

Bundles of joyes

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Items of interest:

May '99 - Our first fund-raiser was a very successful evening of fun and fellowship. A delicious meal, Heaven's Handful Puppet team, and a raffle were all part of the evening at Wood Colony Brethren School. A special thanks to all who helped make this event a huge success. Through your generous support, over \$6000.00 was raised to help jumpstart the ministry. Thanks!!

G.G.A.M. Is currently gaining exposure with the assistance of two local adoption agencies, Family Connections Adoption Services and Bethany Christian Services. Pray that we will be able to assist new referrals with their adoption related financial needs.

Increased contacts are being made with interested families via word-of-mouth and the agencies listed above. We trust that this newsletter will provide an avenue of information about G.G.A.M. which people can read and then share with friends and prospective adoptive families. This publication also provides a way to share news and testimonies of families that have been blessed by adoption with assistance from each of you.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ! 1999 has been a year of "firsts" for this Ministry. Our first fund-raiser, our first family has been helped, and now our first newsletter! We can't say thank-you enough for your interest, your support, and your prayers on behalf of God's Grace Adoption Ministry. It is through your support of this Ministry that Christian families can receive assistance in their pursuit of a new child..

Many families who wish to have children pursue adoption because of infertility struggles or the desire to give a home to a child without one. Regardless of the reason, the expense is typically much greater than having biological children and is not covered by medical insurance. It has been a blessing to hear testimony from families whom God has led to adopt and who have stepped out in faith that He will provide. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it." 1 Thes. 5:24

In the year 2000, we will strive to introduce God's Grace Adoption Ministry to more Christian communities and adoption agencies. Along with increased exposure, we anticipate the need for additional finances as well. God has shown already that He is able to do "...exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think..." Your continued support is both essential and deeply appreciated. God bless you.

G.G.A.M. Board

Our Mission Statement ~

God's Grace Adoption Ministry is a California non-profit organization. Our goal is to promote the adoption of children by Christian families and specifically, to minister to the financial burden that adoptive families bear.

Would your family like to explore the possibility of ADOPTION? For more information call us at (209) 572-4539.

A Special Blessing

God's providence is certainly apparent in the story of a young girl named Enktul. Enktul is two years and five months old. When she was three months old she was abandoned in a stairwell and when found, taken to a hospital, then released to the care of an orphanage in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Dave and Sandy Bird have recently added Enktul to their family and she is living with them in Pakistan where they are serving as missionaries.

Enktul is healthy and it appears that she had been well taken care of at the orphanage. During the adoption proceedings, Dave and Sandy noticed that although she liked to cuddle with them, she seemed passive and rather sad when they visited her, unlike some of the children who would laugh and play with them. According to the Bird's adoption agency, Enktul's reaction to them was not unusual for a child to exhibit while undergoing the adoption

process. Dave and Sandy thank you for your support and pray that other children like Enktul can experience the blessing of adoption with the help of God's Grace Adoption Ministry.

Please pray for the Birds as they labor for the Lord in Pakistan. We hope that this story has illustrated the blessing of adoption and the way that God has already worked His will through this fledgling Ministry.

Currently, God's Grace Adoption Ministry is working with a second family to assist them in adopting a needy child. More news to follow...

Adoption Tips ~

Do Say...

Birth parent or adoptive parent

Don't say...

real parent

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