



THE Sheepfold

Shelter, refuge, and a new beginning
for abused women and their children

Happy New Year!
January 2012

The Word

Someone asked me the other day why The Sheepfold has daily Bible study as a mandatory part of our program, while many other programs offer or have studies available, if desired.

Fran Lundquist, our founder, believed in the power of God's word and the need for every Christian to take in "Daily Bread" so we can walk in God's light each day.

Hebrews 4:12 says: "The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

We also believe the moms that come to us can not make a decision for Christ unless they hear the Gospel (Good News). Fran's Bible Studies are a simple and effective way for the ladies to hear the good news and they help them deal with life's daily problems God's way, instead of the world's.

Many of the moms and staff have suggested we make a devotional book using Fran's 94 studies so other women could be blessed. The studies have been translated into French and also Swahili for use in the Congo. This year volunteers will complete the Spanish translation. All of these studies are available on our web site for you to download. If you know a woman who could benefit from these, which are written especially for their issues, please print them out and give them freely.

Even though the mandatory "religious study" precludes our ministry from receiving many grants and financial gifts, we will always have daily study of God's word.

Fran always says "If we can't teach the word of God each day, we need to close the doors and do something else." And I say AMEN.

Thank you for standing with us while we stand on God's Word.



John

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed,
but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God.

—1 Peter 1:23

Interning at The Sheepfold

My time at The Sheepfold was truly a rewarding experience. During my time as Student/Intern, I had an opportunity to get to know the House Managers. I am grateful for them sharing their experience and for their kindness in allowing me to learn what they do and giving me the "hands-on" practical experience that cannot be obtained in a college classroom.

On my initial visit to The Sheepfold I was nervous to meet the three families living there. I was feeling intimidated to meet the women, but they all made me feel welcome, as though they were one big happy family. One child was just starting speech therapy when I started my internship. By the time it ended, this child had improved tremendously and I was able to watch him absolutely bloom.

There were two more families that came to live at the shelter while I was there and it was a wonderful experience getting to know them. One mom had just learned that she passed all of her final tests and would be receiving her high school diploma. What an exciting time that was for all of us.

My time with The Sheepfold has given me confirmation that this is what God wants me to do with my life. I know that each woman I met is truly blessed and will be able to accomplish anything she sets her mind to. They have the love of the Lord and He has given each and every one of them beautiful, wonderful gifts and talents to share.

Thank you Sheepfold for allowing me to be a part of your lives these past few months and may God continue blessing you in all you do.

Sincerely,
Katie Martin, Intern



Katie with the shelter families and her lovely appreciation gift



The Artist: Born Denise Kristine Fox on November 14, 1975 in the city of Huntington Beach, CA, this talented (left handed) artist has been interested in artistry as far back in her childhood as she can remember. Her father has expressed his artistic talents within his career as a successful draftsman. Denise came to The Sheepfold on January 3, 2011 as an opportunity to start her life anew with her young son Preston.



... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—ROMANS 6:23 NIV

Dearest Friends,

Where do I start? How about with my deepest and utmost gratitude to everyone on your staff. I came here almost one month ago with a 4 year-old boy, a soon to be 2 year-old girl and was expecting any day. I came to this shelter as a last resort to help my little ones, as well as myself. We had to leave a very violent situation for myself and traumatic situation that my children were witnessing (and becoming accustomed to).

In my short time here, I have received the most beautiful living accommodations, constant guidance, compassion and understanding from all three house managers here at the shelter. I received birthday gifts for myself, endless gifts for the baby on the way and now a birthday party for my 2 year-old tomorrow.

It brings tears to my eyes because most importantly, I received Jesus into my heart the second week here. I know it was Him who guided me here and continues to bestow these daily blessings upon me. It has allowed me to see that serving Him is the only way to move forward and have peace in this life. God bless you all who help.

—Elizabeth

Dearest Sheepfold,

Christmas was such a blessing for our family. I was in denial that it was over and just barely took my decorations down in my 2nd step apartment. I just want to thank everyone for each bit of contribution to our most special Christmas at The Sheepfold.

My sons were so thrilled to open their gifts and I was just as excited as they were. As we enjoy this special time, I tell them "Look how God provides!"

As I continue to explain, one day they will understand how much they are cared for because people are so kind and generous to take the time to make our Christmas special.

Thank you so much for taking the time out to acknowledge and sweetly bless us. May the Lord return the favor here on earth and abundance of your heavenly treasure be to overflowing.

—Lisa and boys



Lisa and her boys

Thanks Everyone!

Christmas at The Sheepfold is a most precious experience! Our volunteers and donors who support this ministry with many gifts all year and during Christmastime provide blessed joy to our moms and kids.

Our staff looks forward to this special time because it is like a little bit of heaven on earth watching the joy in giving and sharing of all.

In the shelters we had a wonderful celebration of the birth of our Savior, and together we shared the message of hope to those that are without hope.

THANK YOU all who generously gave so that we could provide Christmas to the widows and orphans.

Love from,
The Sheepfold Staff

But for me it is good
to be near God; I have made
the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.

—Psalm 73:28 EST



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Take the helmet of salvation
and the sword of the spirit,
which is the word of God.

—Ephesians 6:17 NIV

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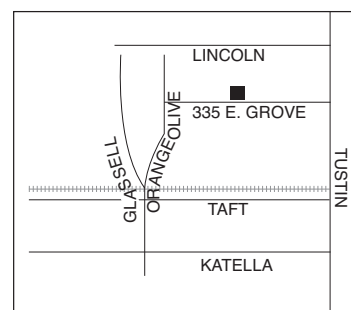
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