

## Current Needs of His Nesting Place

His Nesting Place has several needs, some of which are mentioned in the article on page 1 and 2 of this newsletter. The following are some other needs that we have at this time:

- 4 Storage units – 10 x 20ft. (120 square ft.)
- Three security screen doors – one for our pool area, one for our kitchen, one for the west wing.
- Help make baby layettes.
- Prayer for His Nesting Place to get exposure to receive a larger donor base.

Thank you so much for your prayers, your labor of love, and your contributions!



**At the present, every bedroom at His Nesting Place is full of mothers and children.**



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# The Nestbuilder

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## Opportunities For 2011

*(Please Read This)*

### Pastor A's Letter

Recently I received a letter from a well known ministry and they stated that they had a shortfall of \$9.7 million dollars. We have the same problem at His Nesting Place, however not anywhere near that kind of money. Every building we occupy is in dire need of repair. We need approximately \$50,000.00 to make these repairs. Our one bedroom house had some bad leaks for the last few years and this last rainstorm really hit us hard. The roof caved in in two places and we had to put on a new roof as well as repair inside damages in the living room and bedroom.

We have a section at the church entrance door that needs to be rectified this year; we can't put this off until the next deluge. The roof of our two story building is also leaking in a number of places. A contractor has informed me that this can't be put off any longer. We really know now where the expression comes from "When it rains it pours."

Our small chapel where we have our children's church also has some very bad water damage and a wooden floor that has buckled. We need to do repairs and paint our big house across the street from the mother home. I could say more about our needs but I think you get the point.

We exist on the freewill donations and the good will of individuals and a small number of churches. Our newsletter is our lifeline to our supporters.

At the end of every year we have in the past looked forward to individuals giving generously to help us out and to help their tax purposes. This year this help was just not there as it was in past years.

We have and are weathering the continuing bad economy by cutting back in all areas and by reducing operating costs wherever possible. It's always a delicate balance between having enough staff necessary to provide services while not jeopardizing the ministry's financial well being. I'm sure many of you are making these same adjustments and many times difficult decisions face us.

Thanks to you, our "Nestbuilders," our moms and their children had the best Christmas ever in these 27 years. We only wish you could have been here to see the joy on so many faces. Christmas morning at His Nesting Place is an unforgettable experience. Judy and I know; we've been there every Christmas since 1983.

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# Pastor A's Letter

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I speak on behalf of the young women, their children, and babies. When they arrive they are always apprehensive, confused, and scared because they have been homeless at sometime during their pregnancy with nowhere to turn for housing, love, nutrition, and medical care. You are an extraordinary person in their lives! God bless you for it!

As we jumpstart into 2011 we need extraordinary people to exercise extraordinary faith with us. I'm asking you, "If you receive this newsletter and you haven't contributed to prayerfully do so by taking a step of faith and making a special gift to this great work or pledging a monthly gift if the Lord is leading you to do so.

For those who have faithfully stood with us down through the years, "Thank you" from the bottom of our hearts. If you can increase your monthly giving a little it will help. If you are a pastor and you receive this letter and are aware of our work, would you please consider putting us on your Mission Budget or receive several offerings for His Nesting Place this year. I realize that many families – and maybe yours – are struggling along with us. But it's because times are so hard that God is calling on us and our ministry partners in a greater way.

For the little ones,  
*Pastor Al and Judy*

# Marlena's Testimony

My name is Marlena Shea and I am 32 years old. I have three daughters, Angelina, Alyssa, and Andrea. Andrea was born on October 21, 2010. Before I came to His Nesting Place my life was very confusing. I was sad, lonely, depressed, and hurting. I had been going back and forth between living with my daughter's dad and my mom. I realized that I couldn't continue living with an abusive man.

I found out about His Nesting Place when I was six months pregnant. I had been considering having an abortion because I already had two other children at the time. I was advised to keep my baby by a friend in the church I was attending at the time who told me about His Nesting Place. I

knew I needed a place to become closer to God, to help me sort out my confusion and to have

somewhere to lay my children to sleep at night without chaos, fighting, or yelling.

Even though I had accepted the Lord as my savior before, I have rededicated my life to the Lord since coming here. My life has changed and I have been helped so much because of the daily devotions, the church services, and being able to talk to the staff. I have become more accountable and have gotten closer to God.

I am hoping to go to school to be an Ultrasound Technician in the future but my main goals and desires are to be self sufficient and to be a good mother for my girls.

I am thankful to Pastor Al and Judy (Papa and Mama) for helping me in my time of need.



# "Issues" – The Play



On February 20th at 10:00 His Nesting Place has invited Reverend Pat Rice to come to our church and present a very powerful live play called "Issues." This anointed play features actresses who demonstrate real life issues that people face in our society. We invite you join us on this special day. You will be touched and inspired! Our services begin at 10:00 am. We look forward to seeing you here.

**Jr. Church and nursery will be provided.**

# A Rainy Day at Disneyland for His Nesting Place

Recently, an anonymous donor paid for all the mothers, their children, and staff (about 50 in all) to go to Disneyland. Even though it rained all day long the lines were short and we still had a great time! For most of the children and several mothers it was their first time to ever go to Disneyland.



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