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Membership Alert

If you are **not** currently a member of Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania, please consider joining or renewing your membership. Although we appreciate your interest, significant financial limitations will not permit us to continue sending newsletters to interested non-members. *Memberships* should be sent to Teachers Saving Children® - National at PO Box 125, Damascus OH 44619. Membership forms and information can be obtained on our website, www.teacherssavingchildren.org, or by contacting Robin Ross, Executive Director, at 717-292-2021 or by emailing her at bilskto@paonline.com. Annual dues are \$25.00, which includes membership in both the Pennsylvania Chapter and Teachers Saving Children® National. A reduced rate of \$10.00 applies to retirees and college students.

For the 2005-2006 membership year, there were 47 paid Teachers Saving Children® members from Pennsylvania. Our membership drive for the 2006-2007 membership year will begin June 1st. Renewal membership information will be sent to all current members in early July.



Our Adoption Story

By Sarah Lindsay

As of Christmas 2004, we were still waiting. . . waiting to hear from the adoption agency. Will we get a boy or a girl? When? Where? As January 2005 rolled around, we put those thoughts on hold and went to the Pennsylvania Farm Show, an annual tradition for our family. Then, three days later, our life changed. On January 12, we got the call for which we had been waiting. We received some answers to our questions. A boy! He was African-American and weighed 5 lb. 15 oz.! Born on the 12th! In New Jersey! We were told to arrive in two days. We had so much to do and so little time! While we frantically tried to get organized for a baby and make plans to travel, our excitement became very contagious as we shared the news with friends and family.

The next day, however, we received a call informing us that we had to pick up the baby immediately! (We discovered later that the birth mother had checked herself out and the hospital would not keep the baby another night.) More excitement abounded!

We were concerned about our biological daughters, Jessica and Rachel, and the way this was unfolding so quickly and with little preparation time. However, they had been part of the process from the beginning, and we wanted to share the momentous occasion of meeting their newborn brother as a family. We hastily packed our van with the help of grandma and grandpa and some friends who had arrived in the middle of this event planning. Then, we set off. For how long? Where would we stay? Did we know how to get there? More questions than answers assailed us, but we rested in the knowledge that God had planned this trip for us.

During the trip, we drove through snow, ice, and rain, continually asking God for guidance. A small, still voice answered my silent pleas for protection and help with, "I will," until finally we arrived in Newark, NJ. As we drove through the city, we saw people roaming the streets among the police cars. As we passed the bars and lights and masses of people, my heart was filled with compassion for the people, including our son's birth mother, who lived there.

When we parked in the hospital's parking garage, we laughed at the posted warning: "Do not leave items in plain sight in your vehicle. We are not responsible for theft." With our van piled high with hastily packed items in full view, we said another prayer for our belongings and went to find our social worker, Lauren. We were informed by Lauren that the girls could not go to the nursery area, so Keith remained with them while I headed to the nursery. As we walked by the nursery, I slowed down to look at every African-American child we passed. Finally, at the last tiny bundle the nurse stopped and there he was, so small and sleeping peacefully – *our son*. The nurse picked him up and handed him to me. Wow! It appeared that the nurses were interested in my reaction, but the joy and elation I felt must have been evident on my face because they left me alone with him until the doctor arrived to check him over and release him from the hospital.

When I inquired about the baby's feeding schedule, a nurse responded by offering me a rocking chair and a bottle. There I

sat, a little dumbstruck and quite nervous! This was the start of mothering a newborn again. As I quietly rocked and fed Joshua, the halls came alive with shouts of, "I'm gong to see my brudder. I'm going to see my brudder!" I recognized Rachel's voice; then saw our daughters' radiant faces popping up and down trying to see in the nursery window. Their excitement was so contagious that the nurses came to see what the hubbub was about, smiling happily with the girls. Jessica and Rachel had been allowed to come up to the nursery floor with Keith so we could complete the necessary paperwork for the adoption agency.

After we finished the lengthy process of signing papers, the social worker told me that Jessica said to her, "I got my wish! I asked God for a brother and I got one!" God used a small child to make this small point, allowing me to share how we had prayed for this child and how the girls had specifically asked for a brother.

After joyful goodbyes from the nursery staff, we walked outside. It was dark and cold and we had many questions in mind, especially the question of where we would stay and for how long. We knew we had to stay in New Jersey until we were given permission to leave with Joshua. A friend of our pastor had said he might be able to help us with a place to stay, but we discovered that he could not. However, he gave us money to pay for a hotel. Wow! Here was another way in which God made this journey manageable. With the knowledge of being in God's care, we set off to look for a hotel. The hotel staff became another blessing when they ordered a pizza for our hungry family. Incidentally, the money that we had been given was just enough to pay for the room and the pizza!

At about 10:00 p.m. when we checked into the hotel, Joshua awoke and drank his first bottle with his new family. We finally got to sleep after everyone held Joshua and pictures were taken. When Joshua woke up at 2:00 a.m. to be fed, Jessica also awakened and asked to feed her new brother, which she did. What a joy to have us all in the same room, taking care of the newest member of our family. To know that God had chosen him for our family was an overwhelming thought.

The next day we contacted my aunt who lives in that area, and she arranged our staying in a friend's apartment at no cost, which was another answer to prayer. My parents arrived on Sunday with open hearts and arms to meet their new grandson, and Mom stayed with me while Keith returned to work. The time we spent in the small apartment gave us time to get to know Joshua, and to learn about his personality and his needs. This created a close bond between his sisters and him as they helped with all aspects of his care.

With a winter storm due to arrive later in the week, we prayed that we would be able to leave by Thursday, realizing that this would be nothing less than a miracle. The courts were not in session on Monday, a holiday, and the process typically took ten days. God granted the miracle! When our social worker called to relate, in amazement, that the paperwork had gone through and that we could leave, I was again able to tell her how we prayed and how God had answered.

Joshua's adoption was finalized on December 2nd in New Jersey, and in that situation God again worked out all details quickly and miraculously. What a joy to hear the judge say that Joshua William Lindsay was our son, "Just like he had been born to you." I felt that in my own heart, but to hear a court official say that made it so much dearer.

As I write this, I think about all that Joshua has accomplished and how much he has learned as we have become a family. The color of his skin does not matter. Keith and I see only a son and his sisters see only a brother. Our family has embarked on a new era of growth and change, and we are grateful for what the Lord has done for us by giving us the miracle of Joshua and leading every step of the way.

Adoption as a choice? Yes! Go for it! It is the greatest adventure any family can have!



Prayer Calendar

Sunday: Pray for the little ones in the uterus to be protected from being aborted. "Spread Your protection over them" (Psalm 5:11). "Show the wonder of Your great love, You who save by Your right hand. . .Keep [them] as the apple of Your eye; hide [them] in the shadow of Your wings" (Psalm 17:7-8).

Monday: Pray that the financial needs of Teachers Saving Children[®] of Pennsylvania will be met. Especially ask the Lord to send many new members.

Tuesday: Pray for abstinence programs to be accepted by young people across our country.

Wednesday: Ask the Lord to end abortion in America.

Thursday: Pray for our President, his advisors and the Congress. Ask the Lord to protect them and give them great wisdom and His direction.

Friday: Praise the Lord for the newly appointed Supreme Court Justices Roberts and Alito. Pray for all the members of the Supreme Court.

Saturday: Ask God to show you how to help promote pro-life causes this year, and how you can support Teachers Saving Children[®] of Pennsylvania.



As life goes along, we need to talk to our children and really listen. They need to see how we encounter the world so they'll know how to handle it when it's their turn.

(Steve Russell, M.D., in *Physician*, July/August 2003).

“WONDER OF LIFE” Exhibit 2006

For several years Teachers Saving Children® Inc – National has sponsored a 2-½-day exhibit at the annual National Education Association’s Expo which is held prior to the Representative Assembly. Each year, thousands of educators, their guests, and NEA staff pass through the exhibitors’ area, where hundreds of displays invite their curiosity.

Teachers Saving Children® provides and promotes fascinating, accurate information on human development through its display. Passers-by are influenced by the sight of large, colorful photo-posters of prenatal children during various stages of their mother’s pregnancy and by videos that show babies moving in utero. Science and health educators, especially, show interest in the exhibit materials for use in their classrooms.

Approved brochures are age-appropriate, positive, colorful, and scientifically accurate. In addition, to reach out to exhibit visitors who show special interest, Teachers Saving Children® distributes free-of-charge videos, CDs, and books that encourage a respect for human life.

The annual exhibit expense is over \$1,500 for the space rental and miscellaneous fees. Materials, such as brochures, videos and books, are purchased for distribution as the funds are available. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to defray expenses for the next “Wonder of Life” exhibit that is set for June 30 – July 2, 2006 in Orlando, Florida. Checks should be made payable to Teachers Saving Children, Inc. Please carefully designate and mail all donations to Teachers Saving Children® Inc. – National, PO Box 125, Damascus OH 44619-0125.



A Word from Robin Ross Executive Director

I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your representative on the Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees. The board meeting was held on March 18, 2006, at which time I reported our Pennsylvania Chapter news. The following officers were elected to the National Board of Trustees:

- Connie Bancroft, Executive Director
- Gary Winney, Assistant Executive Director
- Juanita Sattler, Secretary
- Dave Kaiser, Treasurer

We discussed our video project that is nearly ready to be produced. More information will be available later about the release of the video. Board members passed a resolution outlining the procedure for the establishment of new state or regional affiliates. Members in several states have expressed interest in establishing state affiliates.

The next national board meeting will be during the Fall of 2006 in Columbus, Ohio.

More from Robin. . .

On the state level, the Board of Trustees met on May 13, 2006, and elected the following officers for 2006-2007:

- Robin Ross, Executive Director
- Jeff Remington, Assistant Executive Director
- Patricia Yamrick, Secretary
- Linda Burroughs, Treasurer

Robin was also re-elected as representative to the National Board of Trustees. The next board meeting will be September 9, 2006 at the Union County Public Library in Lewisburg, PA.



Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania 2004-2005 Fiscal Report (Corrected)

Balance - September 1, 2004	(corrected)	\$1491.20
Receipts:		
Contributions:	\$310.51	
Memberships:		
2004-2005	344.00	
2005-2006	600.00	
Interest	6.18	\$1260.69
Disbursements:		
Administrative	\$344.82	
Postage	53.14	
Public Relations	725.00	
Accounting Fees	265.00	
Travel	326.15	
Telephone	25.00	
Legal (Dept of State)	70.00	\$1809.11
Balance - August 31, 2005		\$942.78

Current Financial Report

As of March 1, 2006, we have \$221.78 in our account. As stated in an earlier article, this year we have had significant financial limitations that will not permit us to continue sending newsletters to interested non-members. We are also in need of donations which are given directly to our affiliate chapter. To directly financially assist the Pennsylvania Affiliate in our efforts in educating about the sanctity of life, you may make a donation to Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania. *Donations* should be sent to Teachers Saving Children® of PA at the Pen Argyl PA address. We thank you in advance for your financial assistance during a lean year.

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 1:3-6

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Got a Life?

By Leanna Hollis, M.D.
Physician, May/June 2004

What exactly is life? An imponderable question, for certain. Stedman's gives a simple, scientific answer: "The state of existence characterized by such functions as metabolism, growth, reproduction, adaptation and response to stimuli."

From a spiritual perspective, how is your life in Christ manifested by those five functions?

Metabolism: Are you processing and digesting the Word of God in such a way that you can use and apply it to your everyday life?

Growth: Are you becoming stronger in your faith? Are you developing into a more patient, kind, loving person?

Reproduction: Are there more Christians today because of your witness? With whom have you shared your faith this week? This month? This year?

Adaptation: Are you continually being transformed into the likeness of Christ by the renewing of your mind?

Response to stimuli: Are your responses to the challenges of life different from the world's because of your relationship with Jesus?

TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® of PA, INC. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If you have questions regarding Teachers Saving Children® of PA, Inc., or concerns for the attention of the board, please feel free to call the board member that lives nearest to your area.

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