



## Love In the Name of Christ

### Love Story

Homeless. Alone. Pregnant. Mary needed to find a place to live before the birth of her child. A local agency helped her with rent. She now had a home but nothing in it. Nothing, that is, except an old mattress on the floor. How could she sleep? Her unborn child would have no place to lay his head. Yes, it was boy! She was excited but scared and faced a high-risk pregnancy.

Little did Mary know God was at work behind the scenes when she called Love In the Name of Christ. Her request was simple – a bed for her and a crib for her son. When the referral went through to the Household Items Ministry the response was what was expected. “We have no crib.” But two and half hours later God did the unexpected. A donation came through from members at our partner church, St. Luke’s. Among the items was a crib. It had only been used twice.

Within a matter of days, Mary was blessed with a brand-new crib. It was delivered with love by Paul and Sandy Jeltema who are members of our partner church, Christian Life Fellowship, and leaders of our Household Items Ministry. The following week, Rick Merdan and Dick Bartosh, volunteers with the Moving Ministry from our partner church, Grace Lutheran, further blessed Mary with the delivery of a loveseat, recliner, and new bed for herself.

Mary’s bed could not have been more perfectly timed as she was put on bed rest two weeks later. Her placenta had partially separated, and she was in a lot of pain. While Mary waits for her upcoming C-section, we continue to pray for her and her son. As God provided for the timely delivery of their beds, we trust He will provide for the timely and safe delivery of her son.

\*Mary is a pseudonym.



### August 2022 Connection Center Report

REQUESTS FOR HELP	FINANCIAL	MATERIALS	SERVICES	UNKNOWN
81	23	30	23	5

### August 2022 Volunteer Report

TOTAL # OF VOLUNTEERS - 96	# OF VOLUNTEERS THAT SERVED - 47	TOTAL # HOURS SERVED - 462.75
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## PLEASE JOIN US...

at Love INC of South Wood County for the latest fashions from Rustic Redefined Boutique. Invite your friends! Each attendee will receive a coupon to Rustic Redefined Boutique. There is limited seating, so order now!

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## NEW HOPE LIFE SKILLS CLASSES



### Affirming Potential

The first course of the New Hope Life Skills Classes is well underway. Affirming Potential is a 12-week journey built on the universal truth that God has created each of us with worth and potential. The class teaching, group discussions, and personal reflection assignments help participants to accept their past, better understand their present, and prepare themselves to embrace their future. Towards the end of the course, class participants will be using a dream tool to consider their passions, their strengths, and write a Life-Purpose statement. From that point, they will select a dream and write the goals and action steps needed to achieve it.

For additional information about New Hope Life Skills Classes and additional courses that will be offered starting in January 2023, be sure to read upcoming newsletters.

### Quotes from participants of the Affirming Potential Class

"It certainly has been worthwhile. It's given me new hope while meeting new people. I have again been able to see my purpose in helping others."

"The group discussions were what really made me excited about class."

"Thank you so much for these classes you all do. It's a blessing."

"Change begins with me first. Unpacking where to begin and how to go forward honestly and positively."

"I felt God's presence in this group."

"Oh, my gosh! I don't want it to end!"

"I've learned more about myself that I didn't know."



Love INC and its Partner Churches present an evening with  
*Steve and Annie Chapman*

**SHARE THE LOVE**

Friday, February 17, 2023  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Christian Life Fellowship  
Port Edwards

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