



ADULLAM HOUSE IS A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS.

*True Faith drops
its letter in the post
office box and lets it
go. Distrust holds
on to a corner of it
and wonders that
the answer never
comes.*



Chloe and Caili, BFF, get their faces painted during the awesome VBS that Westwood did for our kids

***Lives changed, hopes realized, faith established.* That is all at the core of life at Adullam House. Nothing is more amazing than watching little ones who arrive desolate, alienated and forlorn, becoming confident, giddy and full of promise.**

Last night, after a busy day, swimming and tubing at the lake, a cuddly, tired, little 5 year old, rocked on my lap as she talked to her mommy on the phone for the first time in many months. She cried, wanting to see her—to hug her—not wanting the phone conversation to end. Mom has just been released from prison in another state and is making plans to come to Alabama to be reunited with her children. It is a time of huge emotions—for her as well as for them. Since she has seen her girls, the oldest has learned to read, to swim—and to laugh a lot. The two youngest have had a birthday, grown out of diapers and become endeared to everyone on the property here at Adullam House.

Our hearts are “in our mouths” as the time comes for her to arrive and take up residence at Mary’s place with her little girls. We all want her to do well. We love these children. We are praying for her that she will make a new start in the Lord. Pray for them, with us.

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A new little boy has arrived at Adullam House.....

It wasn't an easy decision to take him. We already had 16 children in the new dorm and the atmosphere is great. No one is rebellious or angry, they all care about each other (you can tell it when you have their hearts) and everyone is working hard at doing their best. You just don't want to spoil an atmosphere like that. We have learned from the past that "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump". We have seen the disruption that one child can cause. As a result, we have learned to pray carefully that the Lord will guide us when we bring in an older child. Coming from a background of crime and trauma, a pre-teen or teenager with dysfunctional problems, can be catastrophic for the other kids. And so we follow the leading of the Lord, prayerfully turning to him for guidance.

I knew this little guy had problems. No-one had spared me the details of his traumatic life or his behavior. My initial thought was to say no—we couldn't help. But as I lay in bed that night, thinking over his needs and his plight, the thought came to my heart "he is just too young to let go! *10 years old is way too young to throw up our hands and say, 'he can't be saved.'*"

As I began to pray, the Lord took me to the story in 2 Kings 4, of the Shunamite's son. *You probably know the story well.* Elisha prayed for her to have a child, because she was barren. She was a woman who loved God and had built a room for the prophet in her own house, so he had somewhere to stay when he passed through town. After he prayed she gave birth to a son. When the child was, I am guessing, probably about 10 years (old enough to work in the fields with his father, but still young enough to be rocked on her knee) he returned home one day with severe head pain. The Bible tells us she rocked him on her knee until noon—and then he died. The poor woman, distraught, laid him on the prophet's bed and, telling everyone "all is well, all is well," rushed to find Elisha.

On hearing the news, Elisha sent his servant Gehazi running ahead, to lay his staff on the child's face. This was the staff that had wrought miracles. But no miracle took place. When Elisha arrived, the child was still dead. **No quick fix.** Elisha arrived and began to pray. Then he laid himself upon the child. The Bible tells us that he put *his mouth upon the child's mouth, his eyes upon his eyes and his hands upon his hands*. It talks to us of a 'pouring out of himself' into the child. There was a slight warming of the child's flesh, but - still not quite there.

No quick fix.

Then he got up and prayed again. The Bible says *he paced the floor* and then repeated the process of pouring his life into the child. After this repeated pattern of prayer and pouring himself into the little boy, the child finally sneezed 7 times and opened his eyes. *He had prayed through.* **Life returned.** He called the mother and told her to come and get her child that had been dead. ***What a privilege to place that once limp, pale, lifeless little boy back in her arms and give that mother back her once-dead child.***

I knew that was the Word of the Lord to me. **There will be no quick fixes.** No immediate results, but a pouring of our lives, our ways into his ways, our thinking into his thoughts and much prayer for this little guy. **With God's help, life will be restored.**



Some of our little girls got to meet Jamie Grace and even autographed our Adullam House CD for her!!!



Our new little baby Kaiden arrives from the NICU after having been born at only 30 weeks gestation



What a summer!

Summer has flown by, at 2,000 miles an hour this year! There was no chance for the kids to be bored! ***Atlanta Fest*** was a great “*first*” for us. A kind sponsor made it possible for us to have an “**Adullam House Stage**” so our kids, not only got to experience this great event, but also to meet lots of the artists who sang. Very impressive!!!! This was quickly followed by our banquet, which “paid for itself” but didn’t prove to be the fundraiser we had hoped! However God’s ways are not our ways and He has been providing for us through other channels. How glad we are that He is not limited to our puny efforts!

Our older children had been raising money to go to Mexico. Our heart’s prayer was that this trip would give them the opportunity to be “on the giving end” and not just “the receiving end” **God truly answered this prayer.** While on this trip with Brother Rick Hagins and members of Times Square Church, Arleigh, age 12, stood to testify. She shared that as she walked around the orphanage in Mexico and saw how many children were ‘stuffed’ into one room, she thought of her bedroom at Adullam House and thought how.....she stopped and covered her face as she wept. Josh finished her sentence for her. **“How blessed we are Arleigh?”** he finished.

Swim meets (6 of our children won trophies) were made possible by the kindness of the *Wetumpka YMCA*. Soccer tournaments (thanks to the help of *AYSO*) were a highlight! Westwood’s ***VBS*** activities, a trip to the ***beach*** for the kids and thanks to the great kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard a wonderful break for our hard working staff in their ***condominium*** while the ladies of Bethel Pentecostal worked their shifts. **We are blessed beyond measure.**

Above (left), Fredria gets ready to race in the swim meet, bottom (left) incredible fun was had by all at Westwood’s VBS And (right) our team of staff and children who went to Mexico and built a house for a needy family!



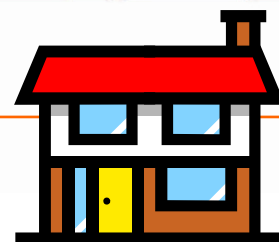
Some go and some send....

You have heard the old saying, that some are called to go to the mission field and *some are called to send them*. This last month some of our readers have responded by being the senders. ***They made it possible for us to send some of our children to school for a whole year!***

6 of our children received full sponsorships to school, at \$1,800.00 p.a., 8 children had school uniform purchased for them and one other gift of \$500.00 was given towards school tuition. We are so very thankful for those who have helped to lighten the load. Thank you so much! July, August and September are typically our leanest months. This year we have made it through July with all of our bills paid—thank you Jesus! Last year we were unable to pay our staff wages during these months. However,



they faithfully stood with us and trusted God. Our children knew nothing of the struggle, thank God, but our staff were very hard pressed. This year we are trusting God that this will not happen. So far God has given us two miracles of provision this month. Please pray with us that God will continue to meet the needs and perhaps give a little larger this month to be part of the miraculous provision, for which we are trusting the Lord.



I had a Hand in Adullam House .

Needs List for the month of August/ September 2012

- **100% Juice**
- **Clorox disinfecting wipes**
- **Spray disinfectant (such as Lysol)**
- **Laundry detergent (H.E.)**
- **Boys dress/school shoes in brown or black (sizes 1-6)**
- **Trash Bags (13 gal. and lawn bags!)**
- **Disposable paper products (including toilet tissue)**
- **Baby formula (Similac advance and Similac Sensitive)**

Remember!

When buying office products at **Office Depot** you can now designate **A. H. C. A.** as the School you would like to benefit from your purchase!

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