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An Outpouring of Love

Recently Life Centers volunteers and a local church demonstrated Christ’s love in extraordinary measure by reaching out to a young mom at her time of crisis, and it completely changed her life.

Marquesha, a 21-year-old single mother of two, whose own mother is a drug addict and whose father recently passed away, had just been evicted from an apartment where mold was growing on the floor and lead covered the walls when she found out she was pregnant again. Marquesha called Life Centers and said there was no way that she could have the child; she intended to have an abortion.

Lucy Urban, director at the Life Centers Northwest Women’s Center, counseled her and shared God’s love for her. She scheduled an appointment at the East Pregnancy Center, where Marquesha met a caring woman named Patti.

“Before I went into the pregnancy center, I was going to lose my mind. I was living out of my car, had two kids, no money, and I was going to local stores to bathe,” Marquesha said. **“But the day I walked into the center, my peer counselor, Patti, helped me realize. . .that lives were important to God.** I wanted to get an abortion, because I was already struggling. Patti told me that it may be hard, but it gets better. She made me look

at things differently.”

Patti gave her the “How to Find God” study Bible. Marquesha began reading it and going through the discipleship materials. East Pregnancy Center director Paige Borders even saw Marquesha in her car examining the scripture cards she received after spending a night sleeping in the vehicle, which was parked in the center’s lot.

“Since then I’ve been studying my Bible and praising God,” Marquesha said. **“God has been blessing me and opening up doors. I’ve been alright – I’ve been making it.”** These blessings have come through volunteers like Patti, who provided temporary lodging for Marquesha before she found an apartment. Members of Southport Presbyterian Church heard about Marquesha’s need and collected items to furnish her apartment, showing up on the day she moved in and surprising her with the gifts.

Patti organized a house-warming party for her on Nov. 13, and church members once again showered her with gifts for her and her children.

“Three weeks ago I didn’t have anything, and now I have something,” Marquesha said. “I appreciate Patti for stepping into my life. She’s been helping me since that day at the pregnancy center. God makes sure that everything is going to be alright if we don’t run away from Him, but we run towards Him.”