



MONTHLY GIFTS

What can your gift do in a month?

\$25 a month

- birthday gift & cake
- bank fees
- socks & underwear
- school attendance reward

\$50 a month

- one counseling session
- one tank of gas

\$100 a month

- part time staff salary for one week
- respite weekend for Carla and Jenny

\$200 a month

- groceries for a week

\$400 a month

- liability insurance

\$500 a month

- rent/food for resident who doesn't have access to government funding

\$1000 a month

- half a months full time salary for House staff
- almost half our rent

DONOR OPTIONS

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MIRACLES

Matthew 6:31, 32b & 33 says, "So don't worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." This year God has proven this promise to be true. The last six months have been full of miracles, big and small. Of course the challenges are daily, but that's what makes the miracles all the more vivid.

Most of 2009 we have struggled with a deficit. By June we began talking about how we could cut our grocery bills – as bills like rent and telephone are fixed and the youth already complain about our house being too cold. One thing you should know is that our grocery budget is smaller than many families of five and we feed over 100 extra meals per month to people who don't live with us. Within days of this conversation I received an email from the director of Monarch Place – a Christian women's shelter in the area. They had a surplus of donated canned food and breads and offered to fill up a van load of groceries for us – which we are still eating.

As October came and our deficit continued to increase, I asked my grandmother to pray for our financial situation. Her response: "Have you approached churches?" She prayed that God would prompt churches to respond. The next day I received a call from the chair of the mission's board at a local church. She had accessed my phone number from our new website that had just gone live at midnight the evening before. They were requesting a proposal to add us into their 2010 budget.

This year we have had to deal with three separate bedbug infestations. Each time we needed to throw out the beds, and one time all the furniture, in the room. My friend Lynda, who has become our organization's craigslist ad poster, stepped in. As a stay at home mom, Lynda is available to post ads for furniture and follow up on leads. Twice in the last few months she found beds available for pickup the day before a youth moved into the bedroom where the bed was needed!

The biggest miracle is God's work in the lives of the youth. This fall five youth we have been supporting took the step to enter post-secondary education. Two youth are attending a Youth With A Mission's Discipleship Training School in Baja, Mexico. Two youth began studies at Columbia Bible College and one youth began studies at Trinity Western University. Please pray for these young people.

At this point we project that we will end 2009 about \$4,000 short. Please consider a year end gift to help eliminate our deficit and increase our opportunities to reach youth in the city. Thanks for being a part of these miracles and celebrating them with us!!!

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