

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED



A Letter From The Editor

Greetings once again from McDonough, Georgia! Summer has come in like a lion this year! Where did the winter go? It seems just yesterday the children were starting their school year, and now school is out and the children are everywhere! Time does fly whether you are a Foster or Adoptive parent, doesn't it?

Our Board Has Changed! Please take a moment and read over the new board list and familiarize yourself with all the new names and addresses.

In Infonet we are doing a special write up on the Foster Parents of the Year. In F.Y.I. is a list of some very helpful RAD websites well worth checking out. Also, don't forget to check out the new website at www.afpag.org! You won't regret it!

I would like to tell you all about a terrible, but very real aspect of Foster Care...Letting go when your foster child has to go home. My wife and I have seen many children come and go out of our home (some with regret, some with relief) but recently we had to let go of three truly special children. These three boys had been in our care for almost five years, caught in a relentless system that would not release them. When the system finally let them go it was home to their parents, whom they really didn't know anymore (The youngest child couldn't even remember ever living with them). The trauma we went through shipping these heartbroken boys out of our home almost forced us to close our doors, never to return to the horrors of Foster Care, but a scripture verse came to mind: "But Jesus called them unto him, and said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me'" Luke 18:16 (English-KJV). My wife and I began Foster Care for a reason and that was to help children who had no help otherwise. I can only pray that these boys will find the love in their "new" home that they found in ours, and if not, while with us they received plenty of love they wouldn't have gotten otherwise! We now have a full house again, and though we will never forget those three, we have so many more to love now.

If you are going through this same pain, please know that if you do close your doors, there may be a child out there that never receives the love you can give them. Please don't quit... Hang in there, and know you're not alone!

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