

# Bethany House



“I hope that more young women will come to Bethany House, like I did, and have their lives changed. Bethany House was the loving atmosphere that I have needed in this time of my life. I am grateful to have found this place...”

*Hi'ilani says.*

## A Whole New Family

Like so many Bethany House residents, Hi'ilani discovered a church family that embraced both her and baby Jeremiah. The love and support of men and women who did not judge her situation allowed her to grow and learn to depend on God and others.

On Valentines Day, baby Jeremiah was baptized by Pastor Les while a proud Hi'ilani looked on.



This precious family has a whole new lease on life thanks to Life-Changers like you. Your giving gives new life to women and children. You make an eternal difference. God bless you!

## HI'ILANI FROM HAWAII: A brand new mom

I am a native Hawaiian. I was born on the island of Oahu. I grew up with my parents, until they split up when I was nine. My parents separated and I moved to my grandparents with my dad, my sister, and my brother, after moving back and forth between locations and homes, with different family members.

I struggled through school and eventually got mixed up with the wrong kids, and got involved with drugs and alcohol. My life was a “party.” I was out of control. I was sneaking out of the house to stay at my boy-friend’s house, and lying to my dad about it. My dad told me not to “make babies.” But, with time, that’s exactly what happened.

I was dating a twenty-two year old guy, drinking and doing drugs with him, when I found myself pregnant. I was still smoking cigarettes and marijuana, and drinking, until I was three months along.



*Baby Jeremiah born 2/7/09*

I wanted to quit doing these things, but it was very hard.

I eventually left my baby’s dad, due to his lack of interest, and knowing that the only way I could become a good mom would mean leaving Hawaii; I flew to my Auntie’s home in Oregon.

She took me to a Pregnancy Resource Center in Sandy, where I found out about Bethany House. I quickly had an appointment for an interview, and immediately knew that this was where I needed to be.

Bethany House has done so much for me, like helping me to get the counseling that I needed. At Bethany House I have learned to budget and do money management, which really helped me out. Here I have learned about parenting, and house-keeping. I’m still working on learning to manage responsibilities, and good time-management. I’ve learned how to approach people, and am learning to improve my communication with others. Relationship building is a big deal here, and I have made some life-long friends.

**Thank you Bethany House!**



# STAY IN THE "KNOW" Now!

Bethany House Insider

Did you know?

We've got a full house!

Taj is our newest resident.

Jessica is having twins.

Bethlehem celebrated her 3 month "birthday" with us.

Staff attended Jozlyn's 1 year birthday party! (It's hard to believe former resident, Tonya's daughter is now one).

Jeremiah was born on February 7, 2009.

Both Jeremiah and Bethlehem were dedicated.

We gained a new house mom. Everyone loves her!

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**SEEKING A LOVING HOUSE MOTHER FOR WEEKENDS**  
Call: 667-8409

**TWINS!**

**2 for 1**

*Pictured Jessica and her twins (left) and Taj, our newest resi-*



## Together We Can!

**Loneliness** — an emotion that so many women (men, too) spend a lifetime avoiding. No one likes to feel lonely. So often the women who come to Bethany House are not only alone in the world, facing an unplanned pregnancy, but also a majority of them feel lonely. They're afraid to rely on others for fear of being hurt or rejected — again.

Yes, again. Abuse, in all its cruel forms (mental, emotional, physical, and sexual) has touched 90% of young women who enter our program.



That's why we work so hard to ensure that our residents have an opportunity to experience safe, loving, and trusting relationships in a family-like setting. When Christ walked the earth, he walked along side others. He surrounded himself with His chosen disciples and other supportive friends. He reached out in love to the wounded men and women who crossed his path. Through His power, love, and building positive relationships, he was the greatest Life-Changer the world has known. That's why we've decided to ask you to walk by our side this coming year as a Life-Changer.

**How do we define Life-Changer in the 21st Century?**

1. a strategic partner; 2. one who strengthens a ministry by making a regular investment in Kingdom work; 3. a person who give of themselves to bless others.

Things done consistently have great impact. Daily time with God. Weekly family nights. Regular meals. Regular exercise. Even regular deposits to a retirement account have a way of adding up.

Imagine the impact of regular investment in Bethany House? More women and children, just like the ones you read about in these newsletters, will experience life changes beyond their imagining. They will trade loneliness for togetherness, woundedness for wholeness, hurt for hope. Please consider the impact you can make as a strategic Life-Changer, for together we can achieve what we could never possibly achieve alone.



**Two are Better than**

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work; If one falls down his friend can help him up.*

*Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10 NIV*



# Anyone Hungry? You're Invited to Dinner



**On us!**

To Schedule a  
**"Family Dinner or  
 Dessert"** call  
**503.667.8409**  
 We can serve 2 to 4  
 guests at a time.

There's just nothing quite like having family-style dinner or dessert with the family, of course, in this case — our family. For this reason, Bethany House has started something new. It's simply called "Family Dinner or Dessert." This is a unique, highly personal opportunity for you, our supporters, and those of you who would like to learn more about Bethany House, to truly experience the family atmosphere of our program. It's a wonderful opportunity for our girls (babies when available!) and the Bethany House staff to visit with both old and new friends committed to the purpose and vision of Bethany House. Yes, "Family Dinner or Dessert" makes for quite the crowded table. But, when family gets together, well, crowded is just part of the package.

## Director's Corner

Midst the many challenges we've faced this past year, Bethany House, with your support, has continued to help change lives. At this time, our house is full and other s await our services. We're expecting exciting things in 2009. Stay tuned!



*Beth*



### "Touching Two Lives at a Time ... and Generations Beyond"

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Mergiyaneh + Betty Bubbles!

# We Say Goodbye to "Betty Bubbles"

It seems like only a short time ago that Mergiyaneh moved into Bethany House, and like it was yesterday that Bethlehem (Betty Bubbles) was born. Once again, as we prepare for another little family to leave us, we are struck with the realization of just how quickly, time passes. While we will miss them both, we are happy to report that they are actually moving down the street to a sponsor family's home, where we will be able to continue watching them grow, knowing they will be happy, safe, and close.



## Bethany House Needs List

Size 1 & 2 Diapers  
Gift Cards (variety)  
Baby Thermometers,  
Baby Motrin &  
Tylenol, Adult Tylenol,  
Baby Laundry Detergent,  
Liquid dishwasher soap,  
toilet bowl cleaner, baby  
socks and gowns.  
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### United Way Giving

If your employer is a United Way Contributor, you can designate your donation to go directly to Bethany House. Just ask your United Way Representative for a donor card.

### Put your change to good use



Adopt a Baby Bottle Bank now! Just fill it up with money to benefit the women and babies at Bethany House. This is a great idea for the whole family, your business, class rooms, or churches. We'd be happy to provide a baby bottle for you. Just call: 503.667.8409

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