



The Bethany Times

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8: For everything there is a fixed time, and a time for every business under the sun. A time for birth and a time for death...A time for weeping and a time for laughing...A time for sorrow and a time for dancing...A time for search and a time for loss...A time to keep and a time to give away...A time for keeping quiet and a time for talk...A time for love and a time for hate...A time for war and a time for peace.

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Adoptive Parents Invest More Than Biological Parents in Kids

Adoptive parents invest more time and financial resources in their children compared with biological parents, according to the results of a national study that challenges the more conventional view—emphasized in legal and scholarly debates—that children are better off with their biological parents.

The study, by sociologists at Indiana University Bloomington and the University of Connecticut, found that two-parent adoptive parents not only spend more money on their children, but they invest more time, such as reading to them, talking with their children about their problems or eating meals together.

“Society often tells people that adoption isn’t normal,” said IUB Professor Brian Powell, who focuses on the sociology of the family. “When people make the decision that they want to have children and then use unusual means to have them, they compensate for the barriers.”

The findings of the study, funded in part by the National Science Foundation, were published in the February issue of the *American Sociological Review*. Coauthors include Laura Hamilton, a doctoral student in IUB’s Department of Sociology; and Simon Cheng, an assistant professor at UConn.

In the United States, 2 percent to 4 percent of households include adopted children, and researchers expect

this number to grow. Instead of looking at two-parent adoptive parent households, most research that has examined parental expenditure on children has compared biological parents with stepparent households, single parents or clinical populations that are not nationally representative.

For this study, the researchers examined data from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten-First Grade Waves, which involves a nationally representative sample of U.S.families. Because of the strong impact parental resources can have on children during their early years of schooling, the researchers examined data involving around 13,000 households that included first-graders.

Two-parent adoptive parents, in general, were older and wealthier than biological parents, single parents and stepparents. When financial resources were taken into consideration, the investments by two-parent adoptive parents appeared more similar to two-parent biological parents but still showed an advantage.

The research was supported by the NSF, Spencer Foundation and the American Educational Research Association.

The study is available at:

<http://www.asanet.org/galleries/default-file/Feb07ASRAAdoption.pdf>

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The Daily Grind

Our office is very excited to announce that we have hired a new adoption social worker! Her name is Kristina Huisiga. Kristina will be working with the international and domestic adoption programs. She will be starting with us on Monday, July 16th. Keep an eye out for a message from her in our next newsletter!

We continue to search for an Executive Director who will focus on marketing, program development, raising funds, and increase awareness of Bethany’s programs. We are currently in the process of interviewing candidates. Please keep Bethany in your prayers as we make decisions regarding this position!



Bethany Christian Services
11th Annual Golf Classic
“Golf for Kids”

Welcome all golfers, all levels of play, men and women foursomes! Come enjoy a great day of golf and lunch at the beautiful Majestic Oaks Golf Club in Ham Lake, Minnesota. The Golf Classic will be held on Friday, August, 3, 2007 with player check-in at 7:00 AM, and 18-hole shotgun start at 7:30 AM. Lunch and awards presentation will be around 12:30 PM. Please call Bethany Christian Services at 763-553-0344 for more information.

Prayer Corner: We pray that God blesses and strengthens our families. May God also be with those who do not have a family and lead them to finding a forever family.

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Every Life a Promise



Events/Workshops

- **Adoptee/Adoptive Parent Panel**—Gain insight from a unique group of adults who were adopted as young children and now are adoptive parents. This is an opportunity to have many questions answered regarding the adoption journey and seek advice. **Thursday, July 19, 2007 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Bethany Christian Services office in Plymouth. \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Go to www.bethany.org/plymouth. Click on Events to print off the flyer and register.**
- **China Adoption Travel**— Are you curious (or anxious) about adoption travel to China? Come to hear more about it, see pictures, and get your questions answered. Those who have “been there, done that” will share their wisdom and advice. **Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Bethany Christian Services office in Plymouth. No fee. Please RSVP to ssmit@bethany.org by August 1 to reserve your seat.**

Check www.mnasap.org for details on:

- ◆ July 13—Attachment, Brain Development, and Behavior: Why and What to Do About It (Andover)
 - ◆ August 7—Strategies for School (St. Louis Park)
 - ◆ August 21 — Homework Hassles for Teens (St Louis Park)
 - ◆ August 21—Home/School Collaboration for Students with ADHD and/or Autism (Maple Grove)
- ...And Many More Training Opportunities!!!

Check www.hopeadoptionsservices.org for details on:

- ◆ July 14—Multicultural Parenting in a Racist Society (Oak Park Heights)
 - ◆ Sept 15, Oct 27 & Nov 10—Building Happy and Healthy Families
- Check www.mofas.org/trainings.htm for details on:
- ◆ July/August: Eight session series—Transition Program for Teens with FASD
 - ◆ July 17, 19, 24, & 26—Social Skills Development Series

Check www.fraser.org/seminars for details on:

- ◆ July 19—Building Character Education through Literacy
- ◆ July 31—Diagnostic Differences Between Childhood Disorders
- ◆ August 6—Behavior Guidance
- ◆ August 16—Who Asked Me: A Journal by and for Siblings of People with Developmental Disabilities

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Did you know...

- MN ASAP has a buddy/mentor program for new adoptive families who have adopted children with special needs or children in the state foster care system. Check out www.mnasap.org for details.
- Bethany Christian Services is working to establish an adoption program in Ethiopia. Stay tuned for more details in the future.
- The first lady visited the Bethany of Albania's Group Home on June 10th. For more information, read the press release at www.bethany.org.
- Christian singer/songwriter Mark Schultz is bicycling “Across America” in order to raise awareness and support for orphans and widows. Go to www.markacrossamerica.org for more details.
- The newsletter is on the web! Go to www.bethany.org/plymouth and click on Newsletter

Due to current staff demands and changes in the office, Bethany is not able to coordinate the annual summer picnic. We hope to be able to bring the picnic back next year!



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