

## Update on the "Christmas Miracles"

Last December 21st employees at North Austin Lutheran Church found a baby carrier containing twin newborns inside the church's vestibule. The healthy babies- a 6 pound 6 ounce boy and 5 pound girl who doctors said were no more than two days old - were still attached to their umbilical cords. They babies were placed with Christian foster parents and through out the year your generous donations of money, furniture, supplies, meals and prayer have helped and encouraged this family. Below is an update from the foster mother:

Christmas Blessings to you in the name of Jesus. **Mary Grace** and **Michael Joseph** will be one year old this Thursday, Dec. 21. I can't believe how fast the year has gone. I can still remember having a mere hour and a half to prepare for their arrival, with nothing in the house for one baby, let alone two. I frantically ran to the store for diapers, at least, but did have an old basinet which we laid both of them in with room to spare; that's how small they were. Well, today, one year later, it's hard to believe we were up every hour and a half for almost 4 months putting bottles into wiggling, waling little mouths. They now eat everything we eat and more. It's still a 24/7 laundromat and restaurant over here! Michael is 23 pounds and Mary is 20 pounds; healthy, happy, getting into mischief, talking nonstop in "twin language," and beginning to hear "no" in their vocabularies more than they would like! Our adopted 5 yr. old son "alerts" us to their antics; he laughs and laughs when he sees them do "naughty things" that are indeed comical. We cannot thank enough, all the people who have shown and continue to show love, sacrifice and commitment to their welfare. We are humbled and very, very grateful. There are more than 143 million orphans in this world; God has placed only 3 of them in our care; but that is 3 less than 143 million. All throughout the Bible and Jesus' ministry, God's heart and priority is with the "least of these:" orphans, widows, strangers/aliens, outcasts, the sick..... (James 1:27, Ephesians 1:4-5, Psalm 82:3, etc.). It is truly ministry and worship to be able to see the face of Jesus on the faces of those so in need, and then, actively respond in the name of our Lord. "We are blessed to be a blessing to others" as Tim Hetzner has often said in Bible Study. This is God's command, not His suggestion. Our hope this Christmas is that more Christians would prayerfully consider the ministry of foster care and/or adoption. Isn't this what God modeled for us? We are all adopted sons and daughters of a king; THE KING. We are to be to others as God is to us; to make God's priorities our priorities. Our lives as Christians are all about adoption. We were separated/abandoned from a loving God because of our sin. We were without faces, lost, alone and unloved until God relentlessly pursued us, sacrificed for us to redeem us, protected us, provided for us, and brought us back into His family. Especially because of this, Mary and Michael thank you as do my husband and I: for being Jesus to us and making us part of your family.

### Current Needs include the following:

- diapers (Pampers "Cruisers" preferred) size 4, wipes
- room size air cleaner/purifier
- clothes: boys/girls 18 mos. or larger
- "Aquaphor" skin ointment
- 2 real wood (allergies to pressed wood) tall/narrow dressers for clothes
- looking for newer mini van to purchase (double sliding rear doors)

All donations can be dropped off at **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church** on the corner of Cunningham and Hicks in Palatine.

Thank you in advance for all your help and your loving and giving hearts.

LCC has set up a fund to help them with other expenses. As always, Dollar Per Dollar your gift will go to help pay expenses that they will incur.

➤ [To donate, click here for the Twin Babies Fund](#)

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