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AUGUST 2017 ICM CONNECTION

ICM CELEBRATING 50 YEARS!

Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 21st from 1-3pm in Champaign for a celebration of 50 years of ministry. We hope to have past and current staff, board members, adoptive and host families, and service recipients join us to reflect on God's goodness over the last half century. Location TBD. Stay tuned for more details or contact us admin@icmfamily.org or 217-355-4446.

100 SCHOOL BAGS GIVEN TO KIDS



Have you ever felt like you were missing something that everyone else had? Not every child has a positive experience of buying school supplies and getting a back pack ready before the first day of school. But thanks to our generous donors and hard work from our Family Care team, 100 kids in Champaign will be walking into their classrooms this fall well-supplied. 100 school bags filled with school supplies were given out to smiling kids at C-U Days at Douglass Park in Champaign on Saturday, Aug. 11th. It took a lot of work to put it all together but aren't those smiling faces worth it?

Interested in helping put a smile on a kids face and helping out at future events around Central IL? Contact us at familycare@icmfamily.org

SAFE FAMILY REQUESTS OUTNUMBER AVAILABLE FAMILIES

Summer is a particularly challenging time for under-resourced families. With kids out of school, many parents struggle to find affordable and safe child care. And children who are used to the structure and consistency of school are more vulnerable to experiencing stress. As a result, we typically see a rise in requests for "hostings" this time of year. Unfortunately, summer can also be a harder time for hosting families to respond to the need. Thanks to our team of Safe Families, we were able to find temporary homes for 14 children since the start of June!

Over the next several months our staff will continue to travel across Central IL to recruit, train and equip new Safe Families. We are specifically needing more hosting families in Champaign county. You can help by connecting us with your friends, family and church. Or perhaps you are feeling led to become a Safe Family yourself. Let us know at familycare@icmfamily.org

The ICM family is overjoyed to celebrate the gift of new life with one of our own, ICM's Director of Adoption Services, Amanda Cooper, and her husband, Brandon. The Coopers welcomed their daughter, Olivia Marie, to their family this past Friday. We couldn't be happier to



join the new parents in praising the Father for the blessing that Olivia already is!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will have representatives at the following events and locations.

- 9/3 - Lisa Sullivan at First Christian Church of Jacksonville
- 9/3 - Child Sponsorship Drive - Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington
- 9/23 - 9-1pm - Adoption and Foster Care Info Gathering at Redeemer Church in Urbana
- 10/1 - 11:45am - Safe Families for Children Essentials Training at College Park Christian Church in Normal, IL.
- 10/21 - 1-3pm - ICM 50th Anniversary Celebration
- 10/22 - 10:30-12pm - Safe Families for Children Next Steps at Windsor Road Christian Church in Champaign.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for the children in our Safe Family homes that are starting school this month. The transition can be very difficult for them.
- Please pray for the on-going State budget issues which have very real impacts on the children and families we serve every day.
- Please pray for families considering how to grow their families through adoption. There are many options, each with their own risks and opportunities. Pray they would have the wisdom to know what God is asking of them.

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