



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...

### What Would Jesus Do? (WWJD)

Jesus would incarnate Himself and come into His own creation, which includes all of us, and be a servant man and holy God. So as to show His great love for us, He would let Himself be hung on a cruel cross to die for our sins just to show, *"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him."* (John 3:16, 17)

### What Did Jesus Do?

His outreach was for the broken-hearted, the poor, the sick, and the lost sheep; to minister to their needs and tell them of His kingdom. Then He suffered death on a cross, totally innocent and sinless. Yet He rose from the dead and continued to reconcile the lost world to Himself.

### What Would Jesus have us do?

He would have us – all of us – organize so that we would be His earthly presence to reach out to the broken-hearted, the poor, the sick, and the lost sheep; to minister to their needs and tell them of His kingdom.

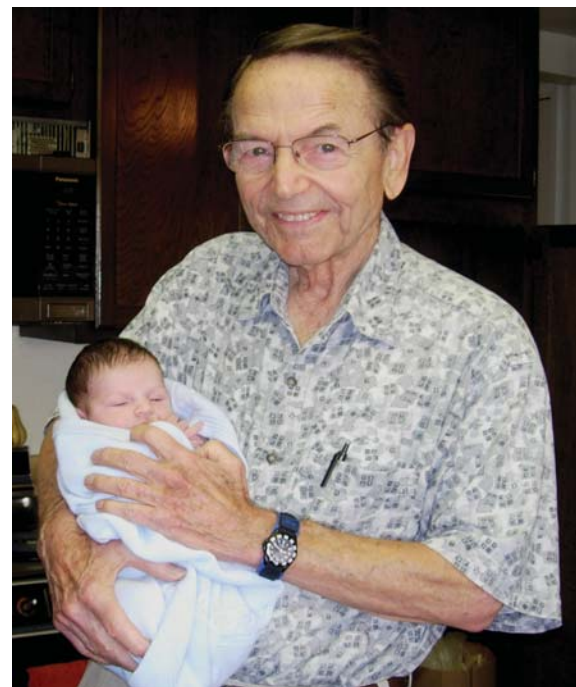
### What Would Jesus ask you to do as LTBM struggles in this financial crunch?

LTBM resources are drying up. Please...

- 1) Pray and ask God to come to our aid.
- 2) Make our needs known to the faithful so that He would move on their hearts as needed.
- 3) Check that we are not wasting any resources in what we are doing.

As a ministry we are...

- 1) Praying and will continue to pray. Will you pray with us?
- 2) With this letter, we are making our needs known. We are also reaching out to churches, many of whom are experiencing difficult financial times themselves.
- 3) We are looking for more ways to cut our expenses. Currently, the full-time house-mother is the only person on the payroll and our rent is \$1,600 per month, more than half our current monthly budget.



Murray Lewis holding newborn Conner Silvey

- 4) We are pausing to regroup and restructure. Marie Wood, who has been our nighttime house-mom for more than a year, is suffering from failing health and has had to step aside - *please join us as we pray for her.* While we search for a new nighttime house-mom, we are pausing in our intake of new residents, utilizing volunteers, and re-evaluating our structure and strategies to better serve the young women and their babies who come to us for help as we seek to *Love Them Both.*

### Love Them Both Matters

Thank you for your prayers and help to carry on in this local mission field. We have now taken in forty-five homeless or displaced pregnant women. While all did not stay with us for their babies' deliveries, many did.

We brought them to the hospital. Then we shared in their joy as they returned and cradled tenderly the babies they chose to love. We all share in their blessings.

*Do you know a woman, with a heart for God and a love for young women and their babies, who could fill this position, even on a part-time basis?*

In His power,  
Murray Lewis

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## Shepherding Homes

Open private homes to the homeless pregnant mom that is either on the waiting list for housing or for whom it has been determined she would make more progress in a private home. LTBM will screen and provide other help for the private shepherding home.

## Meal Preparations

Cooking & teaching guest moms to cook for a family. Schedule a breakfast, lunch, or dinner in advance with the Home Director.

## Transportation

Taking guest moms to doctors, hospitals, parenting classes, court appointments, shopping, or church as needed.

## Friend / Mentor

The displaced guest mom has little or no support from family or friends. She will appreciate the attention and you will be blessed.

## Relief House-Mom

Arrange in advance to give the House-Mom some relief time or just be there to assist her. The home is open 24/7. currently the greatest need is from 5pm to 9pm weeknights and anytime weekends.

## Teach Housekeeping, Personal, and Job-Related Skills

Assist in filling out resumes, job searches, GED's, budgeting, shopping, menus.

## Handyman & Yard Care

LTBM resides in a five-bedroom, three-bath home, with a two-car garage and front and back yards. It is located in South Natomas, south of Arco arena off Northgate Blvd. Periodic work is needed.

## Administrative & Fundraising Support

Need regular assistance with filing, phone calls, newsletter, record keeping, and planning and executing fundraisers. The Home has benefited from the Baby Bottle program, handing out empty baby bottles to be filled with coins. We have the bottles.

## Guest Mom & Baby Personal Needs

Diapers (size 1-4 mos), wipes, bath items, gift bag or baskets layettes for new babies, baby blankets, new baby clothes, formula, "onesies". Personal bath & beauty items and maternity clothes for Mom. Have a no-name baby shower for not only the moms in the home but for future moms as well.

## Newest Board Member is also first official Shepherding Home

We want to thank and introduce Deborah Silva for accepting a board appointment to Love Them Both Ministries. Her husband Steve is a valuable supporter and both have been volunteering for about a year. They took in the first woman from our home last year, just before we moved to South Natomas. Since then, they have taken in three more women, including a 3-month old baby, providing a home and the opportunity for these women to continue their education and develop much-needed job skills.

## Something More

by Curtis Johnson

Cradled here and not secure,  
But still I wait in a quiet and peaceful place.  
It's not I who get to choose,  
But soon others will decide if I'm to join the human race.

Inside this gentle place,  
I feel nice and warm as time is passing on,  
And I sit alone.  
Clearly there are those who know that I am here,  
And soon I will reach my new home.

Sometimes I feel that outside of this quiet place,  
There is much confusion about me.  
I sense that I am the object of despair,  
Agonizing guilt, and shame;  
All because of me.

Though no one told me so,  
I feel *Something More* than flesh and blood inside of me.  
I often hear *Something More* saying to me,  
"Fear not little one."  
When I am fearful, it soothes me;  
And then I fall to sleep again, feeling sweet and free.

I am sure that *Something More* truly loves me,  
And is standing strong for me.  
I am certain that *Something More* is near me,  
With me, and deep inside me.

Perhaps someday I shall know and understand,  
The reason for the tension outside of my quiet place;  
But until then, I can only hope,  
That I shall not always feel alone;  
That I will be loved enough;  
That I will be assured a life outside of my quiet place.

Until then, I am not certain if I will ever see or feel  
Or touch *Something More* outside of my quiet place,  
Or even join the human race.

But I am sure and have no doubt,  
That *Something More* is God,  
And someday I will meet Him face to face.



photo by Lennart Nilsson



photo from Catechetics Online

## Hope for the Hopeless

As tears pour into an empty cavern and yet cannot reach the brim, Lea could no longer reach hope. She was in this country on a temporary visa, separated from her husband and family, and unable to find work. She was homeless; she was broke; and... she was seven months pregnant. She did not qualify of medical assistance and was nearly drowning in hopelessness when she found Love Them Bothe Ministries (LTBM).

Wrapped in love and secure in the support provided by LTBM, Lea gave birth to her first child, a beautiful and healthy baby girl. Less than two weeks later, there was a joyful reunion with her husband when he came to take his wife and new daughter to live together with him in Nevada. Just a few hours before his arrival, Lea wrote a letter to LTBM.

*"This letter is to say my sincerest thank you! I really appreciate what you have done for me, my daughter, and even my husband...Thank you for all those miraculous prayers and all the help you gave. You are God's grace in my life."*

*(This letter is written to you, too, if you have supported this ministry in any way. If you haven't yet, maybe these words from Lea would encourage you to partner with us.)*



Lea returned this year as an assistant house-parent. She now works at Macys and lives in an apartment not far from Sierra House.

*Thank you, Lea, for the help you have given us. God bless you and yours.*



## Help from the Helped



Michelle delivered her baby while at LTBM's Sierra House in May 2006. She now works and is living in a home off Elkhorn Blvd. She currently attends American River College and wants to work at Sierra House to help other women like herself.

*Thank you, Michelle, for a big heart. God bless you and yours.*

## Temporary HouseMom a Hero

A very serious situation was averted by quick-thinking volunteer housemom, Melissa Lindsey. Melissa volunteers one night a week at Sierra House and was a godsend to Alee Silvey who had given birth to her son just a few weeks earlier. They were socializing in the living room with another guest when suddenly Alee couldn't swallow her food. It was stuck in her throat. She couldn't speak, she couldn't swallow, and now she couldn't even breathe.

In seconds, Melissa jumped up and grabbed Alee from behind. She put her arms around her with hands locked just right and gave Alee a hard thrust into the stomach. The piece of food burst out of Alee's mouth and she could breathe once again.

We praise God for Alee's safety and for Melissa being there to save her. This has been a wake-up call for Love Them Both. We plan to provide training in lifesaving first aid for all of our house directors.



Alee Silvey with son Conner on right, and Sierra House's Hayden Lockhart on left.

## Reasons for You to Volunteer

- 1 - Make a difference in someone's life.
- 2 - Find purpose in your life.
- 3 - Enjoy a meaningful conversation, feel involved and connected.
- 4 - Get a new sense of what is going on in your community.
- 5 - Contribute to specific causes you care about.
- 6 - Explore new areas and enrichment.
- 7 - Shore up your faith and confidence.
- 8 - Help a cause and step outside of your "box".
- 9 - Add to your resume.
- 10 - Do as Christ did...love the less fortunate.

## How Others are Helped When You Volunteer

- 1 - They find that others care about them enough to help make long-needed changes.
- 2 - They receive help and direction and purpose.
- 3 - They learn to build relationships.
- 4 - They meet people outside of their social realm.
- 5 - They receive help from people outside of their own community.
- 6 - They feel the love of people who reach out to them where they're at.
- 7 - They experience cross-culture relationships.
- 8 - They are able to build on other's strength to help build their own.
- 9 - They see Christ in you as you care for them.

## Depression or Recession?

Ministries and churches are impacted. Some are closing. All are belt-tightening and changing plans. Love Them Both Ministries is doing all we can and hope to do better so that we can keep serving these pregnant women and their unborn or born babies. The way we point them could not be more promising. Will you be with us? Pray for us? Partner with us?

May God's blessing and protection be on you and yours. We thank you for your past faithful support and for what you will do again.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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