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LOVE IS PATIENT, KIND, BEARS ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS... (FROM I COR. 13)

Dear praying friends and supporters,

We would like to update you on some of the women we are helping, and share with you some urgent prayer requests.

Many of the women we help come from terrible backgrounds. They have maintained a poor moral lifestyle and practiced sexual promiscuity. Oh how our Lord's heart must break for them. Rather than judging, we seek to encourage each one, and her husband or boyfriend. We aim to give them life-giving counsel for their child and for themselves, hoping that each one will feel the love of their Messiah and make Him their own. Whatever their choice, we are there for them, when everyone else has left.

Please pray for these precious families below. God has already brought them this far. He is the only one who can continue to meet their needs.

PRAYER & PRAISE

1. **Ok** gave birth to a lovely baby girl, **C**. However, **C** has been found to be lactose and egg intolerant – a life threatening condition for an infant, so great care must be taken in checking the ingredients for all of her food. The entire family needs prayer as they are undergoing a difficult financial situation; **O**'s husband was in a car accident a month ago.
2. **R**, 36, gave birth to a baby girl a few weeks ago. An immigrant from the Ukraine she married two years ago. Irena is sharing with her about the Lord and **R** is open and listening (her husband, however, is not open). We prayed for her to receive an ID and status before the birth of her baby, and she received both the week before she was born – Praise the Lord! Now, the family has been told they must vacate their rented apartment within two months. We promised to pray for them to find another appropriate place. Through this situation, may the Lord open her husband's heart and the entire family come to faith.
3. **V** and **R** are a young couple with a lovely boy. **R** is a newly discharged soldier with no family or relatives in Israel (referred to as a "lone soldier"). Like most women and families receiving support from **A Future and A Hope**, they have no other circle of support. After being abortion-minded, they counselled with us and made the decision not to abort their unborn child and **V** gave birth to an adorable boy. They are grateful for all the help they've received from us.
4. **O** is a young girl who is pregnant, in great distress, and is considering an abortion. She scheduled a meeting with Irena but didn't arrive and her phone is disconnected. We get many calls like these. We talk and counsel through the phone without knowing what the woman decides. We need prayer for those women who hesitate. Please pray for **O** that God will enable her to choose life for her child.
5. **Na** is in her 30's and has recently left drugs and prostitution, both of which she has done since she was 14. **Na** came to us during her first pregnancy 7 years ago, when she wanted to have an abortion. Against all odds, she kept her child

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and gave birth to a healthy boy. However, she continued in prostitution, although she stopped taking drugs. Throughout that time she kept in touch with us and slowly turned away from prostitution.

Na met an older man, became pregnant, and had a second child. She did not consider abortion for a second, as she fully realized that the life growing within her was a child. **Na** then married the father of her second child. Their financial situation is very bad. Despite that, **Na** has decided to help women in situations similar to hers, even though she is now in her third pregnancy. **Na** shared with us, "I choose life despite the enormous difficulty." A month ago her husband had a massive heart attack. He is now having panic attacks and is afraid to leave the house. Now in week 36, **Na** is faithfully taking care of their baby, her first child, and her husband. She has totally left her previous way of life and has become a devout, faithful, and protective wife and mother. We thank the Lord for her parenting, maturity, and the love she has for her children and husband, despite everything. From a Muslim (Beduin) background, **Na** is not yet open to Yeshua. Please pray that through this situation she will discover her Savior Yeshua, and have God-given courage to go the next step and believe in Him.

6. **A** is a young woman in her 30's. She has a 6-year-old daughter, a 4-year-old son and a 2-year-old toddler. **A** came to us with a sad story. After her husband left for another woman, **A** discovered she is pregnant by him husband and wanted to abort. After many conversations and encouragement from us, by the Lord's grace, she decided to keep the pregnancy and has given birth to a boy. Please pray for her. The situation is not simple, taking care of four children under the age of 6. The father is out of the picture, ignoring her needs, and unsupportive. Only the Lord can touch their lives, meet their needs, and heal **A's** wounded heart.
7. **Ni** is a young woman in her 20's who came to us 5 years ago. She kept her pregnancy at that time and gave birth to a lovely boy. She returned to us this year, explaining that she is again pregnant and wants to have an abortion. After speaking with her and explaining it to her, she kept her pregnancy and had a girl. Tragically, we have learned that **Ni** has no emotional awareness and this is evident in her attitude toward her children. They are emotionally abandoned. She simply does not love them. We are in constant communication with her. Hers is another situation where only God's love can break through. Doing the right thing, without love, is like clanging symbols (I Corinthians 13).
8. **J**, 32, is the mother two children, an 8-year-old boy and a 10-year-old-girl. They immigrated from Ukraine two years ago. She was fired from her job the day she found out she was pregnant. While considering an abortion, **J** providentially found us. She shares, "without your help, I would have aborted." She is due in November. Please pray that we will have the resources to add her to the **First Year of Life** program.
9. **Oa**, in her 20's, became pregnant and was considering an abortion. She decided to keep the baby and married the father. She has given birth to a boy and is very happy with her decision and thankful for the support she is receiving from us.
10. **Om**, in her 30's, became pregnant after a one-night-stand. Although she comes from a very religious and unsupportive family, she has decided to maintain the pregnancy. She needs much prayer as we are the only ones standing with her in this decision.
11. **G**, 20, came to us with an unwanted pregnancy and a very hard family story. She already has two children and no support or help. We met with her, and provided counselling, encouraging her to keep this precious life despite the difficulties. She is thankful for the help she will receive and has decided to maintain her pregnancy. She is due in October.
12. **U** is 18-years-old and single. Thankfully, her parents are very supportive and want her to keep the baby. Hence, they referred **U** to us. Spiritual battles take on interesting shapes: **U's** purse was stolen on her way to her first visit with us and so, she did not come. The second time she planned to visit she fell on her stomach on the way here. Right now she is interested in keeping the pregnancy. Please pray for her and this battle to keep her child.

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Ongoing Prayer Requests

1. For the health of our staff
2. For protection from spiritual forces of wickedness and jealousy
3. For continued open doors for effective service
4. For financial provision to meet our expanding commitments to the new mothers
5. For special financing to produce a book for expectant mothers and children's books explaining sexual matters for different age groups

Please visit our English website for updates and prayer requests ([Prayer & Praise Blog](#)).

We would be happy to hear from you. If you have a comment about this Newsletter, please drop us a note (*Prov. 15:23*).

With thanks and blessings,

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