

# BELOVED MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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## BELOVED FACEBOOK GROUP!

We have a Beloved Facebook group page featuring more than thirty new posts each month on topics such as parenting adopted and foster children, how to raise funds for adoption, children who are ready to be placed, and ways to support adoptive and foster families. Please visit by clicking [here](#) and join the group!

After you join the group, you can choose (at the top of the page) to receive notifications for the group's posts.

If you have any questions, please contact Tarrah at [twyzga@covlife.org](mailto:twyzga@covlife.org)



**Bethany Christian Services** has written a helpful article on how you can prepare your children to welcome a new sibling, whether by adoption or through foster care. Visit: <http://blogs.christianpost.com/every-child/welcome-to-our-family-preparing-your-children-for-a-sibling-26718/#more>

## The Presence of Absence

Regardless of whether or not kids are ever able to meet their birth family, they have a relationship with them,” says Beth O’Malley, who has been a social worker for 22 years and with the adoption unit of the Department of Social Services for a dozen. She is also is an adoptive mother and was adopted from foster care as a baby. When she was growing up, she felt “the void” of not knowing the names and faces of her birth family. Please visit this link to learn more: <http://www.rainbowkids.com/adoption-stories/the-presence-of-absence-1401>

**The Foster Initiative** offers a list of characteristics that aid foster and adoptive families; a support system is one of them. The Beloved ministry welcomes suggestions about how we can offer support to our families. [http://www.theforgotteninitiative.org/blog/2015/12/make-a-difference-monday-top-10-characteristics-of-successful-foster-adoptive-families/?utm\\_content=bufferca70e&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer](http://www.theforgotteninitiative.org/blog/2015/12/make-a-difference-monday-top-10-characteristics-of-successful-foster-adoptive-families/?utm_content=bufferca70e&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

**How one woman’s own experience with the foster care system led her to help other kids in foster care:**

<http://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/local/19385837-113/fostering-hope#>