

December Placement:**Keith and Kristen took Grace home from the hospital on December 23!****Prayer Needs:****Please be in prayer for all of the churches that have or are starting orphan and adoption ministries. Middle Tennessee is answering God's call to care for the orphans!****Please keep us in your prayers as we pursue getting licensed to provide services in Kentucky.****Please continue to keep the embryo adoption and donation program in your prayers. It is new and is growing. There are over 400,000 embryos who need families!**

Volunteer opportunities:

If you'd like to be on our volunteer e-mail list, please let me know. I use this list to put out the word about needs that we have as an office, that our birth mothers have, or needs that we are made aware of (such as in the following announcement).

We are currently needing some volunteers for a couple of projects that can be done from your home. If you have some extra time :) and would like to help out, please let me know.

Haiti:

I just wanted to share that 65 cribs are in production for Haiti! As you know we've been fund-raising for quite awhile, and with your help, we have raised enough for 65 cribs! As most of you remember, we told you about the need for 100 cribs at God's Littlest Angels orphanage in Haiti. Some of Bethany's Staff traveled to Haiti in 2006. The cribs that are there now are made of wood. The cockroaches burrow into the wood and breed. At night the cockroaches crawl all over the babies and toddlers! One of our Bethany employees in the national office was inspired to raise money for steel cribs! Many have also been inspired many to give! Janie found a manufacturer who would make the cribs, fill any holes after the paint and sealer was sprayed, provide mattresses and ship them to a container in Colorado Springs. God is so good! We will continue on to raise money for the last 35 cribs! Thank you for your generosity in this ongoing project! You will bring peaceful sleep to precious children!!

From Covenant Presbyterian Church's Orphan and Adoption Ministry:

The pilot Safe Room project for Middle Tennessee will open in April. This room will be located at the Davidson County Center for Adoption Building, and will be for children who are entering the foster care system. Instead of waiting on the floor of the case manager's office, the children will be brought to our SAFE ROOM which will be set up for watching tv, reading books, listening to music, coloring, rocking babies, etc, and will be staffed with one of our volunteers. The children will be in a calm setting, away from some of the chaos that has just changed their world. To become a volunteer, one must do a two training class and background check by the Davidson County DCS, and have an open heart to love on these precious children on a day they will never forget. We will have a training session at Covenant at the end of February, and anyone is welcome to attend. Initially, we will have the room staffed on Tuesdays and Thursdays in 4 hour shifts from 9 am until 5 pm, and have "on-call" volunteers for Monday, Wednesday, Friday. The ultimate goal is to provide a SAFE ROOM in each of the three intake centers in Davidson County, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. For more information, please contact Eve or Amy at ourcovenantcall@gmail.com

That's it--please email out, put in your bulletins, anything you can think of to get the word out! We are also looking for donations of gently used:

TV

Small mini fridge
Microwave
Couch
Computer
Mp3 or DS
Shelving units
Thanks!
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“We are pleased to announce that the next Together for Adoption (T4A) conference will be held at [Christ Community Church](#) (Franklin, TN) on October 2-3, 2009. The uniqueness of T4A’s conferences is that they focus primarily on *vertical* adoption (i.e., God adopting <http://www.carolinahopeadoption.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2009/01/t4a-nashville-conference-poster1.pdf> us in Christ), with a secondary and necessary focus on its profound implications for *orphan care* and *horizontal adoption* (i.e., couples adopting children). [With over 132 million orphaned and vulnerable children in the world](#), what our world needs is Christians who have been freshly gripped by the stunning vertical reality of their adoption by God. If anything can mobilize the church to address our world’s orphan crises, it will be the good news of vertical adoption. Join us as we seek to connect the dots between our adoption by God and the adoption of children. **Registration will open within the next few weeks.**”

What if Bethany earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made on-line went to support our cause? Well, now it can!
GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new on-line shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Bethany Christian Services of Middle Tennessee as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!