

September was the first month in a very long when we haven't had a child placed with their forever family. Fortunately we've already had 5 this month! Watch next month's newsletter for the details!

Good news! With help from our IT department, we have just taken another step with Internet communication by launching a new Bethany News Blog. In addition to all the international adoption country blogs that have been visited for nearly a year, this new Bethany News Blog can be a resource to keep up with how God is using Bethany to serve children and families. Go to www.bethany.org/blogs/bethanyblog.nsf

Our goal is to share very short entries of news about interesting Bethany stories and accomplishments on a weekly or every-other-week basis. If you're interested in promoting something to a national audience of adoptive parents, donors and others, please e-mail me something that is 200 words or less and I will pass it on to our national office. We will need to have our standard release if you are sharing your story.

We are once again gearing up for Bethany's Annual New Friends Dinner scheduled this year on Thursday, November 6th. To help make this event ever more successful in raising funds for Bethany, we want to ask our friends to donate merchandise or services that they feel would be appealing in our silent auction that night. If you or someone you know would be willing to donate, please contact Lisa Ask at 615-504-3409 mailto:Ashley_Erick@hotmail.com LisaAsk@comcast.net. No donation is too small. We are looking for items/services that might appeal to our guests and that will bring a good donation for Bethany.

Did you know that you can now access the COP database through your Bethany portal, if you are a current Bethany client? Let me know if you have any questions.

Starting in 2007, Bethany began offering a "full service" embryo adoption program which allows Bethany adoptive couples to be matched with embryos from Bethany donor couples. We currently have donor couples who are eager and waiting for their embryos to be matched with an adoptive couple. Please join us in praying that each of these embryos will have a chance at life! If you are interested in this option, please review the information below and contact the office for additional information.

What is embryo adoption?

The embryos available for adoption through Bethany's program are typically frozen embryos remaining from couples who have successfully completed IVF and have completed their families. These donating couples do not want to destroy the remaining embryos and want them to have a chance at life. With embryo adoption, the adoptive mother carries the pregnancy. It is adoption (in a social/psychological sense) since the child is not genetically related to the adoptive parents. The medical procedure is a frozen embryo transfer in which the adopted embryos are transferred to the adoptive mother. If the procedure is successful, the pregnancy is monitored by the adoptive mother's ob/gyn. The success rate is specific to the medical clinic chosen by the adoptive family and the national average is 30% per cycle, though there are clinics with success rates as high as 56% per cycle.

Bethany now offers full service embryo adoption:

Serving Bethany donor couples AND adoptive couples.

Donors are now available and have received education and counseling through Bethany related to their donation decision.

Costs: \$6,600 for Bethany fees including home study, counseling, education, and matching services. Medical expenses are additional through local fertility clinic of your choice (medical tests, ultrasound and bloodwork, prescriptions, and transfer). Medical fees are specific to the clinic chosen by the adoptive couple (Bethany can help you research your options) and medical fees typically range from \$3,000 to \$4,500. Ultrasounds and bloodwork in preparation for transfer may be paid by insurance.

Please view more information at www.bethany.org/embryoservices

If there is information that you would like to share with our Bethany family that would help promote adoption, please feel free to send it to me. I'll be glad to add it. Thanks!

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