

December 2018

Dear Sustaining Partner,

“Be astonished! Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days. You would not believe if you were told.” Habakkuk 1:5

“And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.” Luke 2:20

“Places where grace is--- soon to be so amazing. It may be unfulfilled, it may be unreturned, but when anything that’s shattered is laid before the Lord. Just watch and see, it will not be...unredeemed.” “Unredeemed,” by Selah. Written by Robert Cates, Tony Wood, Brian Petak

Have you noticed that God is all about announcements? The problem with me is when someone tells me something is going to happen, I expect it NOW or at least in the foreseeable future. I don't like to wait. I don't wait well, which is exactly why I spend half my life...yep, you got it.... waiting. To be honest, most everything feels like I've been waiting to long. Throughout my life I've created problems as a consequence when I've tried to speed up a process...make it happen.

Most people throughout history have dislike waiting, but God's timing is perfect regardless of how badly things looked at various time throughout the ages. The birth of Jesus was perfectly timed, orchestrated and implemented by God---which, when you think about it, included Jesus. Imagine being able to plan your own birth! The ultimate planned pregnancy no matter how it appeared to the folks in Mary's village. “A virgin will conceive and bear a son...” Literally, THE moment for which the whole world had been waiting. Salvation which in our heads was long overdue.

As I consider the life of one child's impact on the world, I understand very clearly each life means something. Every man, woman and child have a contribution to make to ensure the rest of us see God from a unique point of view. I've been thinking about this a lot lately as a result of watching a “That the World May Know” video. What if people see Him instead of me? What a much clearer picture of The Gospel those around me would have---unobstructed by my selfish desire for center stage.

If nothing else the privilege of serving here has convinced me God is more concerned with His plan for those in need than He is with finding perfection in those He uses to meet the needs. That's grace...

Because God works how He will through imperfect people in this ministry over 3,500 clients came through the door and received services. Over 50 babies will enjoy next Christmas because we're here to offer the same hope we

have in God's plan to those who have not yet considered how grace redeems mistakes and poor choices. Over 200 clients have come to know Him personally and each is convinced this place exists solely for her (or him).

It's been an exciting year in many ways. The ministry has grown, contributions have grown more diverse and we who swerve here know it's important to focus, and then refocus on TRUTH (His name is Jesus) for how to do what we're doing in a more efficient and loving manner. Otherwise we'd get caught up in all the things we cannot control. It's God's responsibility to transform lives.

Your partnership is NEVER taken for granted. We know we do not do this alone and we all share the outcomes--- however they may appear. I show up every day to do what I'm called to do, and God somehow takes my efforts and does something miraculous---The hopeless have hope. WOW! What a sight to see! Eyes and faces come alive! THE one thing I would love more than anything, is for you to see what I see... just once. Then I know your continued partnership would never be in question.

Your end-of-the-year gift postmarked by December 31st will show 2018 on the receipt. You can give by check, on line through our website (Pregnancyfamily.org) or cash if you want to drop in and take a look around. We'd love to have you visit. Miracles happen here on Airport Drive. You've had a part of a whole bunch of miracles in 2018! Next year will yield new outcomes as we work together Saving Families One Child at a Time!

From me (And THE Prince of Peace) to you:

Deep peace of the running wave to you;

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you,

Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you,

Deep peace of Christ, the Light of the World, to you.

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Merry Christmas and may all that is bright and beautiful be yours in 2019!

For Life!

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