

In April we celebrated these forever families:

Alan and Lisa received **Riley** on April 1

Paul and Karen arrived home from the Philippines with **Nikka** on April 4

Gary and Renee arrived home from Taiwan with **Samantha** on April 18

Jeff and Andrea received **Matthew** on April 22

Save the Date! The 2008 New Friends Dinner will be on November 6, 2008.

Please let us know if you'd like to help with this event!

Volunteers still 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). They live in Old Hickory. 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.

Another way to volunteer:

Are you a seamstress? Would you like to put those talents to good use? Consider making and donating baby quilts for our Bethany babies. Please contact Stacy Green at 220-6347 or sgreen@isdn.net if you would like to donate quilts or need more information. Stacy Green has been providing Bethany quilts for all of our Bethany babies (and children) for the last several years. The families love receiving the quilts! Please call Stacy Green at 220-6347 if you would like more information or if you'd like to help.

Bethany Picnic!

The annual Bethany family picnic was a huge success. Thank you Lisa and volunteers for pulling this together. The weather was beautiful! We had somewhere around 150 people there. We are looking at having the picnic the first Saturday of May each year. If you are willing to help with the planning, please let Lisa know. Thanks!

Russia

In the past few days we have reviewed the Russia program and numbers of families in process. We are encouraged by the recent time frame for referrals since accreditation of agencies was completed. Many families who are open to either gender have been able to make their initial trip in 8-10 months of their dossier being sent to Russia. This time will increase with more families in the system but still will be less than many other countries. The referrals received have included several children under the age of three.

We currently have a need for more families in this program. They should be open to a child up to 24 months at the youngest and wait for a referral will be less if they can be open to either gender. As always there are many older children, both singles and sibling groups.

If you are interested in pursuing an adoption from Russia (or another country) - or wonder whether you meet the requirements - please submit an application at www.bethany.org/prelim. There is no fee for this and you are not making a commitment. If you have not received an international adoption information packet and would like one mailed or e-mailed to you, please let me know.

Haiti

The Haiti program is currently seeking 34 families meeting the following criteria for it's program.

- 1) Both parents are at least 30 years of age and single mothers at least 35 years but no more than 50 years.
- 2) Married at least 5 years but more is preferred.
- 3) No more than 2 biological children (childless preferred).
- 4) Mental and physical health.
- 5) Clear criminal checks.
- 6) Able to complete statement of faith on GLA application

Children range in age from 0-6 years, most are 0-4. Most are healthy. Current referral time is: 5-7 months depending on family flexibility. Adoption completion after referral is 12-18 months. Monthly updates on the children are provided including pictures and information on child's development.

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
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