

## Visiting Your Child's Orphanage

Meeting with foster families/caregivers: you will need to provide Gladney with the foster family name ahead of time so they can be contacted and a visit can be arranged if they are available. Letter requesting

Gifts for the orphanage from a family or a group – your guide can find out ahead of time what is needed most. The children love to participate in picking gifts for the children in the orphanage, for example, candy.

Prepare questions for the caregiver ahead of time. Be sure there are enough translators in the group so that everyone has an opportunity to communicate with their caregiver/foster parent. Prepare photo albums or scrapbooks of the children growing up to present at the meeting, the caregivers/orphanage staff really appreciate it.

Finding place – discuss ahead of time if the group will visit the children's finding places. Talk to the children about what the finding place is, what feelings they may have about it, etc.



Quote:

“The visit to our daughters’ orphanages and finding places was one of the most amazing and memorable aspects of our heritage trip. The children were able to see the area they were born in, visit their Social Welfare Institutes, see their finding places and meet with their caregivers. There is nothing that can replace experience of actually being there. They will always remember the sights, the smells, being able to put faces and places to the stories we have recounted to them all these years.”