
Madonna adopts Malawi boy

Posted by Nadia - 2006/11/06 12:41

Madonna was on the today show on Nov. 1 with Meredith Vieira doing a interview about the adoption of her new family member David Banda a 13 month old Malawi boy. In the interview Madonna mentioned that David's mom died from aids and his siblings also died. David's dad was out of the picture and wanted nothing to do with him and was put in an orphanage.

It's sad to hear that some people think it was a publicity stunt or in need for attention because of her reputation in the past. Some also believed when she had her daughter it was a publicity stunt?.

Madonna is a strong 48 yr old woman and I know she would do right. I think whoever doesn't like should click their heels and say to themselves I NEED A LIFE!, with out her help and care she gave to David he would not be here today. We need more people like her and other celeb's that can afford and care for these children. Madonna followed the rules and the law and did nothing wrong. My congrats goes out to her.

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Posted by Debby - 2006/11/06 13:31

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I also saw the interview with Madonna on Oprah. I agree that she did a great job explaining everything. Her new son is one lucky little boy.

Madonna seems to love children...

If I remember correctly... I believe she wrote a children's book.

My daughter went to a Madonna concert this year... no air conditioning... something about it's not good for her voice. The concert was during the summer, and was more than a little uncomfortable. This is the first time I heard of a singer enforcing such a rule. Oh well.

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Posted by Debby - 2006/11/06 15:20

From the clips I have seen of her last couple of concerts, it appears that she needs all the air she can get. Every clip I have seen shows her out of breath and struggling to keep up with the music. I know she is in good shape but, her voice was so weak and breathless that I felt sorry for her. I would not enjoy watching her struggle through a show that way. She sounded this way on the last 2 tours.

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Re:Madonna adopts Malawi boy

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2006/11/06 15:35

I'm with you all!!!!!! She's making a HUGE difference in little David's life as well as every single child in Malawi!!!

Yes, I wish I had the money to help like she does, but the truth of what kind of person you are is what you do with what you have! If you have a lot of resources and use those.....that's to be commended. Just as if you have little, but still use what you have, that's to be commended.

It's so sad the press these days. I KNOW that's not what our forefathers meant about "freedom of the press"they would have been appalled at the paparazzi today and what they do!!

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Re:Madonna adopts Malawi boy

Posted by Nadia - 2006/11/20 03:51

Here is a picture of baby david he's so cute.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/articles/showbiz/showbiznews.html?in_article_id=416473&in_page_id=1773

Madonna wants to adopt again a baby girl same village as where David is from. I don't understand how easy it is for these celeb's to adopt so quickly where regular people it takes years.

Anyhow, I am happy for Madonna for wanting to adopt another baby.

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Re:Madonna adopts Malawi boy

Posted by KPW1956 - 2006/11/20 11:44

I read that the child she adopted did have a father who visited regularly. He had to agree to the adoption... There was some initial confusion about whether he really knew that it was permanent..

I found a yahoo piece that is less than an hour old. I was trying to find the article I saw yesterday about David's father getting married.. to his pregnant girlfriend.. The young age of the boy and the fact that he did have a surviving parent... (Most likely unable to care for the infant on his own..) (His wife died after or during childbirth last year)..

So many orphans have NOBODY.... with the father remarrying.. perhaps he and his new wife might have been able to bring him home.. Or as the boy got older the father would have been able to care for him..

I just have alot of mixed feelings.. That Madonna might not have chosen the neediest child.. but the cutest poster child..

Not begrudging the fact that the child will have some great advantages... but I can only imagine that her celebrity and wealth had alot to do with the adoption.. and the father giving up his son..

I mean he could be a wealthy man now... by Malawi's standards.. Not sure if he was paid or not... But I would imagine that a financial incentive would have been easy to tip the scales.. to get him to agree to give him up for adoption.

This article mentions the fact that Madonna may have been given special consideration because of her celebrity.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20061120/ap_on_en_mu/malawi_madonna

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