

*Changing Lives,
One Child at a Time*

November 2011

Morning Star

Ministries of the North Penn Area, Inc.

A New Start...in a New Direction



From Our Hearts



When I was growing up, Southern Gospel music was a huge part of our lives. I remember a song called, "I'd Rather Live by Faith" and the words to the chorus were, I'd rather live by faith than try to make it on feelings. Those words pretty much sum up this past year for me, particularly this past summer. My feelings have definitely been up and down. A faith ministry can be a scary thing sometimes, but I do believe that God still has work for us to do and we have to plod on!

Last year, when we decided to take a leap of faith and purchase the Aftercare House, I really believed that the whole purchase was orchestrated by God. We had been talking about an aftercare ministry for a long time and the opportunity that was presented was too good to ignore. As far as the purchase of that property is concerned, the Lord has definitely provided and it has been confirmed to me on many occasions that we made the right decision. I want to thank the Clemens Family Foundation for their recent donation to the purchase of that property. It was one of the things that the Lord used to confirm that we are going in the right direction. I also want to thank those of you who are sending in your faith pledges. Thank you so much for your faithfulness. I continue to have a burden to see these girls not only give life to their babies, but to build a firm foundation in the Lord and become good mothers and contributing members to society. Our Board Members share the same burden.

The testing of my faith is in the area of our General Funds for the operation of the existing home.

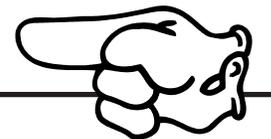
It's one of those areas where I give it to God, I take it back, I give it to God, I take it back. I have to just rest in the assurance that the Lord has provided for us for 25 years and nothing is too big for Him. The current economic situation, in human eyes, is a little bleak, but like my Dad always says, "We are not operating in man's economy, but in God's and He owns the cattle on a thousand hills." As 2011 winds down I hope that you will consider Morning Star Ministries in your end-of-the-year giving. Please pray for us as we continue to move forward and I pray that the Lord will place it in your heart to help us out financially.

Thank you always for your continued prayers and support. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a very, Merry Christmas.

Next year is our 25th year of ministry and we are planning some exciting things to celebrate God's continued blessings.

Christina Floyd
Director

Our Needs



Walmart, Target or Payless Giftcards
(for personal needs of our girls)

Pro-Life Education: Internships



The past few months we have had the privilege of having two young women do their internships with us. Crystal Dunn is a psychology major studying with Liberty University and she needed 125 hours. Jillian Littrell is studying social work at Eastern University and needed to put in 20 hours. They have been so helpful and willing to do whatever was asked of them. They have written a little about their experience with us:

Crystal Dunn - I started my internship in late August and began getting familiar with the ministry, learning about and interacting with the young women who benefit from this program. I observed and participated in one-on-one counseling sessions, parenting classes, life skills classes, birthing classes and attended the annual banquet. I am so excited to be a birth coach for one of the girls who will soon deliver a baby girl. It will be such an awesome experience to be able to witness one of God's children entering the world. More recently I coordinated a "Pampering Day" for the girls at the home. The day began with a full body massage from the wonderful student volunteers and teacher at the Pennsylvania Institute of Massage Therapy, which is located in Quakertown. Darlene, the house mom even got treated with a much deserved massage. A great relationship was developed with the school and future events will be coordinated with Morning Star to pamper the girls. We then had a facial and make-up session with Joslyn Hooker, a Mary Kay consultant. We took a quick lunch break, and then moved onto hair. Cindy Singles (my mother) shampooed, cut and styled their hair. We completed the day with pedicures. The day was truly relaxing for all.

In the coming weeks I am planning a career counseling day which will include: goal setting; applying for jobs; completing applications; cover letter writing; mock interviewing; filling out job related paperwork; dressing for success and prospering in the workplace. This will help the young women in setting and reaching for their goals and enable them to obtain the skills to become successful for themselves, their children and active participants in their community.

I want to thank Chrissy, Sam, Jim and Darlene, Rachel, Michelle, Wanda, the young women served and the entire ministry for allowing me to come in and share in this wonderful opportunity to serve. Through this experience God has confirmed my calling to work with young people. I would not have had this clarification of my calling if it wasn't for this experience. I continue to pray for all associated with the ministry and look forward to what God will do in the future.

Jillian Littrell - While interning at Morning Star, I was able to observe how the household is run as well as how the staff and houseparents serve the expecting mothers. I was given various responsibilities at the home, including taking the girls to get photo I.D. cards, organizing incoming donations, and teaching a few life skills classes. It was a rewarding opportunity to interact so closely with the girls, hear their stories, and build relationships. It was also an honor to work alongside those running the ministry; sacrificing daily in order to be a witness for Jesus, and usher in new life to a positive and safe environment.

News from our House Parents



As the leaves change color and fall to the ground, I am reminded of our first days here at Morning Star. It is hard to believe that a year has gone by already. And, what a year it has been! We have been so blessed to have had the opportunity to love more than a dozen beautiful girls and to welcome nine precious babies into the world. Although not all the girls stay through the end of their pregnancies, they all contact us when their babies come and many stay in touch and return to visit with their little ones. As I write this, one of our girls is four days past due and anxious for her little girl to make her arrival. We currently have three girls in our maternity home: LaKeshia M. whose baby is past due; Jaimi, whose daughter is due February 14th; and Anna, whose son is due March 13th. We are looking forward to the arrivals of all these precious babies.

Since our last newsletter Ashley and her son, Liam, have moved to New Jersey to live with her

Dad. Ashley is attending high school and looking for a part time job to help support her son. LaKeisha B. and her son, Jayson, have moved to an apartment here in Souderton. It is nice to have them close by. LaKeisha attends Montgomery County Community College pursuing a degree in nursing.

We are looking forward to the holidays and our annual Open House. It was wonderful to meet so many of our supporters last year and we look forward to seeing you again and meeting many more of you this year. So mark your calendars for December 10th and plan to drop by to meet the girls and enjoy some goodies. We will be cooking Thanksgiving dinner and have invited some of the girls and their babies to come "home" for the holiday. I am hoping for a house full! Then the Christmas decorations go up and the holiday fun begins. All of the girls will spend Christmas with their families this year, so Jim, Jessi and I will spend the holiday with our family in Massachusetts.

As we go into our second year as house parents, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support, prayers, and help. Every day we are witnesses to the difference this ministry makes in the lives of our girls and their babies and we consider ourselves so blessed that God has allowed us to be a part of it. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season.

Darlene White, Housemother

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



We have a lot to be thankful for here at Morning Star. We are certainly grateful for the support we continue to receive, especially during these tough economic times.

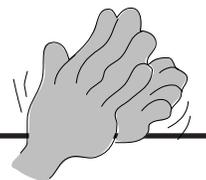
You can mark your calendars for our two main fundraisers in 2012: Bowl-a-thon, March 17th and our Banquet, September 22nd.

If you are considering any additional year-end contributions, please remember that Morning Star Ministries of the North Penn Area, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

Sam Worthington



Many Thanks



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