

November 2015

**Dear Sustaining Partner,**

**Happiness is linked with gratitude!**

**WOW!** We've actually skidded our way into November. There's been so much going on around here—including very high numbers of client visits—that often I don't stop and seriously consider how blessed I am because of the kindness of others.

I'm thankful for over 50 volunteers who give of time and talents to keep our doors open and our ministry effective. Praise God for their dedication and love for His sheep!

I'm thankful for a Board of Directors who gives wisdom, wealth and work to oversee the ministry. I greatly appreciate the desire of each one to serve Jesus through this local mission.

I'm thankful for four amazing women (Barbara, Wendy, Beverly, Louise) who work with me and are willing to walk by faith. Each desires to know God more than she desires to have her own way.

I'm thankful you take the time to read the things God puts on my heart to share with you. Thank you for giving of yourself and your resources to sustain YOUR local mission. If not for you and others like you there would be no stopping abortions in our community. More lives would be broken and lost which would contribute to our already high crime and poverty rate.

I'm thankful for those who take the time to write a note, send an email, stop by the office and pray with the staff and me. How grateful I am for those who extend grace to me!!

I'm thankful that God has given us the opportunity to minister to our community indirectly as we pass along items we can't use and save items needed for a homeless ministry.

I'm thankful for the location where God moved our center in 2004. At the time it felt like an attack, but we see now God was strategic. I know of no other PRC in the country that is located within blocks of **two** abortion clinics. We have been able to take advantage of the additional space to grow.

I'm thankful for a very successful gala in October---my 10<sup>th</sup> since I began in this position—and for the many people who worked VERY hard the weeks before to ensure a top notch event.

I'm thankful for the over 3,000 clients' visits we've logged so far this year (With 2 months to go) and the nearly 1,000 people who have taken Bibles and who work on a new believer's Bible study with an advocate. In addition, for the 41 people who have made a decision to allow God to have His way in their lives. I'm on my knees with thanksgiving for the 33 babies (This year to date.) who were rescued from the abortionist's instruments---or the chemical that not only kill an unborn baby, but has the potential to cause great harm to the mother.

I'm thankful for the literally hundreds of *hand-made* quilts for our clients' babies, as well as the *hand-knit/crocheted* booties, hats, blankets and dresses. All are works of beautiful and unique art that blesses our clients.

I'm thankful for those who pull up in back with truckloads of baby furniture and other things for us to pass along to our precious clients and their sweet babies.

I'm thankful for many seemingly isolated events that all work together to make life easier for us: The workdays and open houses hosted by area churches. The baby bottle campaigns in churches to infuse cash for us to use to meet everyday expenses. A new microwave. An invitation to speak or participate in an event.

Yep! I am one blessed woman because of the kindness and grace extended to me personally and to YOUR local mission.

Now it's your turn. How has God blessed you directly or through others? Think about it and give HIM the glory.

On behalf of the staff, board of directors, volunteers and yes—especially the clients I wish you a *Happy*, awe-filled *Thanksgiving* overflowing with joy for who GOD is and how HE loves YOU!

For Life!

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**“The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy!” Psalm 126:3**