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Hello Champions!

Welcome to the New Year-2008! We are so excited about the wonderful opportunities we'll have ministering in the hearts and lives of the orphans in our world this year! We hope you are eager and excited as well as you consider your role as a Champions for Children. You are a Blessing!

Expanding our Champions for Children base is the focus of our growth in 2008. We are looking not only to add to our list of 35 churches where we have a Champion but to also diversify this group and increase your opportunities in this ministry for the orphans of the world. If you know of anyone in an area church who might make an effective Champion for Children, let me know or forward this email to them so they can contact me at Bethany.

March is our Foster Care and all Bethany activity. On Tuesday, March 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM we will be at Rollar World. Come skate with us. The entry fee is waived if you bring in a can good. If you want to volunteer, come in and help tie skates!

Respite Days: We are looking to create several respite days this year for our foster parents to provide them with a break from parenting for a few hours. This is a much needed service for the caregivers of these children. If you are interested in providing this opportunity to foster families this year, please contact me so we can get them scheduled.

A Discover Adoption Meeting was held at Richland Bible Church on January 28. Over 15 families attended this meeting. Additional meetings are being planned throughout the year. We are anticipating the next one in April and hoping to focus on the Calhoun County area.

Orientation Meetings for Adoption are scheduled the first Monday of every month. The next meeting will be February 4 from 4:30 to 8:00 PM. These meetings introduce adoption and begin the process for families who have decided on growing their family by adoption.

Mentors for foster children are another area we are hoping to offer this year. Stay tuned for more information. If this is of interest to you, please let me know.

Help urgently needed for rent dollars for a refugee family from Africa. Let me know if you can help.

Please keep praying for the work being done in HIS name at Bethany Christian Services. Thank you!

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