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CENTER

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**GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS**

**MEGAN FIRST CAME TO ALPHA IN MARCH 2014**, pregnant with her first child. Married, struggling with personal problems and depression — she was needy and searching. She was praying to God that — if He was real, that she would know Him and that He would help her. *At Alpha, she met Sharon*, who was praying that God would send her someone that she could lead to Him! Megan continued to come for our resource closet, and then began a Bible study with Sharon. Sometimes she brought her husband Miguel with her. During the course of the studies, *Megan accepted the Lord as her Savior. A few weeks later, so did Miguel*. They began attending Sharon's church, where Sharon and her husband Chuck disciplined them and invested in them. Megan & Miguel moved away for Miguel's job — but Sharon stayed in touch, seeking to encourage Megan in her faith. After some real struggles and difficulties and another move, Megan found a church that teaches God's word. *In December, Sharon and Chuck were invited to attend her baptismal service!* What a blessing to see God answer prayer — both for Megan and Sharon.



**A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

*I have had the opportunity to speak in several churches over the past year. A wonderful thing has happened—women have come up to me afterwards to thank me, telling me that they were once clients at Alpha. And they are grateful for how our ministry served them in their time of need. Success Stories—we don't always know the outcome of our encounters. How precious and incredibly encouraging to see these women solidly plugged in to solid churches that are teaching the word of God!*

*Jeanie Thomas,*  
Executive Director



**CAN YOU OUT-CUTE THIS?**

**A GROUP OF KIDDOS** wanted to make some fleece tied-blankets for Alpha. They asked me to come over, so they could give them to me in person. I accepted their invitation, and one-by-one, each presented the blanket he or she had made. I received 10 hand-crafted fleece-tied blankets to bless our mamas and babies at Alpha.



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# OFFERING HELP FOR TODAY & HOPE FOR TOMORROW.



## BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

**THIS HAS BEEN OUR ONE BIG FUNDRAISER** for the past several years and we depend on the baby bottle campaign for a large portion of our budgetary needs. Last year's offering was the highest ever. **Over \$28,700!!**



## CURRENT NEEDS

### 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!

- DIAPERS SIZE 4-6**
- WIPES**
- BABY WASH**
- BABY SHAMPOO**
- BABY LOTION**
- GALLON SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS**
- LAUNDRY SOAP**

Drop your donation off at either location.

## WE NEED YOU!

**LAST YEAR**, we had more than 3000 visits between our 2 locations. Back in December, our Des Moines office saw 41 clients on one Thursday alone. This is a 33% increase in activity from last year!

**We are in dire need of more human resources** — specifically volunteers at our Des Moines location.

If you are willing/able to help, please call our office (285-5700 or 965-7885) or send an email to Jeanie at [awc1dsm@gmail.com](mailto:awc1dsm@gmail.com).

You can also go to our website to find our volunteer application, along with information to help you determine if this is a good fit for you!

## ABORTION AND BEYOND

**ALONG WITH YOU**, I am horrified at the recent news about abortion laws in our nation:

- A judge in Iowa ruled the fetal heartbeat law unconstitutional. "I am incredibly disappointed in today's court ruling because I believe that if death is determined when a heart stops beating, then a beating heart indicates life."

- Gov. Kim Reynolds

- New York's Governor signed a law that allows abortion up to the point of birth—and beyond. A baby that survives the procedure can legally have his little life snuffed out after being born.

- The state of Virginia recently considered legislation that, according to its sponsor Del. Kathy Tran, clearly allows for abortion up to the time of birth.

- Virginia Governor Ralph Northam took the issue even further when he stated in a radio interview that late-term abortion would allow for killing the child after birth. This is post-birth infanticide.

The words of Isaiah 5:20 come to mind: "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness." Woe, indeed!

## FOUR WAYS TO PRAY FOR AWC

- 1 Jeanie speaking in churches.
- 2 Open hearted clients and opportunities to share the gospel
- 3 Additional faithful volunteers for Des Moines!
- 4 Pray for God to continue to bring in the clients, volunteers, and funding that we need in order to serve as He directs.



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