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Cheryl Said

This newsletter is reaching you just about a month later than we had planned. So much for plans! Since CPO is an all-volunteer organization, we encourage everyone to “put your families first!” And, I did just that. Our fourteenth grandbaby was born on July 27. Abigail Grace (we call her Abby) weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs., 4 oz., and was 22 inches long. I arrived at the hospital in Farmington, NM, just minutes after her birth. As the nurse welcomed her Daddy and me, into the nursery, I was taken back in time to the births of our seven babies. Everything went beautifully and little Abby came home in 36 hours, despite her Mama having had a c-section. A few days later, her Mama began having very serious medical complications that resulted in our driving to the hospital in the night, and Valerie, Abby and me staying for a week. It was a scary time, and reminded me of all the nights I have prayed over sick babies, during the night. I constantly reminded myself that “God does not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

I am happy to report that Valerie has fully recovered, and little Abby is thriving. Thank you so much for your prayers. God is faithful. Please remember that as you are waiting to adopt, are parenting frisky little toddlers, or are a birth mom, praying for your birth child. God is faithful.

In His Service,

Cheryl

Thanks to those of you who have signed up to pray for CPO, and our girls, on a daily basis. This is the most important thing that you can do. If you would like to choose a day, and have not been contacted, please call Michelle Palmer @ 836-4588.



God Danced the Day you were Born



Julianna

9-3-05

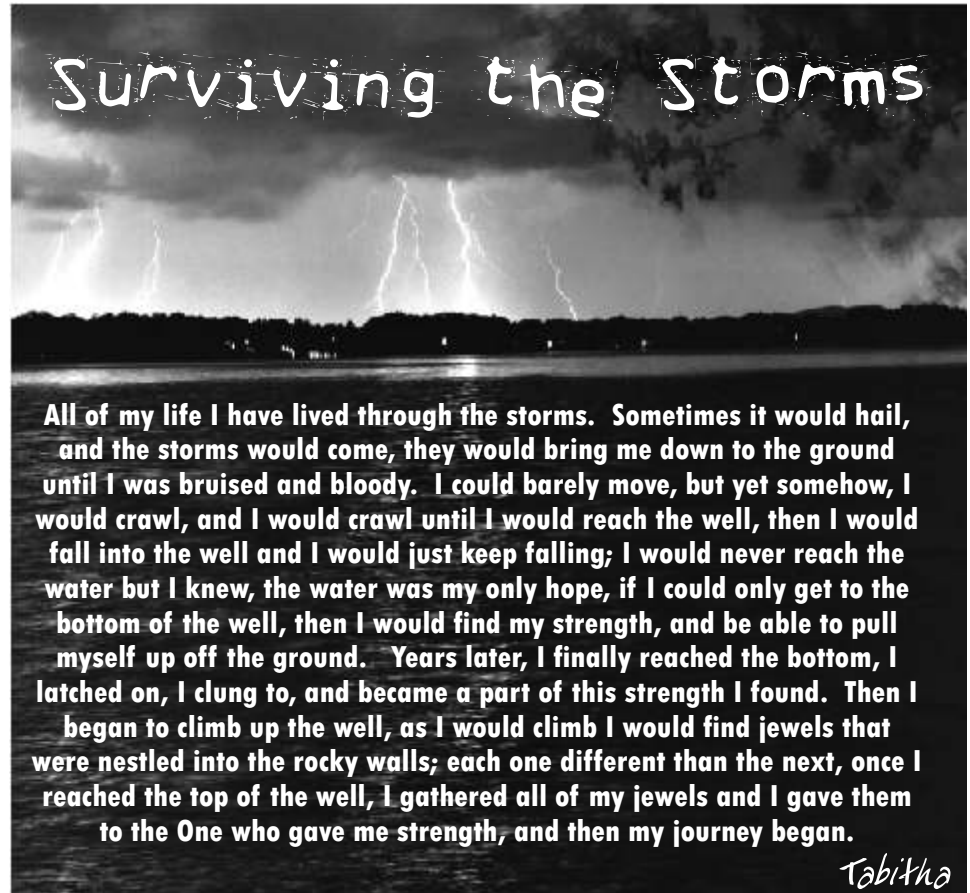
5 lbs., 11 oz.
19 inches long
Mom: Tanisha

Nehemiah Marvin

9-10-05

6 lbs., 1 oz.
19 3/8 inches long
Birth Mom: April
Adoptive Parents:
Nick and Becky

Surviving the Storms



All of my life I have lived through the storms. Sometimes it would hail, and the storms would come, they would bring me down to the ground until I was bruised and bloody. I could barely move, but yet somehow, I would crawl, and I would crawl until I would reach the well, then I would fall into the well and I would just keep falling; I would never reach the water but I knew, the water was my only hope, if I could only get to the bottom of the well, then I would find my strength, and be able to pull myself up off the ground. Years later, I finally reached the bottom, I latched on, I clung to, and became a part of this strength I found. Then I began to climb up the well, as I would climb I would find jewels that were nestled into the rocky walls; each one different than the next, once I reached the top of the well, I gathered all of my jewels and I gave them to the One who gave me strength, and then my journey began.

Tabitha

1Hallelujah! You who serve GOD,
praise GOD! Just to speak his name is
praise! 2Just to remember GOD is a
blessing-- now and tomorrow and
always. 3From east to west, from dawn to
dusk, keep lifting all your praises to GOD!
4GOD is higher than anything and anyone,
outshining everything you can see in the
skies. 5Who can compare with GOD, our God,
so majestically enthroned, 6Surveying his
magnificent heavens and earth? 7He picks up the
poor from out of the dirt, rescues the wretched
who've been thrown out with the trash, 8Seats them
among the honored guests, a place of honor among
the brightest and best. 9He gives childless couples a
family, gives them joy as the parents of children.

Hallelujah! al

Psalm 113

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Your organization gave me so much strength, when I thought I wouldn't make it, when I had no courage, even when I was miles and miles away from you, in a whole different state, to still be determined, to still attempt to walk the path of righteousness, to hope when no hope seemed real and available to me, for my life and my children's lives, and now look! I have three beautiful children, a wonderful and safe place to live, marvelous friends and family with whom I share my support, and my loving God who forgives me at every turn and whim. God is good, all the time!

Love in Christ,
Rachel

from the heart



Cheryl,

Wow! I am online, and searching under links for crisis pregnancy, because the number that I had for you was no good, and look where it gets me! Your email address! This is so awesome! I know you remember me,it's been so long since I have heard your voice or seen your face, but you know that I think about you and CPO and all the help you've given me in the past, almost every single day.

In fact, I wouldn't be where I am today if not for your organization and the simple acts you perform for young, single pregnant women with nowhere to turn. I talked to Lynn about 2 years ago now, and told her about how I was doing. At that time, I was working, attending church, and doing everything I could for my 2 children, Megan and Colton. And then all of a sudden, I took a turn for the worst. I got back with my ex, and became pregnant again.

Seems horrible doesn't it, that I could get back with such a monster and attempt to ruin my kids' (and mine!) already fragile lives and bring another being into the world? But things got better (after I ended the relationship, which had begun again in September, 2003) after I kicked him out of our apartment in November, 2003.

I wasn't alone in this pregnancy, Cheryl. I met wonderful people while working at Lowe's Home Improvement, while I was still pregnant with my youngest son, Bennie. One of those people is Shawna, my best friend in the whole world, my sister in Christ, my reason for renewing my faith in our Lord Jesus. She has no children, and the only reason we became friends was her strong faith in God and her willingness to help people. Shawna and her husband, Larry, have been such inspirations to me.

I only wish that I could highlight other girls' lives with hope, like Crisis Pregnancy Outreach did for me. You have helped me, even when you knew that I wasn't on the right path, even when you knew, I was putting myself, a man, and mine and his needs before God and before my children, who came first in my life.

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Thank You!

Dar... Merci Grac... Grac... Grac...

The FireStarter Fundraiser Banquet and Auction was so amazing. I could never thank Kari Jarrett enough for all that she and her committee did to put it together. I wish to say a special thanks to Bill Bequette. It was Bill's "brain child!" Jeff Hassan arranged for the wonderful accommodations at the Renaissance Hotel, that made our event really happen. Thank you so much, Jeff! Thanks to each of you who attended, bought Auction items, CPO Logo Wear (if you need some, please call Kari @ 322-3697) and made donations. Your support and enthusiasm made this event the first of MANY to come!

I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me.

HELP!

Baby & Personal Showers

Tracie Roesslein, 250-7231, needs help with planning & refreshments

Transportation

Can you drive one ½ day a month? Call Jennifer Emmons 272-6365

Mentors

Mentors needed. If you are interested, please call Jennifer Bauman@296-5426

Host Families

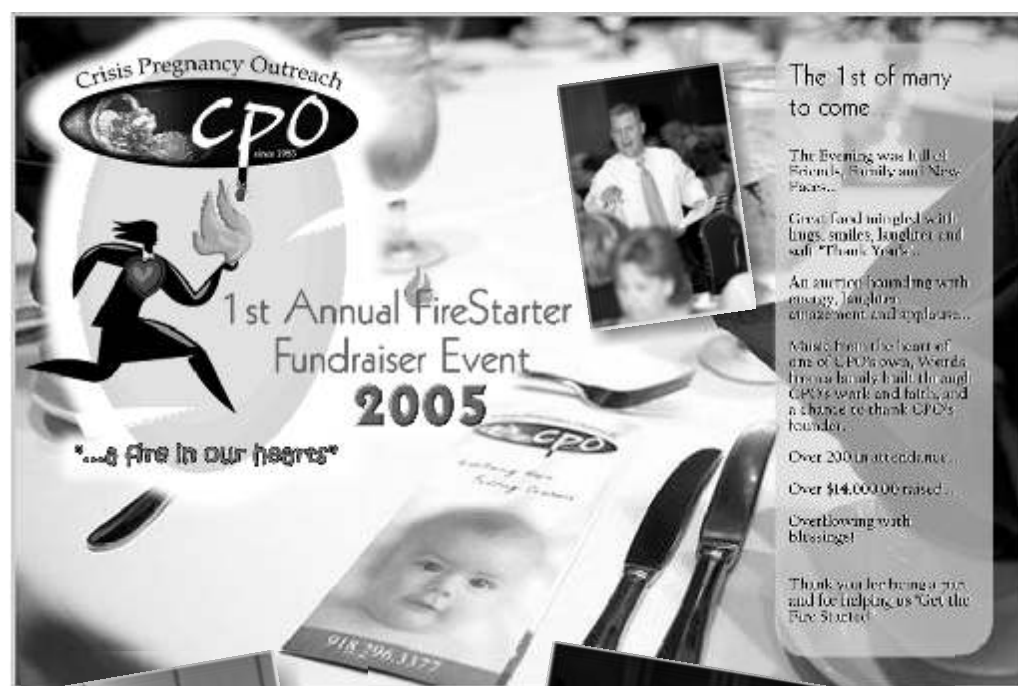
Are you able to open your heart & home to a girl during her pregnancy? Call Lisa Barricks for more info 272-0587

Furniture/Clothes

Furniture and household items are needed for the girls to set-up their own homes. If you have a donation, we will gladly arrange to pick it up. Also, if you can donate maternity or baby clothes, please contact Tracie @ 734-4297

Financial Support

Your financial support helps to provide such things as prescriptions, clothing, childbirth classes, counseling and dental care for our girls. Mail your tax deductible donation to CPO, P.O. Box 1113, Jenks, OK 74037.



The 1st of many to come

The Evening was full of Friends, Family and New Faces...

Great Food mingled with hugs, smiles, laughter and soft "Thank You's"...

An auction, bonding with energy, laughter, amazement and applause...

Much from the heart of one of CPO's own, Words from a family built through CPO's work and faith, and a chance to thank CPO's founder...

Over 200 in attendance...

Over \$14,000.00 raised...

Overflowing with blessings!

Thank you for being a part and for helping us "Get the Fire Started!"



We are celebrating one Adoption Day for all our kids each summer. Their finalization days are all close to their birthdays and Christmas. I asked Jack +(4 ½) why we celebrate Adoption Day. He said, "Because we are a family." I asked if there were any other reasons, and he said, "Because we are blessed."

Julie

