

# Morning Star

Ministries of the North Penn Area, Inc.



*A New Start...in a New Direction*

## *From Our Hearts*



On my desk I have a container of Jordan Almonds because I like them. At a lot of Italian weddings they are given as favors to represent the bitter and the sweet. Fresh almonds have a bittersweet taste which represents life. The sugar coating is added with the hope that the life of the newlyweds would be more sweet than bitter. The year 2012, marks the 25th anniversary of Morning Star Ministries and it is a journey that I would consider bitter and sweet.

Sweet because the Lord has been so faithful to us and has blessed us with so many wonderful supporters, but bitter because in our culture we are still necessary. We would love to be "out of business", but we are still needed and so will continue on with the work that the Lord has set before us. Trying to make a change in the lives of the unborn babies and their mothers.

Sweet because Pat and Sam Worthington had such generous big hearts and a burden to do something, but bitter because Pat isn't here with us to celebrate and see how her vision is growing. She always had a dream to purchase another property to continue to help the girls in our care and this year we will be opening that home. She will always be in our thoughts as we realize her dream.

Sweet because we have been able to touch so many young girls' lives, but bitter because some of them have not flourished the way we had hoped. With today's technology it is certainly easier to keep in touch with the girls we have had in our program, but with that comes the knowledge of all that is happening in their lives. Both the bitter and the sweet. I guess much of life is made up of both the bitter and the sweet.

Twenty-five (25) years ago Pat and Sam began a journey together which would lead them down that bittersweet path. They had a burden for the unborn and



*Pat and Sam  
Worthington  
(early in their ministry)*

wanted to do something, so in the words of the Nike commercial, "They just did it." They sold their home and put up the money to become incorporated and thus began the story of Morning Star Ministries. They took a girl into their home and they were off and running. Now 25 years later, we are still here. We have seen many babies born and have rejoiced in each life. I'm so thankful that Pat and Sam felt led to ask me to be on their original board. I've been along this journey with them for the past 25 years and I wouldn't have changed it for the world. We are all excited to continue to partner with you in this bittersweet journey called Morning Star Ministries. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we embark on Phase 2.

Christina Floyd, Director

*In honor of our 25th year, we will be celebrating in a lot of different ways. Look for our annual Bowl-a-thon (see insert) for some fun give-a-ways and a lot of excitement. Also, we are hoping to celebrate with 'A Day in the Park' on June 16th. Be on the lookout for information regarding other special events. As always, thank you for your support.*

# News from our House Parents



Happy New Year! We enjoyed a wonderful holiday season here at Morning Star. Thanksgiving was lots of fun. All the girls were with us for dinner before leaving to spend time with their families. We were joined by Crystal, one of our birthing coaches, and her family; Kasima came up from Philadelphia with her son, Kasim, and her boyfriend Jevon; and Keisha B. and her son, Jayson, came too. Sam joined us for dessert making our Thanksgiving gathering thirteen grownups and three babies. It was a wonderful day as the house was filled with love and laughter.

We celebrated Christmas with the girls on the 22nd before we all headed in different directions for the holiday. We began the evening out for dinner to celebrate Kiesha M. completing her high school education and earning her GED. Then, back home Chrissy and Nelson joined us as we gathered near the tree to open



*Pictured (left to right):  
Anna, Kiesha and Jaimi*

gifts and Christmas stockings. Everyone left on the 23rd to celebrate Christmas with their families and friends. We were blessed with a great Christmas season. Many of you sent gifts and money to make Christmas special for our girls and they were blessed with wonderful gifts thanks to all of you. As their house mother, I want to thank you personally for all that you've done. It was a blessing to watch each of them open their gifts and to see their enjoyment. You made all the difference. We rang in the New Year watching the ball drop in Times Square on TV.

As I look back on 2011, I am blessed by all the new faces to our ministry family. Crystal and Sharon have come on board as birthing coaches and friends. We get to spend time with each of them as we build

new friendships. Crystal arranged for a day of pampering for the girls by doing pedicures and bringing in students from the massage school in Quakertown, along with a Mary Kay representative and her mom, who gave the girls new hair styles. It was a fun day for everyone. Sharon drops by to visit with us and recently gave us a TV for our living room. Jillian is another new face that came to us as an intern as part of her college courses. And many more people drop by with gifts, donations and offers of help. I am also blessed to see the faces of those of you who have been faithful to the ministry over the years. You have become friends as we work together, towards the same goals, as we follow God's will for this ministry. You are living proof that the load is lighter when shared by others.

And now we look ahead to 2012 with great expectations. The aftercare facility is being prepared for its first residents, Kiesha and baby Taraji. Jaimi's baby girl and Anna's baby boy are both due in the next couple of months. And we are looking forward to the girls God will send to us this year.

Again, I want to thank each and every one of you who make a difference in the lives of our girls and I thank God that He has chosen me to be a part of this very special ministry. I hope to see all of you at the Bowl-a-thon.

Darlene White, House Mother

## Pam's Story



*Included here is an amazing email message we received this week. Please read it:*

In a recent email, I read about a woman named Pam, who knows the pain of considering abortion. More than 24 years ago, she and her husband Bob were serving as missionaries to the Philippines and praying for a fifth child. Pam contracted amoebic dysentery, an infection of the intestine caused by a parasite found in contaminated food or drink. She went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant.

Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines had caused irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason

for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities physicians predicted. Pam said the doctors didn't think of it as a life, they thought of it as a mass of fetal tissue.

While pregnant, Pam nearly lost their baby four times, but refused to consider abortion. She recalled making a pledge to God with her husband: *"If you will give us a son, we'll name him Timothy and we'll make him a preacher."*

Pam ultimately spent the last two months of her pregnancy in bed and eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy on August 14, 1987. Pam's youngest son is indeed a preacher. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines. He also plays football.

Pam's son is **Tim Tebow**. The University of Florida's star quarterback became the first sophomore in history to win college football's highest award, the Heisman Trophy. His current role as quarterback of the Denver Broncos has provided an incredible platform for Christian witness. As a result, he is being called the Mile-High Messiah.

Tim's notoriety and the family's inspiring story have given Pam numerous opportunities to speak on behalf of women's centers across the country. Pam Tebow believes that every little baby you save matters. I pray her tribe will increase!

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

*From the Desk of the*  
**Director of Fundraising  
and Finances**



Although my official title is Director of Fundraising, I enjoy my unofficial title of "Papa Sam, Baby Rocker". It is wonderful to take time each day



to rock the babies. Right now little Taraji is the one I get to rock and talk to. And in the next few months we will have two new babies to rock and play with.

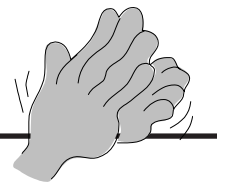
I also enjoy being a part of the every day joys of this ministry. Each day I see the girls growing and changing. I observe them being good moms to their new babies and I see others preparing to be new moms. I am blessed every day as I see the miracles that God has given us.

As the fundraising director I am thanking God for His provisions. He is forever faithful. With the economy being what it is, we are still able to look back at 2011 and see that God has met our every need. I want to thank each and every one of you who supports this ministry. Your financial contributions and uplifted prayers allow us to continue the work that God has called us to do. And we see, every day, the difference this ministry makes in the lives of the girls God sends to us.

As we move forward in 2012, we trust God to supply all our needs through you, our faithful supporters. I pray each of you will have a blessed New Year.

Sam Worthington

## *Many Thanks*



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