



Taking ACTION

January 2007

Happy New Year

As we begin a new year, we look to the future with hope. Here's to a year filled with happiness and love and new forever families.

We also look back to the last year with thankfulness. To those of you who made contributions to the growth of ACTION either by lending your time in training, landscaping at the office, or supporting the agency with a financial gift, a very big thank you for your support! We look forward to serving you this year.

Have you ever thought about it like this?

- After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said to them was "DON'T!"
- "Don't what?" Adam replied.
- "Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.
- "Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit. Hey Eve...we have forbidden fruit!!!"
- "No way!"
- "Yes way!"
- "Do NOT eat the fruit!" said God.
- "Why?"
- "Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants. A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was angry! "Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God said.
- "Uh huh," Adam replied.
- "Then why did you?" said the Father.
- "I don't know," said Eve.
- "She started it!" Adam said.
- "Did not!"
- "Did too!"
- "DID NOT"
- Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.
- BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY! If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

Important Note

As costs continue to rise and purchase of service from contracting agencies decreases due to cuts in funding, it is becoming more and more difficult for ACTION to maintain the level of service we strive for. We do not like to charge families for services, however, without these fees, the agency would be forced to close. If you have any ideas about fundraising, or if you have the energy to do some fundraising for the agency, please let us know how you can help!

The ACTION family would like to welcome the following children into their new home: Ashley

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On-Going Training

January 19, 2007-Christine Noble, after her many years of experience working for the public child welfare system has much to share with us about children in the system.

February 16, 2007-Julie Berro, adoptive mother and public school teacher will share how to assess special needs in young children.

March 16, 2007-Annie Caudill, an ACTION mother will speak to us about her family's experiences in Adoption: The First Year.

Don't miss these wonderful opportunities for on-going training hours. Also, Support Group every Friday is one of the most important activities we have at ACTION. Be a part of it!