

# FRIENDSHIP CENTER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS



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Dear Pastor Ken and all our friends at Calvary Bible Church,

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to thank you so much for your generous donation, and to share a powerful testimony that has touched the heart of the Friendship Center and, undoubtedly, will resonate with all who hear it.

One of our clients recently reached out to us to express her profound gratitude for the unwavering support she and her family received during one of the most challenging years of their lives. In November of 2022, her youngest son was diagnosed with infant botulism, a condition caused by ingesting toxins from a particular strain of bacteria, which affects the respiratory system.

For two long months, she and her baby found themselves in the midst of a medical journey at the hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. The Friendship Center played a crucial role during this delicate time, providing essential supplies and thoughtful Christmas presents for both the ailing infant and her older children. However, beyond the material support, she emphasizes the immeasurable value of the unconditional support and prayers extended to her entire family.

Today, her baby has turned one year old, fully recovered and brimming with life. She attributes this remarkable turnaround to the sustaining power of our Lord Jesus Christ, expressing deep gratitude for the miracles witnessed in her son's life.

As we continue our mission at the Friendship Center, stories like this testimony inspire us as we continue to reach out, knowing that our efforts by God's grace make a tangible and lasting impact. We extend our heartfelt thanks to each person who contributes to this outreach, making it possible for us to be a beacon of hope for families facing adversity.

May God's blessings continue to abound in your life,

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Rosana".

Rosana Lizana



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Dear Friends,

Each month's prayer calendar has many people who are the *same* – our Board members, staff and volunteers – and several *new* items for prayer this particular month – outreaches, conferences, etc. We have listed below some special ways that we would request prayer for single moms, and everyone whose name is mentioned on the prayer calendar, and also as the Lord would individually guide your prayers for us:

## **Single Mom Families** – “God is a Father to the fatherless.” *Psalm 68:5*

“The Lord gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.” *Isaiah 40:11*

- ❖ That Jesus will fill their hearts with His love
- ❖ That those single through divorce or separation will find healing and new hope
- ❖ That God will center the relationship of those who choose marriage, in Christ
- ❖ That God will meet the spiritual and physical needs of the children, and that their mothers be strengthened with grace, wisdom and love through the Holy Spirit

## **For Staff and Volunteers:**

**Spiritual Life** – “When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty.” *Jeremiah 15:16*

- ❖ Consistent times of prayer and learning from Scripture
- ❖ Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self control

**Ministry** – “If a man remain in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” *John 15:5*

- ❖ Truth and grace in sharing the Gospel
- ❖ Wisdom in the use of time and energy, and a continued spirit of cooperation amongst us, expressed in an eagerness to learn from each other

**Family** – “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders, and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked for us.” *Hebrews 12:1*

- ❖ Strong marital and parent/child relationships
- ❖ That our family lives would reflect what we teach

**Physical needs** – “And my God will meet all your needs, according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ.” *Philippians 4:19*

- ❖ That we and our families are kept healthy and safe
- ❖ That the financial support, needed to accomplish all that God plans through us, would be provided



**Thank you so much for praying with us – God bless you!**



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# Prayer Calendar

## December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 George Moyer Board Member	2 Thanksgiving for all the local churches and agencies' generous gifts to our client families
3 Cornerstone Christian Church Pastor Keith Harris	4 Sam Maldonado Board Treasurer	5 Miriam Maldonado Board Secretary	6 Pray that our scholarships would help each child who needs tutoring	7 Pray for God to open the hearts of our community's children to Christ	8 Ilda Morales Hispanic Peer Counselor	9 Pray for God to provide Christmas gifts for each precious child in client families
10 Hunterdon Christian Church Pastor Doug McCulley	11 Pray that many clients come to know Christ as personal Savior and Lord this Christmas	12 Mimi Koontz Co-Director	13 Linda Schneider Senior Peer Counselor	14 Rosana Lizana Hispanic Peer Counselor	15 Jummy Adejuyigbe Board Chair for Media	16 Pray that our clients' hearts would be touched thro the expression of God's kindness in gifts from local churches
17 Montgomery Evangelical Free Pastor Brian Cooper Joel Ristuccia (Assoc)	18 Yari Gonzalez Hispanic Peer Counselor	19 Will Gonzalez Co-Director	20 Pray for the sports outreach at Hunter Hills Apartment complex	21 Jeannie Avery Board Member	22 Please pray for the health and safety of our volunteers, staff and clients thro this time	23 Pray that the Lord honors the grants we have requested
24 Calvary Bible Pastor Ken Staples	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b> 	26 Pray for God to bless the marriage classes for Hispanic couples meeting here for 12 weeks	27 Pray that God will bless all our faithful donors in the New Year	28 Ken Staples Board Chair for Youth	29 Pray that staff and volunteers be refreshed during the Christmas break	30 <b>For God's guidance and provision in 2024</b>
31 Cherryville Baptist Pastor Wayne						