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MERCY HOUSE NEWSLETTER • SUMMER 2008

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. We have so enjoyed this wonderful season with our moms and babies at Mercy House. What abundant fruit we have seen in their lives! Our most recent moms, Bonnie and Beauty, have both been so committed to holding onto God for all He has for them. They have taken full advantage of every opportunity they have been provided through this ministry and have grown exponentially in the Lord! I am so proud of both of them.

Acts 20:24 says, "But my life is worth nothing unless I use it for doing the work assigned to me by the Lord Jesus-the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love." What a powerful thing to say - my life is worth NOTHING unless I use it for doing the work God has given me. I see here that we do have a choice. It is our decision how we will "use" our life. I also see that we ALL have an assignment. Something planned, pre-ordained by God. What an

awesome privilege and what a sober responsibility.

The mix here of God's sovereign call to an assignment and my free will to use my life to fulfill that call is the mysterious blend of faith and works. God always gives us a part in His plan. It doesn't happen TO us. He walks with us, adding His strength, His provision, His wisdom, His grace. It is the partnership of faith.

We know that God has ordained the ministry of Mercy House. It is our assignment from Him and the work He has given us to do. We also know that He is attentive to the cry of the widow and the orphan. Single pregnant moms and their unborn babies are the "widows and orphans" of this present generation. Single moms comprise the largest percentage of the homeless population in America. What a privilege to be partnered with the God of the

universe in assisting and saving these precious lives.

Would you partner with us friends? We need your continued



support and we need your prayer. We are eager to acquire a new home and to expand our work. We are only touching the tip of the iceberg in comparison to the great need. Will you pray and will you support us? We thank you for your partnership in this most awesome and worthwhile assignment.

In His Mercy,  
Susan



# Bonnie's Housewarming



Special thanks to Glen James and Resource Print Management for the donated printing and to Chris Flynn of Flynn Creative for donated art/design.

# Mercy House WISH LIST

- Target Gift Cards
- Wal Mart Gift Cards
- Gas Cards
- Newborn and Size 1 Diapers
- Newborn Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- New Towel Sets (2 bath, 2 washcloths)
- Twin Bedding
- Toiletries (Deodorant, Shampoo, Soap, Toothpaste)
- Nursing Accessories (ie nursing pads, Lansinoh)
- Maternity Clothes (new and gently used)
- Baby Toiletries
- Donated Vehicles for graduating clients



## NEW ARRIVAL

Celeste Muleta



## FROM JENNIFER'S DESK

Greetings family and friends,

The message and theme of our labor this past season is one of God's amazing power and faithfulness to our clients. I am so excited at all that our Lord has done!

First, Bonnie came to us late last December. The biggest thing that Bonnie has done to make a difference for her life was to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and follow Him in water baptism. Not only did Bonnie accept our Lord as her Savior, she has embraced Him as Daddy, friend, husband, redeemer and deliverer. As the word says, faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. (Hebrews 11:1) Bonnie had many things in her life that she was trusting God for. In the natural, these things seemed impossible, but as we know with God all things are possible. Because of her faithfulness to stand in prayer and faith, God mixed His amazing power with her unflinching faith and today He has come through on every single thing that she has asked Him for!! These include a good job, reliable transportation, childcare, a fully furnished, affordable apartment and most importantly being reunited with her children. Only our God can do that in six short months!!

Next, Beauty came to us this spring and brought the joy and beauty of the Lord with her. Beauty's beautiful baby girl was born

early May and it has been so exciting to see Beauty come into motherhood. Again Beauty had some challenges to overcome including securing permanent housing, reliable employment, childcare and transportation. And once again our faithful Lord has provided all of these things. Our God is so good!

Today, I hope that you are encouraged to ask God for big things! Our God wants to bless you. He is just waiting for you to have faith and stand and believe for His power. Our God is faithful and he gives good gifts to His children. Be bold, take that step of faith....stand and believe God for your miracle!



Jennifer L Brown, BSW  
Mercy House Client Care Director

# Baby Dedication

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Celeste Muleta's dedication  
July 6, 2008

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans for good and not for evil to give you a future and a hope.” JEREMIAH 29:11

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