

# Family Life Center of West Michigan

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## Newsletter February, 2017

### What is happening?



#### Resident News

(Names are not real for the protection of our residents)

Blessings are streaming in at the Family Life Center! We now have 4 delightful young ladies in our presence.

**K** is in her 7th month of pregnancy. She works part time at Subway. Her relationship with her parents is non existent due to decisions that she has made. She is fervently seeking to change her life and is beginning to understand what it really means to be a child of God...both the benefits and responsibilities. Her head knowledge of the Bible is very good, she now needs to connect that with her heart. What awesome progress we have seen in her! It is such a privilege to see how God is working in her life.

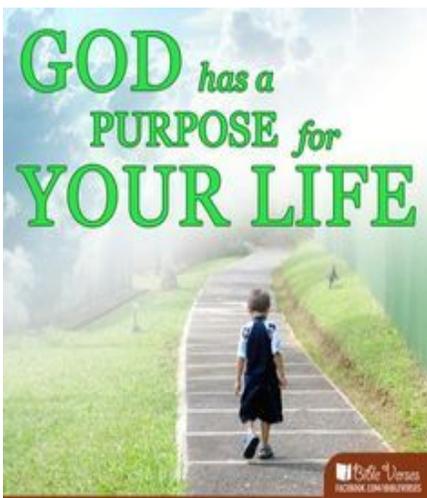
**J** is in her 8th month. She is attending classes in Grand Rapids from 8-noon and plans to graduate from High School in 1 year. During the last week of January she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy! She is a wonderful and attentive mother already! J has a dry sense of humor that keeps us laughing. She arrived at the FLC as an agnostic but through our Bible studies with Conni Christy she has repented of her sins and invited Jesus to be her Lord and Savior! We are excited to watch God's will unfold for her and her baby boy.

## Resident News (continued)

**K** is due to have her baby any day! She came to the FLC having not spoken to her parents in 2 years and unsure of whether she would parent or allow a loving family to adopt her baby. As she worked through her parenting and adoption workbooks with Lynn, she has chosen to make an adoption plan. Giving a baby to a loving couple is such a brave and loving thing to do. With lots of prayer and a changed heart, K has also reconnected with her parents. We are so proud of her!

**M** is in her 3rd month of pregnancy. She hasn't slept on a bed for over 6 months and is excited to do just that. She was initially resistant to the resident policies here at the FLC but out of desperation decided to come. Now she has become such an important part of this home with her insights and level headedness. She is resistant to Christianity and has lots of questions. We are walking this journey with her and pray that she will discover who she is as a child of God. It is such a blessing to see how determined she is to make good choices.

The Family LIFE Center was founded on God and our commitment to give young women the resources they need to choose LIFE. The women who come to the FLC have made the selfless decision to choose LIFE despite the challenges that that brings. They can confidently make that decision because through the FLC God has provided them a way out. Some of our women choose to make an adoption plan and some to parent. Both are good decisions. These women are in search of a fresh start. They are thankful that the old ties of bad companionship has been severed and they have good people surrounding them. As they find their niche here, they let their guard down and the conversation flows from one concern they used to have to another that they feel has no grasp on them here. One girl stated, "My mind isn't foggy or clouded here. I love being able to think clearly."



Thank you for all your support and prayers. The FLC provides an environment where the women are taught life skills that give them the confidence to make decisions and provides them the opportunity to get their feet on the ground.

## **Statistics:**

**Average miles driven per day in January : 69, not including the miles driven by our volunteers!**

**Average appointments per day in January: 3**

**Girls given their life to Jesus in January: 2**

**Number of Women served since 1993: 151**

## **NEEDS:**

### **Donation needs:**

Car seat

Pac-n-play

Maternity clothes

Winter jackets

Meat

### **Financial Needs:**

Fuel gift cards- to help with the cost of driving women to jobs, appointments, pregnancy classes

Grocery gift cards

### **Volunteers:**

We are in need of drivers, mentors, and house sitters:)

