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Gladney from a Concerned Ethiopia Adoptive Parent.txt

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Hello - There are rumors going around Facebook that Gladney is pressuring Ethiopian birth mothers to relinquish their children. It is a result of these postings, below, by [redacted] on her Timeline. People do not understand why the court case is preceeding when the mother has decided she wants to keep the child. Surely requiring this mother to attend court is unethical at best, criminal at worst.

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Is Gladney intending to pressure this mother into giving up her child?

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(March 6)
Please pray for our family. We received the worst case news today. After 1.5 years after relinquishing our little guy in Ethiopia, the birthmother has decided she would like to have him back. This has been heartbreaking but we know that God can still work a miracle. Please pray for us and for the situation. We will keep you updated. This is especially hard after we visited him yesterday and he cried when we left. He knew who we were.

(Later on March 6)
I just wanted to thank everyone for all the wonderful messages of encouragment. We are still holding out hope that the birthmother reconsiders. Tomorrow (Thursday) she appears in court at the same time as us (in a different room) and that will be the final moment of knowing what's going to happen. God is giving us peace and although this is the hardest thing we've even been through, we know he has a plan and we an hold out hope to find out what that plan is. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Sincerely,
[redacted] Concerned Ethiopia Adoptive Parent

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