

# *In Touch*

*Crisis Pregnancy Outreach*



*Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace, good will toward men.*

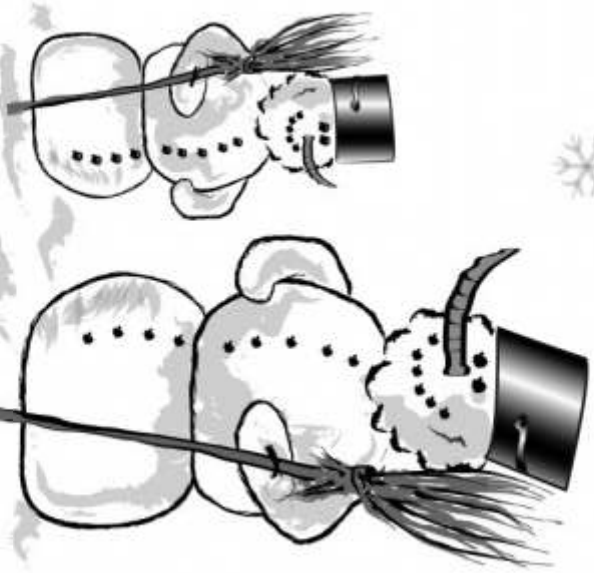


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young women facing unplanned pregnancies and couples hoping to adopt.***

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# Cheryl Said

The Word tells us that "obedience is better than sacrifice." (Proverbs 21:3) When I read, "Shaun's Story," I was reminded that Birth Mothers do both. When God calls them to make an Adoption Plan, and they walk that out, they are obedient and they are making a great sacrifice. Adoption is NEVER about NOT loving a child. It is about loving a child SO much, that one is willing to live separately from that child, so that he/she can have certain benefits that one cannot provide. The biggest benefit that every child deserves is to be raised in a loving, two-parent home. Cheyenne believed that, and was obedient to God's call and made a loving sacrifice. God has blessed her so abundantly.

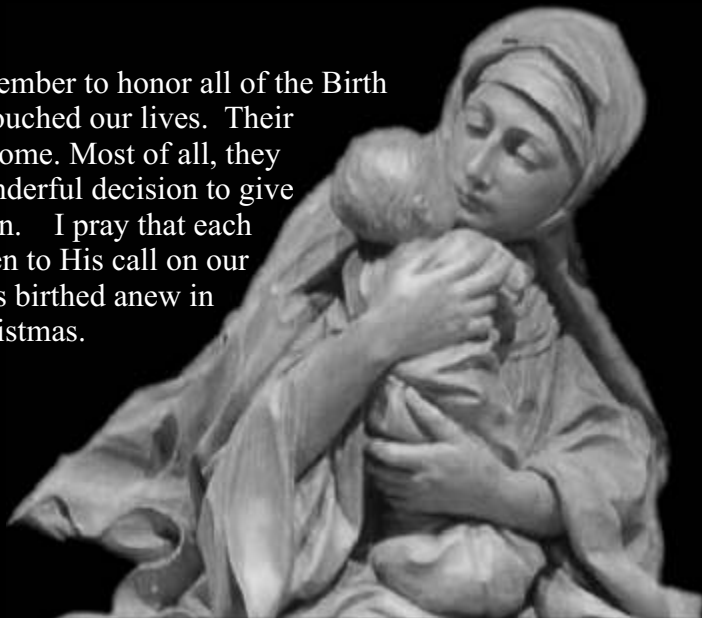
I often struggle with obedience. I think we all do. Doing the "right" thing is seldom easy. Yet, ever and always, God knows our struggle and gives us the strength to heed His call.

Can you imagine young Mary's fear, when she learned that the Holy Spirit had placed a Child in her womb? I'm sure that she was so embarrassed to be unmarried and pregnant. No doubt people said unkind things to Mary, as they still say to the girls God sends to CPO. Fortunately, for each of us, Mary was willing to carry this tiny Child, who was destined to be a sacrifice for us all. As we reflect on the Good News of Christmas, let us remember the obedience, and sacrifice, that was shown by so many of the people who were involved in preparing for Jesus' Birth.

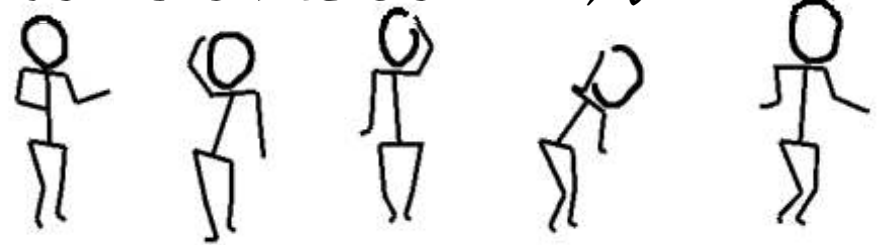
May we, also, remember to honor all of the Birth Moms who have touched our lives. Their courage is so awesome. Most of all, they have made the wonderful decision to give life to their children. I pray that each of us would be open to His call on our lives, as His love is birthed anew in our hearts this Christmas.

In His Service,

Cheryl



## God Danced the Day you were Born



**Shelby Dolores**

9-29-05

8 lbs., 9 oz.

21 inches long

Birth Mom: Nannette

Adoptive Parents:

Kristin and Steve

**Liam Ray**

10-21-05

6 lbs., 11 oz.

18 1/2 inches long

Birth Mom: Alicia

Adoptive Parents:

Lisa and Larry

**Zachary Allen**

1-2-05

5lbs., 6 oz.

Birth Mom: Michelle

Adoptive Parents:

Melissa and Dennis

**Abigail Rose**

10-31-05

7lbs., 11oz.

20 1/2 inches long

Birth Mom: Tabitha

Adoptive Parents:

Jeff and Melissa

**Devin Alonzo**

10-31-05

8lbs., 4 oz.

20 1/2 inches long

Mom: Marica

# I chose you

because I wanted even more  
than what nature had in store for me.

from "Why I Chose You" by Gregory E. Lang

## Shaun's Story

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As the months passed, we visited each other often. As my due date came and went, we talked more often. On April 19, 2004, we decided that I was ready to be induced. That night Debbie and Leland came to my house, and along with my mom and step-dad we all went to the hospital, where Marlita, my doula, met us. They started to induce me at about midnight, and at 6 o'clock my doctor came in and broke my water. About 4 hours later, there were ten people in my room. I asked Marlita to make them all leave, but my mom. A few minutes later, Debbie and my mentor, Kobi, came back in. I had asked them both to be present at the birth. I remember being told to stop pushing because I had to wait for the doctor to get there. After four pushes, Shaun was born. Debbie cut his cord, and everyone, but me, was bawling -- even all the nurses. They cleaned him up and handed him back to me, as everyone started coming back into the room. As they came in, almost everyone started crying. My dad walked over to me, kissed me on the head, and said that he was so proud of me and that I was so brave. I asked if he wanted to hold him, and he started to cry harder than he already was. I handed his first grandson to him, and the pictures haven't stopped, because that is what Leland does. The first time I cried for Shaun was the day that we left the hospital, but I couldn't figure out why, because not one day that went by did I ever think of him as mine. He was always Debbie and Leland's. God just needed me to carry him for them.



After Shaun's birth, I went off to college, so I didn't get to see him until Thanksgiving break, then again in May when I came home for Birth Mother's Day, and again in July when I stayed with them, when I came home for his birthday. I have always felt like a part of their family, but not as much as I have since his birthday. Everyone in their family hugged me, thanked me, and told me that they loved me as they cried; and all for what, because I did what God asked me to do?

## Shaun's Story

by Cheyenne

When I first found out I was pregnant, I didn't know what to do. I thought I would parent, and go to college. My mom started talking about adoption. I was SO against it. My mom called CPO on a Thursday morning. Cheryl told us to come by her house the following Monday morning. When we got there, Cheryl was so nice and just welcomed us into her home. We sat and just visited, then the next thing I remember, was that I had looked through three life books and I was hugging one so tight. Cheryl started telling us about a family in Arkansas, who had just called on Thursday right after my mom. Cheryl told her to over night their book, because she knew I was going to be their next Birth Mother. She said to us "and that is their book," as she pointed at the book I was holding. I got chills all over my body. I took their book home and looked at it all day. That night, I called Cheryl to ask what I had to do to meet them.

### I knew I had decided that I was going to pick them

By Saturday, the day of our meeting, I was so nervous that I thought I would forget to ask them something, so I made a list of every question I could think of, from their favorite colors, to what their favorite childhood memories were. My mom, Jesse (Shaun's Birth Father) and I went to Pepper's to meet Cheryl, Debbie, Leland and Dawnae Judd. I fell in love instantly. I just knew they were going to be my family. Debbie and Leland were so nervous, I think even more than I was. Dawnae wasn't at all nervous! She was all over the three of us, and dug through mine and my mom's purses. She was so happy to have new friends.

We all went home and I knew I had decided that I was going to pick them to be the parents of our baby. I called Cheryl to ask how the next step worked, and she told me to just call them, and call them is what I did. Leland answered the phone, and I asked if Debbie could pick up also. When she did, I asked them, "Will you guys be my baby's parents?" There was a moment of silence. Then, as they fought off their tears, they both said, "WE WOULD LOVE TO!"

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# Thank You!

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We wish to thank Christian Chapel for 22 years of loving support. I had the opportunity to speak to the Body there, on Life Chain Sunday. CPO has been a Home Mission of Christian Chapel, and it has been our sponsoring church, since our inception. We hold all of our Mentor Meetings, Adoptive Family Support Group Meetings, Waiting Family Workshops and parties at the church. Not only did the Body bless CPO with a huge Love Offering on Oct. 9, but several women volunteered to be mentors to our girls. Thank you, Christian Chapel, for "standing in the gap" for women and their unborn babies, and providing a loving alternative for abortion. May God bless you, abundantly.

**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 Jackie Potter @ 743-3845

### **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 Lisa Giles @ 258-5806

### **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.

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**MARK THE DATE  
PLAN TO ATTEND  
Friday, June 2nd 2006**

**Annual  
FireStarter Fundraiser Event**

*More info to come!*