

HOPE HAPPENINGS

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Intercountry Adoption Arrivals

The following children have joined their families since our last newsletter in October 1998.

Congratulations to them all!

*Ron & Marcella, a girl, Darya, born March 9, 1998, from Russia.

*Shane & Leslie, a girl, Breanna, born Feb. 3, 1997, from Thailand.

*David & Debbie, a girl, Leslie, born Oct. 20, 1997, from China.

*John & Susan, a boy, Johnny, born July 14, 1996, from Thailand.

*Anthony & Johanna, a boy, Caleb, born Sept. 21, 1996, and a girl, Kiona, born April 20, 1998, both from Haiti.

News From Around the World

A recent phone call from Canadian Placement Coordinator, Linda Carter of Open Door Adoption Agency, informed us that their agency has very few adoptive applicants on their waiting list. Parents are being proposed African-American or biracial children

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fairly quickly due to the agency's shortage of families. They are hoping for more families to present to the birth parents that they work with in both Georgia and Florida. Open Door is located in

Thomasville, Georgia and they can be contacted directly at 912-228-6339. Ask for a Canadian package with all the details.

Our staff had the pleasure of meeting with Avis Rideout, Director of Agape Home in Thailand on November 24. An outgoing, "Get the job done" woman, Avis' enthusiasm for the young children in her care was contagious. Hope Services is currently working on an arrangement whereby applications to Thailand can be sent directly to an organization called Friends For All Children in Thailand. This will hopefully eliminate lengthy delays of the file within the Public Welfare



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Department in Thailand. The cost of this program appears to be low as the government there does not charge fees beyond actual expenses.

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Agency License Renewed

Our adoption agency license from the provincial government, originally granted for two years, was renewed for a three year period from November 4, 1998.

If you are pursuing an intercountry adoption, be aware that many foreign agencies or governments want evidence that the agency you are working

with here has a current valid license.

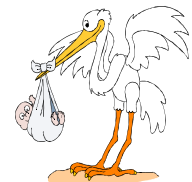
We are licensed to do domestic, interprovincial, and intercountry adoptions with countries who are signatories to the Hague Convention, or with whom Canada has an adoption "program" as well as a few others.

Domestic Adoption Arrivals

*Michael & Lynda, a boy, Tyler, born Sept. 3, 1996, from Nova Scotia

*Tim & Theresa, a boy, Theodore, born Oct. 27, 1998

*Paul & Linda, a boy, Caleb, born Oct. 12, 1998



Domestic Adoptions Jan. 01 to Nov. 1998

	Drinking	Drugs	Race	Smoking	Other
Baby Boy	no binges, occasional use	marijuana used once	1/2 Native Indian	no	
Baby Boy	no	no	Caucasian	no	pregnancy result of rape
Baby Girl	one binge	no	1/2 Indo Canadian	no	depression in birth mom
Baby Boy	no binges, occasional use	no	1/2 Portuguese	yes	
Baby Girl	no binges, occasional use	no	Caucasian	yes	
Baby Girl	one binge, occasional use	no	1/2 Portuguese	yes	
Baby Girl	no	no	full Chinese	no	no birth father involvement
Baby Girl	no binges, occasional use	no	Caucasian	yes	depression in birth mom & birth dad
Baby Boy	one binge, occasional use	no	1/2 Japanese	yes	
Baby Boy	no binges, occasional use	no	Caucasian	no	
Baby Boy	no	no	full Chinese	no	no birth father involvement

profiles they have seen. If you are interested in knowing how often your profile has been shown, please call Bruce at the Hope Services office.

The placements that have happened this year show a fairly wide range of factors that are considered when a birth parent is matched with adopting parents. It continues to be impossible to predict just what will attract a birth parent to a particular couple. Each birth parent is unique and special and is looking for various things in a family. While a birth parent may not be attracted to one couple, the next birth parent may feel that they are perfect! A match that feels 'right' to the birth parents as well as the adopting couple is certainly worth waiting for.



Above is a summary regarding our placements from January 1 to November 30 of this year. Each line describes some of the actual background factors related to a child placed for adoption. Eleven children were placed in total, six boys and five girls, all were newborns. Currently we have 39 couples who are on our active list. We keep a record of when and how often each profile is shown to a birth parent, and, in some cases, birth parents complete feedback forms regarding the

From the Staff and Board of Directors of Hope Pregnancy and Adoption Services, we would like to wish you a Christmas and New Year filled with warmth and love.



News From Around The World continued



On November 27 some of Hope's families as well as Lorne and Glenna met with Dixie Bickell. Dixie, director of God's Littlest Angels nursery in Haiti, provided us with detailed information about their organization. She is an efficient professional as well as a warm and caring individual to 'her' 25 babies in their care. This program seems to be

building with procedures developing to make the process smoother.

Please contact Glenna, Intercountry Worker for more details on these and other programs outside of Canada.



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