

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from bethany house

2015 the Season of Thanksgiving

It seems like yesterday that I was writing this letter for 2014. The time truly has flown by, and 2015 is drawing to a close. We have officially entered **The Holiday Season**, and there is so much to be thankful for. We'd like to share just how grateful we are to see lives changed through Bethany House's services and support. Many of these women write to tell us **'thank you,'** but ultimately, we are thankful to God, our supporters, and the women and children we've been honored to help. **Tis the Season of Thanksgiving!**



Kristy's story is one of ultimate redemption, new life embrace, and ongoing success. We are so thankful for her desire to change, grow and put all she learned at Bethany House to good use for her and her family.

In 2005, I got addicted to Methamphetamines. I basically quit talking to people I knew growing up and only socialized with fellow drug users. In January 2007, I found myself pregnant and didn't know what to do because I had nowhere to go, the father was nowhere to be found and couldn't imagine raising a kid on the streets or by myself. I had gone to a place called Begin Right to get maternity clothes and they had told me about the Bethany House and gave me the phone number.

I called the very next day and got an appointment for a couple days out. I was nervous because I didn't know if they were going to judge me for being an addict. The day I went in for my appointment I remember sitting in the chair against the wall and feeling very welcome and wasn't nervous at all. They had told me that they would make a decision and call me within a couple of days. When I got the phone call I was very happy because I knew that I needed them and without them I would be left in a tough situation.

While at Bethany House I learned many things about myself like what kind of mother I wanted to be for my child and how I never wanted to put Jayda in any situations that I had already endured. Those made me realize that I needed to go to school and better myself. In March of 2008, I achieved my GED and that was the start to bettering our lives.

In October 2009, I got approved for housing and have had stable housing ever since.

It took a while but in June 2015 I achieved an AAS in Administrative Office Professional – Web Design Option. I now have 2 jobs and I am very proud of my accomplishments.

Without Bethany House who knows where I might be today or even if I would have custody of my child. I definitely wouldn't have gotten my GED or graduated college. Thank you Bethany House for all that you have done for Jayda and I, and what you still do to help.



pray

Be a sponsor
family

give

**3 Ways you can help women like
Christy this Holiday Season**



So very **THANKFUL**

This lovely couple and baby have a story that makes us want to shout 'thank you' to the heavens! That handsome young man was the very first baby born at Bethany House over two decades ago. He and his wife have just had their own first baby. This is a man who might have had a very different and far bleaker future had his mom not chosen to seek help from Bethany House. Thank you, Luke, for sharing your family, your joy, and thanksgiving with us!

Thanks you notes arrive via email, mail, and through phone calls frequently. These women and children are forever grateful to us, and we are continually awed by God's grace in their lives and by how much they have blessed ours. "Bethany House was there for me and gave me a reason to hope and make plans for a future."

"I am sure I will make it on my own because of what Bethany House taught me."

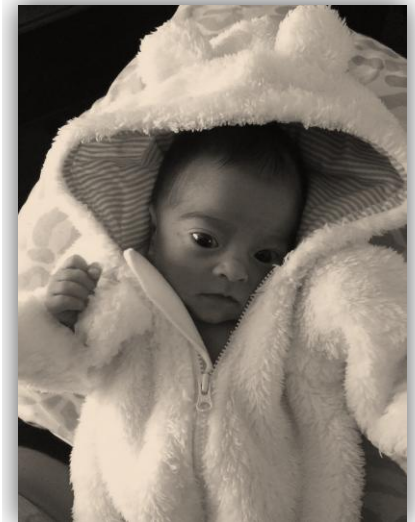
"As a family of five now, we still trust in God for all we've been given. Thank you for all your giving."

"Through my months at Bethany House I got my GED and a job."

"I had a sponsor family to take me and my son in before we could stand on our own. They were there to teach and show me how to make it."

"Beth, I admire your strength and hard work. Thank you."

UPDATE: This year, with your help, we've served 20-plus women and their children.



Thank you, Jack Rhinehart, for years of behind the scenes support and being a positive male role model for women and children, some who never had met a healthy, caring man until you.

Heaven's gain is our great loss. Beth's husband, Jack, a staunch and committed supporter of Bethany House, went home to celebrate with the Lord in October. He loved the children and always had a kind word for the 'Bethany House' women. His tireless service will be remembered fondly by all who knew him. Thank you, Jack. You are loved and greatly missed.

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