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UNEXPECTED BLESSING

MID-SUMMER, I got a heads-up about a potential donation coming our way. "Susie" owns her own business, and her elderly father works with her one day a week—specifically when she works for a particular individual that Dad has a burden for. Dad wants to maintain the relationship so that he can continue to be a witness. This very successful, "progressive," and generous individual thinks highly of Dad, and said that he wanted to make a charitable donation in his honor. He asked Dad to name a few organizations. Dad put Alpha on the list. The donor is pro-choice, so Susie wasn't sure if he would follow through on the donation...A rather large check arrived soon after... specifically designated in honor of Susie and her Dad. Dad is retired and on a fixed income. But he is rich in spirit! Dad did not have a big checkbook. But he did have a voice, which he chose to use on our behalf. This is one of the unexpected ways our God has been providing for Alpha in this crazy year.



PRAYER

ONE OF THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 is that we are praying more with our clients! Prolonged uncertainty tends to weigh heavily on people, and they're more open to prayer. They're worried, they're lonely, and they need encouragement. We may be one of the few places they feel it's "safe" to go. When you see fewer people, those visits are more important to you. We are having deeper conversations, and clients are asking us to pray for them.

WELCOME!

MALISA HENDRICKS joined our staff last October. She is a graduate of FBBC with an interest in women's ministries. That makes her a great fit for us. You will see her smiling face in the Des Moines office, and we are glad to have her as part of Team Alpha!



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

What do you do? I had a medical test recently, and the tech performing the test asked me what I do. I said I'm the director of a pregnancy resource center, and briefly described our ministry. We had a nice chat, and as she walked me out, she said, "I think it's awesome what you do! As a Mom with 2 kids and a husband, I can't imagine how much harder it is when you're doing it alone." I said we're trying to help women see that they can still have a life if they choose life for their baby. She said, "I think it's great that you're helping women see they can do it."

Jeanie Thomas,
Executive Director

A circular portrait of Jeanie Thomas, the Executive Director. She is a woman with short blonde hair, smiling, wearing a dark blue top with a red polka-dot pattern.

OFFERING HELP FOR TODAY & HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

INVENTORY CRISIS

We recently did the seasonal swap-out in our resource closet.

This is the lowest inventory of outerwear that we've had in many years. Specifically, we are running scarce on winter coats (up to size 3T), hats, mittens, and boots (up to kids' size 7).

We could also use more winter maternity tops, sizes small – medium. We're very thankful for the donations you bring that help us keep our mamas and babies warm!

DONATIONS

Though all donations are welcome, the following items are particularly needed! Please consider adding one or more of these items to your list for your next shopping trip or garage sale visit!

- DIAPERS SIZE 4, 5 & 6**
- BABY WIPES**
- 18MOS - 2T BOY WINTER**
- 18MOS - 2T GIRL WINTER**
- GALLON SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS**

Drop your donation off at either location.

DERECH-WHAT?!

NOW THAT WE ALL KNOW what a "Derecho" is—wow! Who knew that Iowa could experience the equivalent of a Category 3 Hurricane?! The storm knocked out our power, phones, and internet service in both locations for a bit. But once we were able to re-open, we heard from clients over and over again, "I know God was watching out for me!" -- giving testimony to God's power and mercy in their lives. And we rejoice in the additional opportunities for prayerful conversations as a result of the storm.



A BEAUTIFUL REMINDER

DURING MY MORNING WALK, an odd-looking cloud caught my eye. It was pillar-shaped, low to the ground, nearly vertical...and it was almost glowing (no—not a UFO). I kept looking at it, and as the minutes passed, it became more defined. A rainbow! You don't often see rainbows at sunrise. The rainbow is a symbol of God's power and authority—His sovereign rule over the universe. God's throne is described in Rev. 4 as being encircled by a rainbow. After the Genesis Flood, God "set His bow in the cloud" as a sign of His promise that the waters would never again destroy all life.

I smiled. I love the reminder that God is still keeping His promise to never again destroy the world by a flood. I also love the reminder that God is still on His throne! I needed that. Maybe you did, too!

A LONG-HOPED FOR PROPOSAL

A CLIENT CAME in recently to share her news: her boyfriend of many years agreed to talk to a pastor, and the pastor encouraged him to take the step of marriage. After more than 2 decades--they are getting married! Praise the Lord that He has been at work in this family, turning hearts to make more responsible choices.

Alpha has walked alongside this client for many years, and we are delighted that she wanted to share this joyful news with us!

BABY BOTTLE BLOWOUT!

BABY BOTTLE offering has topped \$33,000--let's pray for \$40,000 next year!



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