

APRIL 2019

PARENT LIFE

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It finally appears to be spring!!! We're so thankful that most of our moms and babies have stayed pretty healthy this flu season. We have been busy learning budgeting skills, time and stress management, meal planning, starting a parenting class. We are starting a six week parenting program called Parenting the Love and Logic Way. We will meet for 90 minutes each week to learn how to be more effective parents and have fun parenting. Our budgeting program incorporates a lot of Dave Ramsey's program. Most of my moms have little to no debt, and we want to keep it that way. We start by writing down our financial goals (short and long term) and steps needed to reach those goals. Mom's are encouraged to use the envelope system (cash divided into envelopes for each budget category) and avoid using credit.

Several of our moms have been working hard to complete high school and will be graduating in May/June. This is a big accomplishment for these young ladies!!! It's hard enough to go to school and study and when you add caring for a baby onto that it can seem overwhelming. They have worked really hard to balance being a mom, school, and friends to make it all happen.

**"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
~Proverbs 22:6**



CALEY'S STORY

Caley was fifteen when she found out she was pregnant. Her parents had divorced when she was very young and there were always men moving in and out of her house. Caley remembers being around five the first time she was sexually abused and unfortunately she was abused by several other men over the next decade. She thought that's what it was like for young girls because she hadn't experienced anything different! She seemed to really believe females were created for males to use and abuse.

Every time I hear a story like this (which is more often than not) my heart is so broken. This type of experience makes it so difficult for these young women to trust anyone, especially men. I knew talking with Caley about Christ, our heavenly Father would be slow going. She had to learn who Christ is, what He wants for us and from us, what he expects of parents and children, what forgiveness means and how to give and receive it, and about a relationship with Jesus and how that will change your life (and so much more). I've worked with Caley and her daughter for almost three years now and she has grown leaps and bounds. There have been great strides forward and steps back but we're moving in the right direction. Caley did pray to become a lifelong follower of Christ and is growing in her relationship with Him. Her life is far from perfect, like the rest of us, but now she has a God she can trust and turn to whenever things are tough. Caley also knows that she is a daughter of the King which means she is a princess and deserves to be treated as one and so does her daughter! Thank you for making it possible to work with these young women and their babies. You are changing lives, two generations at a time!

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. You are changing lives, two generations at a time! It is your support that makes it possible to work with these young moms, thank you!

In Christ,

Linda Bass



HOW YOU CAN PRAY

- Please pray for good health for all the moms and babies
- Pray that the teen moms can finish their classes well, and move on to the next adventure (College)
- Pray that Caley will continue to grow in her relationship with Christ

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

- Spring & Summer girls clothes size 12-18 months
- Spring Jackets
- Size 3 & 4 diapers