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Dear friends of Mercy House,

God is so good! I just marvel at His faithfulness. He is so faithful to watch over the small details of our lives and to order our steps. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose".

Isn't it true? I have seen this so dramatically in the way He led our resident Whitney to us. In the very week her baby needed to be born He brought her to us and provided everything needed. Even though baby Aiden was about 10 weeks early, the Lord added strength to this child. He has beaten every negative prognosis and lived when all reports were to the contrary. And he will live with God's mighty, faithful hand upon him. Now Aiden is home with his mother Whitney and he is growing and doing magnificently. We are all moved to tears with God's faithfulness.

on her own again and we have enjoyed the time we have had with her and McKenzie.

I love that God is at work. I love what He is doing with Mercy House. I love His faithfulness to provide everything we need. He is an awesome God. Whatever you may be struggling with in your life right now, please remember the faithfulness of our God. He will never leave you or forsake you. He knows what you need even before you ask. And best of all, He has already provided the answer. Trust Him today and He will meet you right where you are.



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Thank you for your support. We continue to ask for your prayer and financial gifts as we endeavor to do His will. Every way you give, you enter into the joy and the reward of every baby born. We love you and appreciate your help so very much.



Another new arrival in the middle of all this is our baby McKenzie. Her mother Danielle had a wonderful, completely normal, drug free birth. Hurray Danielle! Talk about extreme differences in circumstances. Danielle is almost ready to launch out

In His Mercy,  
Susan

# NEW ARRIVALS



## STATS

Whitney & Aiden

Aiden Lei  
Born: March 4th, 2007  
2 lbs. 2 oz.  
15.25 inches

## STATS

Danielle & McKenzie

McKenzie Reed  
Born: April 21st, 2007  
7 lbs. 10 oz.  
19 inches



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Erin's Story

Hello, my name is Erin Michelle and I was a Mercy House resident from 2001-2002. Let



me share with you where my daughter Blythe and I are now. My daughter, Blythe Michelle, is 5 years old now and lives with her mother, father and new baby brother, Matthew. She

also has two family dogs. She is currently attending preschool. I am currently



attending Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas.

I am seeking my career in Deaf Education and Speech Language Pathology. My

fiancée and I have been together for 2 years and plan to marry. I also have a pit mix named Oreo whom I got from the pound when she was a baby. I am grateful for how much Grace Community Church and Mercy House helped me to get where I am today. I am very grateful for the Lord's love for me. Thank you all. I love you and God bless!

## FROM JENNIFER'S DESK

Dear friends,

As I've been praying about what to write to you this quarter, the scripture keeps coming to mind in first Chronicles that says *O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.* We have seen God's lovingkindness through Mercy House and I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for what He is doing.

Several weeks ago I began talking with a young woman named Whitney who was living in Oregon with her grandparents. Whitney was originally from Arlington but separated from her mother and brother due to financial difficulties within the family.

Immediately I felt drawn to this young woman feeling that God was providing a way for her and her family to be reunited through Mercy House. I wasn't sure of everything that God was up to but knew right away that He had big plans for this family. Only one week after coming to Texas, we found that Whitney was very sick and that an emergency c-section was necessary in order to save her and the baby. Whitney had made many attempts to alert her doctors in Oregon that she was ill but for whatever reason they never determined the severity of her sickness.

But God had a plan. He brought her all the way to Texas and into our care so that this baby could be saved! Whitney and baby Aiden have had many challenges but all along the way, we saw an incredible faith rise up in Whitney. When doctors and nurses said

that the baby may not live, Whitney said, 'my son will live and not die'.

Because this baby came ten weeks early and we had literally no time to prepare

for Whitney and her son's future once she moved from Mercy House, I felt overwhelmed at trying to get things to come together in six weeks instead of sixteen. But God's ways are higher than mine. Because of the amazing people at Adopt-a-family in North Richland Hills, Whitney and her family have been reunited and living together in an apartment that they can afford.

I am so thankful to our Lord for his everlasting lovingkindness, for reuniting this family and for saving this baby's life. Thank you for all that you do to support Mercy House! Lives are being forever changed because of your support!

Jennifer Brown, BSW

Mercy House Family Worker

