



Growing Branches


Update from
New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers
Denver, Colorado

“You Are Not Alone”

By Liz Seelow, Home Manager

Every day serves as a new challenge for the mothers living at New Beginnings. They face many uphill struggles, such as finding a job that pays enough to support themselves as well as their newborn child. They also face challenges each time they leave the front door of New Beginnings. Many of them lived lives of addictions that occurred just blocks away from our front door. They are confronted by their past through their interactions with people they once associated with and the places they once knew as “home.”

By God’s grace, they now realize that these places they once called “home” really weren’t homes at all. When they walk through the front door here they feel a sense of security. They realize the safety this place provides them: not only in the physical sense, but also in the sense of their spirituality. They gain strength knowing that they are not only safe when they are in our secured facility, but also when they go on the streets knowing that God is always with them and will protect them.



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One of the mantras spoken by nearly every mother who begins their stay at New Beginnings is, “I am lonely.” But thanks to the Holy Spirit working His way into their hearts, they slowly learn that they are never alone. They begin to trust in their Savior and realize they don’t feel as lonely when they know that He is with them. They begin to understand what God says in Matthew 28:20, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

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Letters From Home



To Whom It May Concern:

My name is sierra and my sons name is Xavier. We both reside at New Beginnings and been here since March 19, 2008. Before we came to new beginnings we were struggling a lot with income, and family. I was very lost and lonely. Now since I have been here I have a family, money in the bank and I finished school. I also obtained employment and child care that fits me. I'm very happy to be here I know my son and I are very safe and secured. Were also grateful to be surrounded by individuals who care for us so much. That's a plus to know that there are people in this world who care about you and your baby. One of my fondest moments of being here was when pastor Voss had baptized my son and me both together. It was beautiful a little after that we joined Pastor Paul B. church. I met new friends and family here that I will never forget, New Beginnings will always be home.

Sierra & Xavier



Hi, my name is Brandy. My son Ki'Mar and I have been at New Beginnings since November 21st. Since I've been at New Beginnings I've been the happiest that I've ever been. I'm learning how to become a good mother and a good Christian. For the first time in a very long time I feel like I'm part of a family. Without New Beginnings my son and I would be in a homeless shelter. I thank God every day that I was given the opportunity to come to the New Beginnings program. Thank you to everyone who makes this program possible.

Sincerely,
Brandy and Ki'Mar

Brandy & Ki'Mar



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While all the mothers learn in their own time, we can see God's hand at work in them creating faith. It is exciting to see the residents who have had no spiritual background in awe of the grace that God extends to them. The excitement that they show when they understand the devotion for that night is exhilarating. As staff, most of us have had the Word shown to us since we were babies, yet we find great encouragement when we see this childlike faith in an adult.

These mothers show what it's like to be thankful for everything they have. They not only get excited when they receive a new piece of clothing for their baby, but they get just as excited when they receive something as minute as a small notebook. They are eager to tell others about their thankfulness for this program and that without it would likely have gone back to their addictions because of a lack of a support system. The support system they rely on the most – besides the staff – are the other moms in the program. They lean on one another, because they know that they are facing the same trials as the others. Not only do they support one another, they also hold one another accountable for their actions and truly do have the program's best interest in mind.

The girls will always continue to face their pasts, even while living in a safe environment. But thankfully, each of them can use this time to not only create a "new beginning" for themselves and their babies, but also to grow in their faith, fully trusting in God's assurance that, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

Ms. Liz Seelow
Home Manager



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