?

This past quarter, as with every, was a very difficult decision. We had 18 families with tremendous needs. Unfortunately, because of funding, we could only choose one. It's heartbreaking to notify the remaining families we were unable to offer any assistance.

We are so thankful for our supporters who have committed to Sea of Faces on a monthly basis. These recurring gifts provide a foundation of support allowing us to offer at least one grant per quarter.

Can you help us do more? A \$33 monthly gift from just ten families will guarantee a \$1000 grant EVERY quarter. Automatic grants can be set up through your bank or on-line at seoffaces.org.

Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness.

*Easing the need of
God's children.*



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SFF Gives 27th Grant to Friesen Family

Both joy and sorrow have shaped Troy and Jennifer Friesen's trust and faith in God's plan for their family. After the delight of their first two healthy children, they were unprepared for the sadness they experienced through their third child's death at three months old. They then lost their fourth child to miscarriage. Their hearts were guarded after the healthy birth of their fifth child, but love broke through when she thrived. Just when they thought it couldn't happen again, their sixth child's life ended as a premie stillborn.



Troy and Jennifer, along with their three children, anxiously await Olivia's homecoming in August.

It was through the grief of these losses, combined with their love of parenting, that they began to consider adoption. After much prayer, they began their adoption journey in January 2006. Unfortunately, the quoted 8-month wait steadily compounded. Just when they thought they could no longer afford the continual, expensive renewal of all their paperwork, God moved and brought them their child. "Over the lengthened time, God softened our hearts to consider an older child with special needs," said Jennifer. Their daughter, Olivia, who will come home from China in August, suffers from congenital scoliosis and will require several surgeries to provide room for her growing organs. Troy's chiropractic background will be a blessing as Olivia abides in her condition. The Friesens' perseverance though unbelievable heartache brings glory to God.

Unique Gifts Support Sea of Faces



Hand-painted in Russia, these one-of-a-kind stacking dolls signify adopted children from around the world.

Steve, travels to work one-on-one with the manufacturer. His first of many designs to come is based on "The Starfish Thrower" story. Each nested figure depicts children on the beach saying "thank you" in five different languages. This limited edition treasure makes a wonderful gift for families who have traveled the adoption journey or support orphan relief.

Leslie has graciously committed a portion of the proceeds from each sale to Sea of Faces. Read more about her heart's desire, support her endeavors and make a difference in the life of a child by visiting throwstarfish.com.

Board member Leslie Johnston has a tremendous heart for orphans. Her previous work with America World Adoption Agency, the adoption of her daughter and another in the works is just an inkling of her devotion. She recently launched an on-line market focused on the awareness and support of adoption.

Adoption Friends LLC currently carries two very unique products. The signature item is a custom-designed, completely hand-crafted stacking doll direct from Russia. Her husband,