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CAS Monthly Bulletin

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Dear CAS Friends and Families-

We at CAS have come to realize that there are too many relevant and exciting things happening around here on a daily basis for our quarterly newsletter to keep you sufficiently updated. As a result, we have decided to send out a bulletin on the first Tuesday of every month in order to maintain more frequent communication with our friends and supporters. These monthly bulletins will feature agency success stories, recent happenings, opportunities to get involved, and other relevant CAS updates as they arise.

As this is a new undertaking for CAS, we welcome your input! Please let us know if there is a specific topic that you would like to see addressed in an upcoming bulletin. This monthly update is meant to serve as an additional line of communication between Christian Adoption Services and our friends and families, so don't hesitate to let us know how we can better serve you through this outlet. We are excited by the opportunity to share agency news with you on a monthly

basis!



Celebrate with CAS- A Praise Report from Kip and Cathy Johnson

In November of 2009, I was working at my desk when the phone rang. It was my husband calling to tell me that we had been matched with a baby boy who had already been born! We were overjoyed and couldn't wait to meet this child that we had been praying for. Shortly thereafter, we drove to the hospital and met him for the first time. It was love at first sight! We named him Elijah Daniel, which means, "The Lord is My God." We were so excited to bring home our new bundle of joy.

We were blessed with 2.5 months with our Eli before he became sick. Around New Year's we took him to the hospital and found out that he was in liver failure. After a brave 3 week fight, our little boy went home to be with Jesus. Our time with Eli was too short, but we trust Him and know that one day we will be with our little Eli again. We have hope because Christ died so that those who trust Him will be with Him again someday.

The following months after his passing have been hard, but we haven't had to go through it alone. God has blessed us by revealing Himself to us in new and deeper ways. Through our loss the Lord impressed upon our heart's to help other's in Minnesota and North Dakota who wanted to adopt minority children. In Eli's honor we started a foundation called Elijah's Truth (www.ElijahsTruth.com) to provide financial assistance to families waiting to adopt.

Our desire to have a family has continued, and we decided to put our name back on the waiting list for a second adoption. We knew that having another child wouldn't replace Eli, but we also knew that God had good things for us as well. We have been so blessed and encouraged during this waiting period by friends and family who have prayed for another child for our family.

We recently were moving into a new house, and during the move we received a call from our social worker. She came over, saying she needed to

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approve the new house for our file, but when she arrived she brought us a baby gift and told us that we had been matched with a baby boy! We rushed to get everything ready and were on our way to meet him in less than 48 hours. Even as we type this letter, we are still getting to know this beautiful addition to our family and know that God has much planned for our future. This has been a hard journey, but God is good and we praise him for blessing us with two beautiful baby boys in less than one year.



Agency News- 2010 Golf/Walk Fundraiser Cancelled

After much discussion CAS has decided that we will not be holding the annual Golf/Walk Fundraiser this year. Instead, we will be focusing on other agency events throughout of the remainder of the year as well as additional opportunities to keep our friends and supporters engaged. We will use these monthly bulletins

to keep you up to date regarding future CAS happenings and opportunities to get involved.

Upcoming Events

CAS will be hosting a float in this year's Matthews Alive Festival, we would love to see you and your families there. If you are interested in riding on the float, contact Jessica:

jessica@christianadopt.org

Date- September 24th

Location- Historic Downtown Matthews

Christian Adoption Services would like to send a special thank you to Multiple Directory Service, Inc. of Matthews, our sponsor for this year's parade float. For more information about Multiple Directory Service, visit their website: <http://www.multipledirectory.com>.

Letter to Our Readers

Dear Reader-

CAS sincerely appreciates the prayers and support of our friends and families. We are always looking for ways to better serve you. Please let us know if you have suggestions regarding upcoming monthly bulletins. Thank you, we pray you have a blessed week!

Sincerely,

Your Friends at CAS

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows - this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families.

Psalms 68:5-6

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