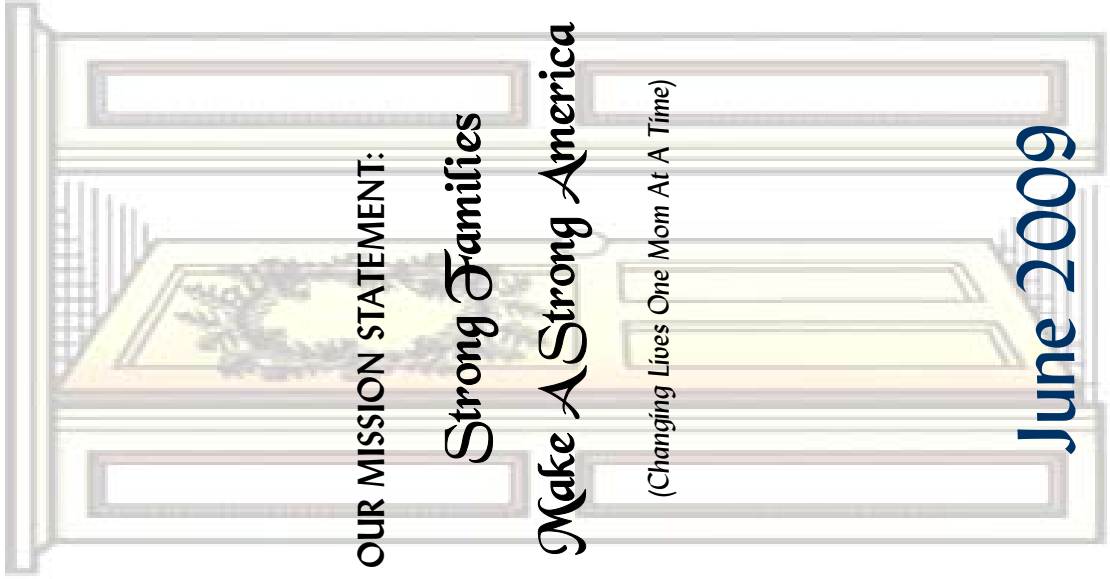


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LYNDA K. POWELL COMPLETES PASTORAL STUDIES

As I think back to over 3½ years ago when I felt a tug in my spirit to go back to school, I remember that I also thought, at my age, "what would be the purpose?". After all, I was already in a ministry that God had called me to. Truly, I wasn't all that excited about the thought of classrooms, home work, reading, essays—you know all the things that go with school.



These past three years have been lots of hard work with school and running a ministry, trying to keep family life balanced, making new friends, but most of all, an in-depth spiritual journey with my Lord Jesus. We walk and talk together daily, as He gives me direction for my life and for Bethel Foundation. He performed a miracle in my eye from former abuse that has been validated with doctors and he has a plan for "Camillus Healing Home."

Some of you may know but others may not, *Camillus Healing Home* will be a place of safety for abused women and will be a transitional home. Women will arrive with broken hearts but will leave with the strength of the Holy Spirit to go back out into the world and know that they are worthy and can make it. Camillus Healing Home will be the first of many in the USA.

Yes, I have BIG EXPECTATIONS FROM OUR LORD BECAUSE WE ARE A TOTAL FAITH BASED AGENCY, depending on our Lord Jesus to provide. I have seen what he has done by FAITH over the past several years and now I am HONORED to accept this role of a *Licensed Minister in the State of Oklahoma* to continue the mission of *One Mom At A Time* with JESUS as our CEO.

Many have called to find out when and where the licensing ceremony will be and I am glad to tell you it will take place on Sunday, June 28th, at 11:45 a.m., at Britton Christian Church, 922 NW 91st, Oklahoma City, OK 73114. You are all welcome, and are also invited to attend worship at Britton Christian Church, which begins at 10:45 a.m.

Thank you all for your support and prayers over the course of these past years. I pray daily over ALL MOTHERS, daily over ALL BUSINESS PARTNERS, and daily for all that GOD SENDS FOR US TO BLESS!

Blessings to All,
Lynda K. Powell
Founder, Bethel Foundation

MEGAN JOY CORKREY Season 8 Top 10 American Idol Coming to OKC in November!

In our March Newsletter we let you know that Megan Joy has chosen Bethel Foundation as her cause to help, since she is a single mother and likes what we are doing for the mothers and the children. Megan ended the season with American Idol in the Top 10 and as a result of that she is now touring throughout the United States. She will be promoting Bethel Foundation while on tour, wearing the t-shirt that she has on in the picture.

Megan will be coming to OKC November 13, 2009 to help us with a Fund Raising Event called "*Bethel Idol Night*." Megan will perform for the audience and will be the MC for the Night. We already have a committee of people now planning this event and will keep you updated as it all unfolds.



TAKE TIME TO SOAK By Linda Ranson Jacobs

What do you think about where you hear the word "soak"? As a single mom you might think of soaking the kid's play clothes that have so many stains on they will never see clean again. Or your mind might go to that pile of dishes in the sink that have been there for several days.

Probably the last thing that comes to your mind is soaking in a nice hot tub with bubbles surrounding you. That is a rarity for most single moms. When my kids were younger every once in a while when I thought they were busy with homework, I would try to sneak in a bubble bath just for me. Never happened. They figured out real fast that when I was in the tub I was a captive audience. If I remembered to lock the door, they would lie down on the floor and talk through the crack in the door. On days when I would forget to lock the door, I had to be ready to pull the shower curtain across the tub because if they wanted to talk, they talked. Now that I look back, I'm glad my children felt they could turn to me, their mom, with their problems or just to talk to me about their day and their friends.

I don't want you to think about any of these things. I want you to take a few minutes to think about soaking in the Lord. Have you ever thought about just "soaking" in His Word? Let that sink in for a minute. Take a scripture, could be just a verse or two, find a minute of alone time, grab a cup of coffee or tea and just "soak". This next week try taking Psalm 32:7 "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance." and letting it

- ◆ "steep" in your mind
- ◆ "infuse" it into your heart
- ◆ "drench" your soul
- ◆ "immerse" your entire being

All of these words meant the same as "soak". He wants you to be like little kids that want so much to talk to their parent that they will lie on the floor and talk through the slit between the door and floor. Or they will barge into the mom's quiet relaxing time, not caring if they are disturbing anything. They need for the one they love to give them attention and time. God wants the same for you. He is our Heavenly Father who wants us to just "soak" in Him.

BETHEL IDOL NIGHT with MEGAN JOY CORKREY



Mark your Calendar and spread the word about "*Bethel Idol Night*" coming to OKC on Friday evening, November 13, 2009 from 7pm to 10pm. Megan Joy will be coming to OKC for TV and press appearances, but will be arriving early in order to be with Bethel on November 13th. In addition to being the Guest MC for "Bethel Idol Night," Megan will be singing to kick-off the evening, and open the competition for the top 10 vocalists in OKC. The field will be narrowed down to the top 3 contestants who will receive AWESOME prizes.

The Grand Prize Winner will have an opportunity to be with Megan the day after the event and talk to her about career direction and contacts. The winner will also perform his or her song on local TV, will receive \$500, a 1st place trophy, and have their picture made with Megan. There will also be a 2nd prize of \$250, along with a trophy and complimentary picture with Megan. The 3rd prize winner will receive \$50, a basket of goodies, and a complimentary picture with Megan.

Megan will also help us Celebrate Bethel Foundation's 5th Anniversary, and will become the Official Spokesperson for Bethel Foundation to help us with our mission of "*One Mom At A Time*".



June 8-12 Kids Rock Camp was a Success!

All the little chefs came to Kids Rock Camp this month to learn about Healthy Lifestyle. Everyday the campers received hands on experience of learning how to prepare age appropriate recipes. In addition to learning how to prepare food everyday the children also learned about Basic First Aid and each child received a 1st Aid Kit. They also had fun with Moon Bounce, Face Painting and Uncle Huey Clown as well as learning about Fire Safety and getting to see the Fire Trucks and how they operate and of course the Zoo Mobile came out with fun reptiles. A full week of Education and Fun Each day campers took home groceries along with a recipe for that day and at the end of the week they received a complete "Healthy Lifestyle Camp Recipe Cookbook" also at the end of the week they received a new backpack filled with school supplies.

Dont' worry if you missed the June Camp as we will be having another "KIDS ROCK CAMP" the last week of July 27-31st, 2009.



Little Chefs Learning to Prepare Food at "Kids Rock Camp"

Registration Open for Kids Rock Camp!

Space is still available in the second **Kids Rock Camp**, July 27-31, 2009. If your child is entering the **3rd, 4th or 5th grade** they can attend camp **FREE!** Camp is limited to **30 campers** and then we will have a waiting list. Note: If your child attended Kids Rock Camp in June, they are not eligible to attend in July.

Date: July 27-31, 2009

Location: Gymnasium at Britton Christian Church
922 NW 91st St., Oklahoma City, OK

Coordinator: Nancy Malone

Contact: 286-3700 or
nmalone@bethelfoundationusa.com



Alee Fowler
Private Quarters Sales Representative

"THANK YOU" TO PRIVATE QUARTERS

As follow-up to our February "Retirement Party", Private Quarters has donated **additional** bedding and other linens to Bethel.

If you would like to host a Private Quarters event, contact Alee Fowler at 405-413-0542 or email her at fowler1219@cox.net.



FEED THE CHILDREN
PARTNERING WITH BETHEL

It's who we are. It's what we do.

Feed The Children has accepted Bethel Foundation as a Partner Agency in helping us with our mission of One Mom At A Time. We received this notice on May 13, 2009 and received our first shipment of supplies on Friday, June 5th, 2009.

Feed the Children will be able to help us out in many ways, and it is a blessing to be allowed to be a partner with them. On our first delivery day we had 10 wonderful volunteers to help unload the truck, break down the pallets, and stock the shelves. We were able to unload half of a semi truck in 1 hour with all the volunteers on hand. *Thank you Feed The Children and Volunteers!*



Nannette and Tam stacked supplies of facial tissues for our Mom's.



Jordan Atterberry & Greg Lewellan worked hard to unload the truck & stock the storeroom.



KIDS ROCK CAMP

Free Health and Nutrition Camp

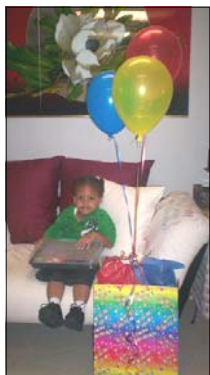
Highlights of Camp Activities:

- ◆ Age-appropriate hands-on meal preparation - Eat what you learn how to prepare and then take home groceries everyday along with recipes to share with Mom
- ◆ Special activities with Kids Fit Program and YMCA
- ◆ OKC Fire Department to teach you about Fire Safety and Prevention
- ◆ OKC Police Department to teach you about what to do when home alone
- ◆ Red Cross to teach about basic CPR (Each child will receive a free First Aid kit to take home.)
- ◆ Clown visitation with specially made balloons for each child
- ◆ Moon Bounce for a Fun Time
- ◆ Create a "Special Scrapbook"
- ◆ ZooMobile to visit on camp site
- ◆ Souvenir pictures for each child
- ◆ Special event on Friday - Each child will take home a **New Back Pack** filled with school supplies to help with going back to school in the fall.



RAB'S RAB'S CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CLUB HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS & GIRLS!

If you are a Single Mother and you would like to register your child for the Rab Rab's Children's Birthday Club, then please call the office at 286-3700 and we will send you a Membership Form to complete. We need advance notice regarding upcoming birthdays so please register and keep us updated when your phone number changes so your child won't miss out. The Birthday Club will have available for your child on their birthday: **Balloons ~ Cake ~ Gift**



Coreyion Gurley celebrated his 3rd birthday June 9th, and received a chocolate chip cookie cake, balloons and a special gift.



Courtney Cagle, our Birthday Club Coordinator is stocking supplies received for the Birthday Club.

June Birthdays ~ Happy Birthday, Boys & Girls!

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| June 1 - Grace Leroy | June 18 - John Flowers |
| June 9 - Coreyion Gurley | June 19 - Kaylee Jones |
| June 11 - Elijah Chiton | June 20 - Mekai Johnson |
| June 12 - Demarion Swain | June 25 - Taiyah Briggery |
| June 12 - Chevy R. Tyrell | June 26 - Timothy Njoroge |
| June 13 - Amaree & Asharee Gordon (Twins) | June 27 - Bobby Tiller, Jr. |
| June 13 - Pedro Martinez | June 27 - Benjamin Jacobson |
| June 13 - Kahlán McDaniel | June 28 - Armando Valtierra Jr. |
| June 15 - A. J. Grant | June 28 - Amilyah Jo Coffey |
| June 15 - Jaida Shipp | June 28 - Ivan Davila |

BLESSINGS TO MOTHERS CORNER

If you have any of the following that you can donate to our families, we will provide you with a tax exemption letter for the fair market value of the item.

Mother in Need

We have a mom in need of an **electric washing machine** and a gas dryer. If you know of anyone that would like to donate one or both of these, please call the Bethel office at 286-3700 to arrange for them to be picked up.

Other Needs

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| Twin or Full Sized Beds | Kitchen Table & Chairs |
| Full Sized Mattress | Pots & Pans |
| Chest-of-drawers | Dishes |
| Sofa and/or Loveseat | Bath Towels |
| TV | Baby Wipes (for our Pantry area) |
| Car Seat for Infant | |

Special Note

If any SUPPORTER OR DONOR has furniture or working appliances to donate, we have a wonderful volunteer that is gracious about picking up the items. He tries to pick up within 1-2 weeks of learning about the donation and delivers the item to the mother in need. As a donor you will receive a tax exempt letter for a fair market value of the item donated. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you are **Blessing a Mother with Children**.

We also have a clothing area where we can take nice gently used clothes for infants, children and mothers, and a pantry area where we are always in need of non-perishable food items.

Thank you for your support in this area.

MEET OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEER



Becky Morgan works full time for Harrison-Orr Air-Condition and was praying asking God to direct her steps to an organization that works with Single Mothers. While at work she received a phone call from a client of Harrison-Orr that was making a purchase and the client told Becky, "you need to contact Bethel Foundation as they are doing **Great Things For Single Mothers.**" Becky called and shared the story and came over to visit to see how she could help us out. With her experience in bookkeeping, and with our volunteer Shannon Tate having to leave by the end of this summer, she is in training on how to keep our books together for our CPA.

Welcome Becky on Board for stepping out in faith as a Single Mother herself to come after work to volunteer additional time working. Becky has a lot of other gifts that we believe will Bless our Mission and all that come across her path. **Thank you Becky for responding to the call of volunteering at Bethel Foundation!**



1st SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPT

Last month we featured **Katie Steele**, the daughter of **Lindie Steele**, one of our mothers here at Bethel Foundation. We told you how Katie had received a full ride scholarship to Dartmouth College. Katie is working this summer to help with the additional cost of getting to school and will be in a work study program while at school. You, our supporters, responded to the need of Katie Steele and we were able to award our First Scholarship for \$500 to Dartmouth College on behalf of Katie Steele. Raised by a Single Mother, Katie is breaking the cycle through getting her Education. Thank you Supporters for giving her a Hand Up towards a Future.



JOB OPENING



There are several openings at Luby's Cafeteria located at 9410 N. May Ave. (May at Britton Rd.) in Oklahoma City. Openings are available in all areas of the cafeteria. Contact Jared Dunn, General Manager at 752-5016 to schedule an interview.



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