

March Placements:

Michael and Kittye brought William and John home from Liberia on March 7.
Chris and Holly received Benjamin Lawrence on March 19.
Eric and Mandy received Cohen Bennet on March 22.

Volunteers Needed!

Jon and Jodi gave birth to a beautiful set of triplets through embryo adoption in February of this year. Now that their family is no longer in town to help, they are praying for some volunteers who might be able to help them through their next transition. Their needs include help with holding or feeding babies, laundry or light housework. They are especially hoping for help on an ongoing basis for a period time (one morning per week for a specified number of weeks). If you are able to minister to this family in this way, please contact Jana Miller at millfamily3@aol.com or call her at 758-8791.

Free! Embryo Donation /Adoption information session

The medical, relationship and legal information you need to make the right decision for your family.

Tuesday, May 6th
6-9 p.m.
Sumner County YMCA
102 Bluegrass Dr.
Hendersonville, TN

Please call the Bethany office if you would like further information: 615-242-0909.

Bethany's Infertility Support Group

Bethany is beginning the next six-week infertility support and educational group on Tuesday, April 22nd from 7-8:30. The group will address many issues including how infertility affects marriage, friendships, spirituality, and finances. The group also investigates ethical issues that can arise during treatment. The cost is \$10 per session (for couples or individuals) and meetings will be held each Tuesday night at the Bethany office located at 220 Athens Way, Suite 405 in Nashville. If you are interested, please email sfindley@bethany.org or call the office.

BETHANY'S SPRING PICNIC



WHEN: MAY 3, 2008

WHERE: EDWIN WARNER PARK
AREA #10
50 VAUGHN ROAD
NASHVILLE, TN 37221

TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN THE BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES STAFF AND FAMILIES (PLACED & WAITING, DOMESTIC, INTERNATIONAL, & EMBRYO) FOR THE SPRING PICNIC.

FYI - For those in the home study process, the picnic can be counted as one of your required group meetings!

THIS YEAR THE STAFF HAS PULLED TOGETHER THE PRELIMINARY DETAILS (I.E. DATE, LOCATION & TIME), WE HOPE TO PASS THAT BATON TO FAMILIES FOR OUR NEXT PICNIC.

PLEASE R.S.V.P BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 18, 2008 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (615)242-0909 OR EMAIL LISA M. LANCASTER WILLIAMS AT LLANCASTER@BETHANY.ORG.

WHEN YOU RESPOND, PLEASE BE SURE TO ADVISE THE NUMBER IN YOUR FAMILY WHO WILL BE ATTENDING.

LETS JOIN TOGETHER TO MAKE THIS DAY OF FELLOWSHIPING A DAY TO REMEMBER.

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP MEETING



WHEN: July 7, 2008

WHERE: LOBBY OF BETHANY CHRISTIAN
SERVICES OFFICE BUILDING
220 ATHENS WAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37228

TIME: 6 P.M. – 8 P.M.

R.S.V.P: BY June 23, 2008 TO

LLANCASTER@BETHANY.ORG

CTRUTT@BETHANY.ORG

615-242-0909

WE WELCOME ALL OF OUR INTERNATIONAL FAMILIES TO COME OUT TO THIS GROUP MEETING AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. WE WOULD LIKE FOR FAMILIES THAT HAVE COME HOME WITH THEIR CHILD TO SHARE THEIR STORY WITH OTHERS.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR STORY. THIS MEETING IS FOR FAMILIES THAT ARE BEGINNING THE PROCESS, WAITING, CHILD HAS BEEN PLACED, OR EVEN IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING WORKING WITH BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES. PLEASE JOIN US.

Champions, it is with great pleasure that we are ready to introduce you to our “New and Improved” Champions for Children program at Bethany! We first want to thank you for faithfully serving children from all over the world the past couple of

years. We are very thankful for the relationships that we have been able to establish with so many of you.

Now we are ready to tell you about some exciting changes to Champions for Children that we think will benefit you, your church, Bethany, and children all over the world. First, Bethany has hired our first National Director of Church Partnerships. His name is Rev. Johnny Carr and you can read his biography below. Second, we have created a website for Champions to use that we think will be a great resource for you in days to come. In this web site, you will find what other churches are doing to minister to children and families all over the United States. This web site will be accessible to you beginning **April 1**. You will be able to access it at www.bethanychampions.org.

Another great resource that we are creating for you is a video series to be used by Champions either with friends or with your church. This video series will include topics such as fund raising for adoptions, what is involved in a home study, what are the options when considering adoption, and many other topics. These videos will include special guests who are experts in their area of work. While it will take us some time to build this library of videos, we should have a few of them ready by April 1 and then more by May 1. This monthly E-newsletter will continue to come to you and will also be available on the Champions web site.

We look forward to serving with you as we seek to understand and embody what pure and undefiled religion is as we take care of the orphan.

Meet Rev. Johnny Carr!

Bethany Christian Services
National Director of Church Partnerships

For 14 years, Pastor Johnny Carr was a full-time minister who served several different churches ranging in size from 100 to 1,700 weekly attendees. Before coming to Bethany Christian Services, Johnny was the Pastor of Ministry and Leadership Development at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida. While at Hillcrest, he led the church in establishing its first orphan/adoption ministry, which sponsored mission trips to orphanages and resulted in the adoption of several children.

Pastor Johnny married Beth, a deaf educator, in March 1993. The couple now has four children: Heather, Jared, James, and Xiaoli. James and Xiaoli were both adopted from China and are both deaf. It was during the adoption of James that God began speaking to the Carrs about committing their lives to orphan care. After a long process and many confirmations from the Lord, Johnny left the full-time church ministry to become Bethany's first National Director of Church Partnerships.

Johnny understands the complexities of ministry and the demands of being a pastor, as well as a pastor's role in empowering and motivating the laity to do the good works of the Gospel. He believes that the Church must take the lead in the world's orphan crisis. His goal is to inspire the Church to truly understand and obey James 1:27, which calls believers to care for orphans.

To learn more about Johnny, his family, and their hearts for the orphans visit
www.carsfororphans.org!

A beautiful, warmer day in Michigan has us thinking
summer already!

Join us for our *Multicultural Adoption Festival* -
Saturday, June 21!

Attached e is a link to our Bethany web-site with Festival
Information and photos from last year.
Also attached is a flyer!

<http://www.bethany.org/festival>



Revised 2008 festival flyer.pdf

See you in June!
Alison Adema, Festival Co-chair
Bethany Christian Services
Program Coordinator for:
Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Korea, Philippines

The following is from Christine - a young woman who made an adoption plan through
Bethany. Some of you have heard her story at the orientation meeting. She is an
amazing young woman.

Hey All,

I hope everyone had a chance to see the Facing Life Head-On show about Joi and myself
when it aired yesterday morning!! If not, you can visit the Facing Life Head-On website
to read about the show and their mission and also to view a short clip of the show
featuring Joi and myself! Just click below to go straight to their website!!!!

Facing Life Head-On Website:
<http://www.facinglife.tv>

If you would like to view the entire show, it is available on YouTube. The entire video is 25 minutes, but we could only upload 10 minutes at a time to YouTube! Therefore the video is broken up into 3 sections! Simply click below to view each section.

Facing Life Head-On Part 1:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyEjBqr6Fg0>

Facing Life Head-On Part 2:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UoaGamb560>

Facing Life Head-On Part 3:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6drA1c6_GQ

If you have any trouble with the links please let me know!!! Everything should be working!!!

Also Patrick has added my adoption testimony that was filmed at Hendersonville First Baptist Church for the Sanctity of Human Life service this past January, to YouTube. I am going to list that link below just incase anyone would like to see it!!

Christine's Adoption Testimony:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2OYsuryEpkk>

I have created a website for the Decisions, Choices and Options presentation that Joi and I present in high schools!! Joi and I are very excited to have a resource for teachers and administrators in schools to be able to find out exactly what we do in the presentation; with out Joi have to personally go visit every single school, just to set up a speaking date!!!! Check it!!! Click below to view the website!!!

Decisions, Choices and Options Website:

<http://www.decisionschoicesandoptions.org>