

# heartbeat

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Dear Friends of Mercy House,

As I sit to write this letter, I am enjoying the sound of gently falling rain on my garden outside the window. It reminds me God's faithfulness and of the absolute dependability of His word. Just as the rain falls and waters the earth, so His word will go forth and accomplish what it was sent for. Has God given you a word? One of those precious promises that He spoke to you in the quietness of a time with Him? Something He whispered to you that only you and He know? Scripture is clear that He will speak to us and share His secrets. What an amazing thing that we can actually commune with the God of all the universe and He will speak to us individually and specifically. In my quiet time this morning I read from 1 Corinthians 2:9: *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him."*

But then Paul goes on to write in three places a counter thought to that Old Testament passage: in verse 10 he says: *"BUT WE KNOW THESE THINGS because God has revealed them to us by His Spirit, and His Spirit searches out everything and shows us even God's DEEP SECRETS."* Again in verse 12 Paul says, *"And God has actually given us His Spirit (not the world's spirit) so we can KNOW the wonderful things God has FREELY GIVEN US."* Again Paul writes in verse 16: *"But we can UNDERSTAND these things, for WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST."*

Here's the message I get: God does

not want us in the dark! He wants us to clearly know what He has given us and what He is up to...even secrets. Do you have the confidence to believe that? Do you have the assurance that He loves YOU that much? True friends share the deep thoughts of their hearts. True friends are safe with each other and tell things they wouldn't share with just anyone. And God has called you His friend. He has given you His mind and His secrets. He will keep doing that because He loves you so much.

I have heard some secret things. I have heard some precious promises. And I am clinging to those with faith. I don't doubt that God will complete what He has started. I don't doubt that I will see the promises fulfilled. I eagerly await and rejoice in the meantime to see the fulfillment of all He will do! What a joy to have a Father who loves me like that! I live in the light and see clearly where I am going because He isn't holding out on me!

Now on a practical level I want to share that I know some things about Mercy House. I know that God is providing a home for us soon. I know that a "world changer" will be born because of the ministry of Mercy House. I know that God is right now changing the lives of the women we are serving. I watched with joy as our recent new mom, Bonnie, went under the baptismal waters

in surrender to the Lordship of Christ in her life. I have been amazed to see the growth and maturity that is happening in our new resident, Beauty, as she has dug into God's word for herself and is hearing



His voice. And I know that as long as we keep working, the ministry of Mercy House will thrive in the faithful hand of the Lord.

Thank you for all you are doing to help us with this ministry. We are seeing greater change and fruitfulness than ever before. God is doing a deep work in the lives of our young moms. We are so grateful and thrilled to watch His handiwork!

May His abundance be yours! May you feel His word shower over you like the gently falling rain of spring!

In His Mercy,  
Susan



# NEW ARRIVALS



## STATS

Bonnie & Jacob

Jacob Isaiah  
Born: January 30th  
9 lbs. 10 oz.  
22 inches

## STATS

Beauty

Due Date: May 1st  
Welcome to Mercy House!



# You're Invited!

You are invited to a volunteer tea for Mercy House. If you are currently volunteering or just interested in "checking things out" we would love to have you come and share tea and brunch with us. We will spend some time getting to know each other and then share the various ways that you can get involved. We have LOTS of areas we need help with and would love to have you on the Mercy House Team. Please come and enjoy the fun!

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 26th  
**WHERE:** Grace Community Church  
251 Countryside Court,  
Southlake, TX 76092  
**WHAT TIME:** 10am - 12pm



## FROM JENNIFER'S DESK

Dear Pro-life friends,

It's been quite a busy quarter here at Mercy House. As you may recall we took some time to get protocols in place and train our team last fall.

We also took some time to care for a graduated client Whitney and her family through a very difficult and sad time. If you are not aware, It is with great sadness that I report to you that baby Aiden Lei went to be with Jesus last October. This is obviously devastating for this precious family but we as Mercy House were so honored to be involved with the family during the service and weeks following. We would like to say thank you to the Grace Community Church youth group for providing Christmas to this amazingly strong family. We continue to check in with Whitney and her family and our staff is working with Whitney on a memory book of baby Aiden. Thank you to each of you who have sewn into this family's life.

During our planning season last fall one of the changes that we made was networking with another agency who refers clients to us from their safe house. It has been such a pleasure working with this agency! As a result of this relationship, we have received two precious clients. One of which is Bonnie who moved in our Saginaw Shepherding Home in December of 2007. Bonnie has been such an amazing joy to me personally. Seeing her transform before my eyes into the woman God has called her to be has been something that brings tears to my eyes. We as Christians pray for the opportunity to see someone's life transform and that has been the case with our sweet Bonnie. The Lord is redeeming her life and giving back every

thing that the enemy attempted to steal from her. Her latter days are certainly far greater than her prior days! Hallelujah! We give God all the honor and praise for her salvation and the victory that she is in Christ!

Most recently, we received yet another client referred from the safe house, Beauty. Beauty is just that, her spirit is simply beautiful! I am so excited at the journey ahead in working with her and can not wait to see all that God is going to do in her life!

If you ever wonder if your support really matters, please remember that these young women could have chosen to end their baby's life but because of your support, they had an alternative! You are saving lives! Both the babies and the mother's through salvation. My heart can not express my appreciation to you! May you be blessed abundantly!

Jennifer L Brown, BSW  
Client Care Director



# Mercy House Volunteer Spotlight

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My name is Charlet Thompson. I have been married to my husband, Jim, for 30 years this coming June. Between us, we have four sons, six grandchildren, one great-grandson, and another great-grandchild due this coming July. I first came to a Mercy House volunteer meeting at the urging of my granddaughter Chetori, who is an active volunteer. Little did I know that the Holy Spirit was going to raise me up from my chair and take over any reservations I had. I shared like I had never done before, the story of my teenage pregnancy, the struggles that I had met with and how I dealt with them. I cleansed my very soul and I was free! Free to finally move on without the stigma and weight of all the guilt that I had been carrying with me for over 45 years. And I said, "Yes!" to God. Yes, I would be ecstatic to be accepted by Mercy House and its mission to give hope and help to single pregnant women. I had been in their shoes. I know their fears and helplessness, and I was hungry to help them. God told me some forty plus years ago that He would use me and my unwed pregnancy some way, some how, in helping others who are going through what I had gone through. I was

under construction and Mercy House was His destination for me. I will be serving on the board of Directors and helping with grant writing, another dream God is helping me fulfill. I thank God for the opportunity to serve Mercy House.



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