



Changing the abortion epidemic from a political issue to a mission field for the Church through a Church-supported network of maternity homes.

A message from the president...

Sacramento Area Home Shortage for Women and Children is Worse Than Expected

Major media networks and Oprah Winfrey have picked up the story of Sacramento area's shortage of shelter for women and children and for the many homeless people taking refuge in a park called "Tent City". The story first ran the week of Feb. 25, and continues in the news today.

Part of the story featured **St. John's Shelter**, a major women and children's shelter in Sacramento. They are filled to capacity: 115 women and children. They have a waiting list of 550. **They are turning away 240 per day**, up 200% from last year. Cal-Expo has opened some temporary space for overnight sleeping to accommodate some of them.

Love Them Both Ministries fits into this picture because a percentage of the women are pregnant. They are referred to Love Them Both and to Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. Love Them Both is full and has a waiting list. The need was great and is now greater. We are in the planning stage to expand as GOD may lead us.

One of our main motivations for starting Love Them Both Ministries was the shortage of housing in the Sacramento area.

I know of a substantial number of women who choose abortion when they are temporarily displaced or homeless and pregnant. By making housing available we are saving the lives of babies and we positively impact the mother's physical, spiritual, and emotional life. The need is great for support of these women who want to continue their pregnancy and parent, or who will give their child as a love gift to adoptive parents. This home plays an important role in helping these women with support, love, and direction.

Before Love Them Both, there had not been an Evangelical maternity home in the Sacramento area for over 35 years. We have taken in 56 women in nearly 5 years of operations. From a Christian standpoint we believe in faith that the area Churches and others will greatly help in the support of the Love Them Both home as both a witness and with compassion.

We, the members of the Board of Directors, the House Mothers, and the women who have been helped by this ministry, give thanks to everyone who has so graciously helped with prayer, money, and/or time.



Murray Lewis at Sierra House with newborn Christopher

What Fruit has God Given His Work?

Some have made the decision to give their babies up for adoption. Some of the women have found new or renewed faith in Christ and continue on a path of faith. Sadly, there are others who seem unchanged. But we know they were helped and that seeds were planted.

Where We are Now!

Funds are very low and the need is greater than ever. Our December dinner raised about \$2,500 and our most recent Baby Bottle fundraisers brought in approximately \$9,000. This has brought us through March 2009. The April budget looms unfilled and we need to continue to make appeals to you, our friends and sponsors.

Will you please pray, as we are, asking God what He would have you do to help keep the Love Them Both home, Sierra House, available to mothers and their babies.

Included in this newsletter is a plan to expand the Ministry to double the number of women we could serve in an additional home. It could be self-supporting soon after startup.

Would you please share this information with friends via email or snail-mail?

Our thanks to you. We pray God's richest blessing on You and Yours...

*Love in His Name,
Murray Lewis
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Plans for Hope and a Future!

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

We have two babies at Sierra House right now and more on the way. Their moms are learning life skills, baby care skills, and more importantly, they are learning about the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

It will be time for the two babies and their mothers to leave Sierra House soon, to make room for the many more homeless, expectant mothers on our waiting list who want to choose life for themselves and for their babies. We will try to help them find affordable housing or shepherding homes but the need is greater than the availability.

Love Them Both Ministries has the opportunity to open a new home for transitional housing.

Please join with us as we pray and put the pieces together. A key element in this opportunity is that, once we have set up this home, it will be self-supporting. There is money available from the government and other agencies to our struggling mothers for child care as they pursue jobs and education. We want to provide these daycare services for our Love Them Both moms in a new transitional home.

Mom's would be required to participate in educational pursuits towards a job or actually working in a job. They would continue in life skills training and in the encouragement and support of faith in Jesus Christ. Their babies will continue in a safe shelter and in a



Meet Christopher, born January 9, 2009.



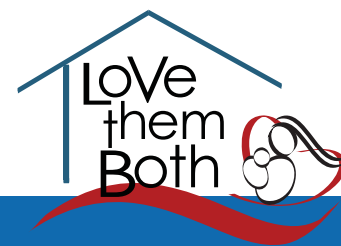
Caiden joined us on January 31.



loving and caring environment. After a limited period of time, these women will leave the Love Them Both transitional home with a greater opportunity for **hope and a future**.

A possible location is already in the works. There are startup costs involved and the need for a suitable Housemom who will be able to care for the children while their moms are on the job or in class. We will keep you updated on the progress. Decisions must be made and prayers must be prayed.

Please join with us!



Love Them Both Ministries, Inc. Response Form How you can help...

Mail to: Love Them Both Ministries, Inc. PO Box 15123, Sacramento, CA 95851
or call us at 916-483-8500

Praise God for this exciting ministry! I would like to be involved as follows:

- I will pray for you and ask God for His direction in this needy endeavor.
- I would like to volunteer (please circle all that apply): office work, volunteer at the maternity home, mentor young women, work on the house, or other _____.
- I would like to give a special gift at this time of \$ _____.
- I would like to be a regular supporter at \$ _____ per month.
- Put me on your mailing list for periodic updates.
- I would like to have a meeting to discuss this ministry further with you.
- I would like to introduce you to my Pastor.

Name: _____

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Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Email _____

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Thank you very much! May the Lord bless you richly.

