

Connect timeless truths with today's news.

### REUNITED WITH HIS BIRTH MOTHER

One day in 1981 in Santiago, Chile, a poor woman gave birth to a premature baby boy. She was discharged from the hospital while the baby was put in an incubator, but when she returned, she was told the baby had died and his body had been disposed of. In reality, the baby was sold in a human trafficking scheme that was common at the time. The boy was adopted by an American family and given the name Jimmy Lippert Thyde. The mother, María Angélica González, had more children but never forgot her baby boy. Forty-two years later, through an organization called Nos Buscamos (which means, “We are looking for each other”), mother and son were reunited in Chile. “Mijo,” María told her son, “you have no idea the oceans I’ve cried for you. How many nights I’ve laid awake praying that God let me live long enough to learn what happened to you.”

### STAYING WITH HER NEW MOTHER

Naomi had gone to Moab because of a famine in Israel. She had prospered there, marrying and raising two sons, both of whom married Moabite women. But when all three men died and news reached Naomi that Israel had food again, she determined to return home. She urged her two daughters-in-law to go back to their own homes and remarry, but one of the two—Ruth—refused to be parted from her mother-in-law. Her devotion was such that she gave up her homeland and her religion to stay by Naomi’s side.

1. What’s the happiest adoption or reunion story you’ve ever heard?
2. How can we help put an end to human trafficking?
3. What could cause you to leave everything behind and start a new life?

### Additional Resources

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Music Video, Multicultural: [“Merry Merry Christmas” by Chris Blue](#)

Music Video, Contemporary: [“Santa la Noche” by REVERE](#)

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