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A Home for Mothers located in Milwaukee, WI

Growing Branches



Through God's Provision by Brianne Hansen, Executive Director

"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen." (1 Peter 5: 10-11).

God will provide. We see examples of this various times in the Bible. The story that first comes to mind is that of Job. Job lost everything – his possessions, his house, his cattle, and even his children. Despite these trials, Job remained faithful to the Lord, and the Lord provided (Job 1). Another example is Paul who suffered by being beaten, stoned, left without food or shelter, and even lost at sea after a shipwreck (2 Corinthians 11:16-33). Again, God provided.

When mothers apply for our program I often hear stories about the difficult times the mothers have faced in their lifetime, some of which are difficult to comprehend. I cannot imagine what each mother was going through emotionally, physically, and spiritually during those difficult times. Interestingly, many mothers find *New Beginnings* during the worst times, which is nothing short of God's grace. In fact,

Shaneka once said, "I had gotten pregnant and lost my job and my apartment. I began to question myself on how these things could happen when I was getting ready to bring something so precious into the world. I had gathered it was time for a new chapter. God had to strip everything that I thought was important for me to realize how important He is."

During a mother's time at *New Beginnings*, she grows spiritually and begins to hold fast to her faith even in difficult times. Later in this issue you will read about Letisha's and Allesundrea's stories, which are both wonderful examples of ways that the Lord provided for them. As soon as they held fast to their faith, wonderful things began to happen. They began to realize that we are never promised a life without the hard times, but we do know that the Lord continues to walk with us – and sometimes carries us – through the darkness. The future isn't so scary after all because we know that God provides.

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19) ♦



Letters from Home

After being in 13 foster homes from the age of 4, I aged out of foster care at 17 years old with no support or any idea of what to do next. From 17 years old until my adult age, my life was very unstable. I moved from place to place and shelter to shelter. Although being a very smart and ambitious woman, I was forced to put my education on hold to support myself. At the age of 27, with God's help, I was able to break away from an abusive relationship.

I am 28 years old now and 7 months pregnant. About two months ago, I had no idea how I would be able to support my baby boy financially. I knew that only with a high school diploma and working a minimum-wage job, things would be very hard and in some sense impossible. God showed me that he had a higher plan for me and directed me to *New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers*.

I have been here for a little over a month and started parenting classes twice a week, developed a healthier relationship with God (through church and devotions), and signed up to attend school to complete my accounting degree starting this summer. Without the worries of having a roof over my head, I not only have been able to focus on my educational goals, but on my parenting skills and my health as well. With no more self-doubt I am very optimistic about me and my son's future!

Allesundrea Bobbitt

Allesundrea, Current *New Beginnings* Resident

**Allesundrea is due in May
and will be having a baby boy!**



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Welcome to the Family, Clara Drinkwine

Clara is our new Case Manager at *New Beginnings*, and we are so excited to have her as an addition to our team! Clara studied pre-nursing at Highline College, and currently has a second job as a nursing assistant at Aurora West Allis Medical Center. She is certified in child care, and has a nursing assistant certificate. She will be responsible for holding goal meetings with each mom at *New Beginnings*, finding resources, and helping the residents succeed. Welcome, Clara!

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Growing Through Christ

In the last issue, Letisha shared her big news regarding her marriage on April 14th of this year. As I write this, the wedding has not yet happened, but I am excited to share pictures and details with you in the next issue!

Letisha graduated from the program on March 1st and moved into her own apartment. Her soon-to-be husband obtained his Commercial Driver's License and is on the road up until one day before the wedding. Upon moving out, Letisha wrote us a beautiful letter in which she mentioned the many ways she grew through the program. Most importantly, she grew in her relationship with Christ. She said, "Since joining the *New Beginnings* Family I have begun to find a closer relationship with God." She also plans to join St. Marcus Church and has been taking Bible information classes. Despite Letisha's rough past, and the fact that she had no idea where to turn, God provided. He led her to *New Beginnings* all the way from Florida, and she is so grateful that the Lord gave her this opportunity.

Upcoming Events

TASTE & TOUR

Once a month from 12:00pm-1:00pm

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The Blessing of Baptism

Nayeli was baptized recently at Fairview Lutheran Church in Milwaukee! We couldn't be more excited for Nayeli and her mother, Nayari. What a blessing it is to be washed in the waters of holy Baptism. Her mother, Nayari, has been at *New Beginnings* for over 4 months and her daughter turned one on the same day as her baptism (what an exciting day!). Nayeli is walking and almost talking! We are so glad that both of them are thriving at *New Beginnings*, and have had a chance to grow spiritually through God's grace. We are excited to see what the future holds for Nayeli and Nayari!



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