

"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My Name, welcomes Me. -Matthew 18:5



# Bundles of God's Grace

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*"Building God's Kingdom one child at a time!"*

## Athletes Run For Adoption!!!



December 2008

### Upcoming events & prayer request

- November 2009 -AFA is now taking sign-ups for the Big Sur Half Marathon in Monterey
- We have a need for another volunteer to help with office work!
- Pray for our committee as they meet every two months to choose families for God's Grace Adoption Ministry to support!

### AFA Team Captain

Loren Thompson & his wife Kristin adopted their little girl from China in 2007. Loren has a heart for the ministry and enjoys running. After running a marathon in San Diego with another team Loren decided to get a team together to support GGAM. Because of Loren's heart for the Lord and adoption we now have AFA—Athletes For Adoption! Thank you Loren!



In August of this year a group of people with a heart for adoption came together as a running team to raise money for God's Grace Adoption Ministry. This group of about 40 people from the Modesto area, known as Athletes For Adoption - AFA, began training for the Big Sur Half Marathon. Athletes For Adoption team members raised money by asking for sponsorship as they trained for either the 5K, 10 mile walk or the Half Marathon

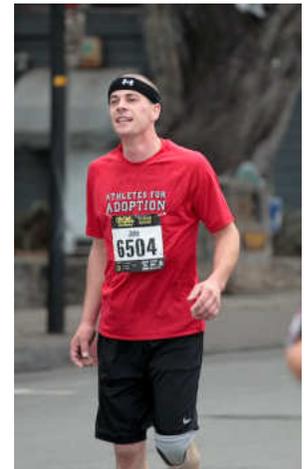
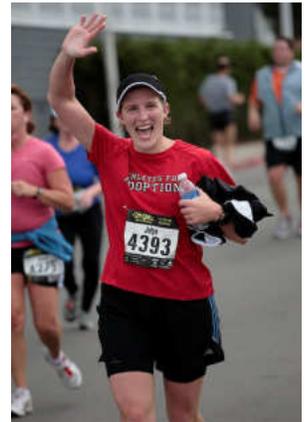


(13.1 miles). The Half Marathon training program, open to those with no experience running as well as seasoned runners, had runners training 4 times a week for 3 months, with mileage ranging from 13-24 miles per week. The weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Athletes For Adoption team members completed their events in Monterey, CA. Eight

people completed the 5K (3.1 miles), 2 completed the 10 mile walk and 30 completed the half marathon! It was an incredible blessing to be a part of such a motivated group of people, people who had a goal of helping orphaned children into Christian homes. Thanks to these runners and the hundreds of people who donated,

this was a successful fundraiser! To sign up for the AFA 2009 team, to see photos from the race and to find more information regarding this fundraiser, visit

[www.athletesforadoption.org](http://www.athletesforadoption.org). Out of state residents also have an opportunity to participate in this fundraiser through events in your state. You may direct questions to Athletes For Adoption by clicking on the "Contact Us" tab on the website. The total funds raised by the AFA team was \$42,000.



# Sweet Faces of God's Grace

This year with your support GGAM has helped over 30 Christian families bring their little ones home from around the world. Thank You, because of your faithfulness God has blessed each of these children with loving families!



Nehemiah Perryman



Nehemiah Perryman

## Compassion From Little Hearts

In April, Cali Hess and her cousin Allison Flory, had a lemonade stand on Dakota Avenue in Modesto. It was a huge success! They sold 100 lemonades to help a little boy come home to his daddy, mommy & sister. Allison and Cali had a great time filling the cups with ice, lemonade, and lemons! They liked taking the money and giving change! The money they made went to a baby

who is being adopted from Vietnam. Most of the change was given back to them for a donation to *baby Nehemiah Perryman*. Allison and Cali were able to donate \$400 to Nehemiah's adoption from the 100 lemonades they sold! With the help of GGAM baby Nehemiah is coming home to his parents by Christmas this year!!! He is one of many little ones who are waiting to be adopted into a loving Christian home!



Nehemiah Perryman





## Annual Watermelon Feed

In July, God's Grace Adoption Ministry hosted a fundraising event which included a large variety of silent auction items, games for children, bounce houses, and tons of delicious water-

melon to enjoy! It was a fun evening for family and friends to be together and celebrate the summer! \$7,000 was raised at this year's Watermelon Feed!



## Cleaning Cars for Kids



In August, a boy's Bible study group wanted to support God's Grace Adoption Ministry by having a Car Wash at a Modesto Fire

Department location. It was a success and they had a blast together washing cars & trucks! They raised \$600 for GGAM.

Thank you guys for your hard work to support GGAM and orphans around the world!

# God's Grace Appreciation Dinner



[www.ggam.org](http://www.ggam.org)

Last December, God's Grace Adoption Ministry hosted an appreciation dinner at McHenry's Historic Mansion in downtown Modesto for the staff of volunteers. It was an elegant evening of fellowship and a delicious meal. God's Grace is very grateful to each one of their volunteers for their love for this minis-

try and their heart to give of their time to help GGAM run smoothly. We feel blessed that we have such a wonderful group of volunteers who love to work together! May the Lord bless each of you as you give of your time. Thank you!



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**Familiar Faces of God's Grace!!!** *Emi Thompson & Zak Skiles & Elisa Hess & Brant Hess 2007 & 2008*

## *The Denlinger Family at home in Modesto, California*



Darin & Fran Denlinger founded God's Grace Adoption Ministry after adopting their daughter Grace from India and seeing the desperate need of orphans around the world. Recognizing that adoption is a perfect picture of what God has done for each of us in making us His children through Christ, God's Grace has been established to care for orphans by engaging the church and helping Christian families reduce the financial barriers to adoption. Darin & Fran Denlinger started the ministry in 1998. They have 7 beautiful children and have a wonderful loving Christian home! Darin & Fran desire for children living without hope and the love of a family, to be adopted by loving Christian parents that will provide their child with the knowledge of Jesus!

### God's Grace Adoption Ministry Response Card

Yes! I want to partner with you by

- Contributing to GGAM financially.
- Covering the Ministry in Prayer!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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