

GROWING & THRIVING

...because of partners like you!

Dear Friend,

We are grateful for your support this Christmas season which points our families to the Nativity picture instead of a worldly, materialistic one. Luke 2:12 reads, *And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.* Although a feeding trough was not fit for a baby King, God used it to teach us about humility and servanthood through His Son Jesus. Likewise, God specifically placed Jesus in the care of Mary, a young teenager and her fiancé Joseph, who faced a multitude of uncertainty and judgment similar to what teen parents face today.

As we enter the Advent season, we hope you'll remember teen mom **Allie** and her son **Matthew** in **Antioch**. She is balancing work and parenting without the support of her son's father. Allie and Matthew share a tiny apartment with Allie's mother who also needs caregiving because of her own health concerns.

Will you pray for Allie to accept Jesus as her Savior and for energy to learn life skills as a single-parent?

Likewise, we hope you'll pray for teen dad **Edwin** in **Gurnee**. He is co-parenting his son **Jayden** with teen mom **Amy**. Edwin needs to finish his education but has put school on hold so he can work to financially provide for his family.

Are you a father who can mentor this young dad and assist him as he steps up to support his son?

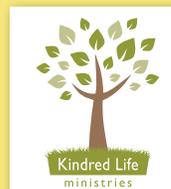
Grandparents **Gloria** and **Roberto** in **Wheeling** need direction and support to help daughter **Fatima** navigate teen parenthood, and desperately need a translator so they can take advantage of our services for grandparents.

Will you pray for the Lord to send volunteer translators and provide a financial gift so they can receive the counseling they need to raise their child who is now a parent?

Please know that when you support a teen mom and child, you support others in the home and point them to the One who gives eternal life. Will you get involved, give a gift or increase your support for a young family in order to meet the growing needs of our teen parents, children and grandparents? Your gift of time, talent and treasure can paint an amazing family Christmas picture for teen families now and for generations to come!

*From our ministry family to yours,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

- \$25** - Pays for gas for a teen mom to drive to school or work
- \$50** - Covers a portion of a teen mom's weekly daycare expenses
- \$100** - Provides a Life Education Group night for one office
- \$250** - Provides Christian counseling for the entire teen family
- \$300** - Covers a teen mom's emergency car repair
- \$500** - Pays for a teen mom's semester of junior college



Teen mom **Allie**
and her son **Matthew**



Teen dad **Edwin** with son **Jayden**
and teen mom **Amy**



Grandparents **Gloria** and **Roberto**,
and teen mom **Fatima**

*The mission of
Kindred Life Ministries
is to educate, mentor, counsel,
and encourage teen parents
and their families to live the
abundant life Christ promises.*