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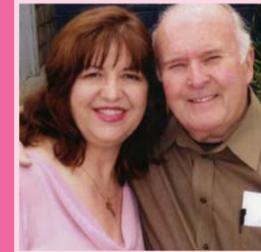
# The Nestbuilder

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## Look Closer See Me



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The following poem was found in the bedside drawer of a geriatric patient who had passed away in San Diego Hospital.

*What do you see, nurses, what do you see?  
Are you thinking when you look at me?  
A crabby old woman, not very wise,  
Uncertain of habit, with far-away eyes,  
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply  
When you say in a loud voice---- "I do wish you'd try."  
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,  
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe.  
Who unresisting, or not, lets you do as you will,  
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill,  
Is that what you are thinking, is that what you see?  
Then open your eyes, nurse, YOU'RE NOT LOOKING AT ME!*

*I'll tell you who I am, as I sit here so still;  
As I use at your bidding, as I eat at your will,  
I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters, who love one another.  
A young girl of 16 with wings on her feet,  
Dreaming that soon now a lover she'll meet;  
A bride soon at 20---my heart gives a leap,  
Remembering the vows that I promise to keep;  
At 25 now I have a young son of my own,  
Who needs me to build a secure, happy home;  
A woman 30, my young now grow fast,  
Bound to each other with ties that should last!*

*At 40, my young sons have grown and have gone  
But my man's beside me to see I don't mourn.  
At 50 once more babies play around my knee,  
Again we know children, my husband and me.  
Dark days are upon me, my husband is dead,  
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.  
For my young are still rearing young of their own,  
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.  
I'm an old woman now and nature is cruel---  
Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool.  
The body it crumbles, grace and vigor depart,  
There is now a stone, where once there was a heart.*

*But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,  
And now and again my battered heart swells,  
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,  
And I'm loving and living life over again.  
I think of the years all too few--- gone too fast.  
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.  
So open your eyes, nurses, open and see,  
Not a crabby old woman, look closer---see me.*

## Miangel Testimony



Miangel and her baby Heaven

My name is Miangel Gilmore and I am 19 years old. I was blessed to live in a stable home growing up but the last few years I was getting very "rebellious". I began looking for love in all the "Wrong Places."

When I first began dating, I thought he was the one I would marry. I realized he lied a lot and definitely was not for me, so I broke our relationship off. Three months later, I realized I was pregnant and knew I had to be responsible for myself and child. At this time, my parents had asked me to leave and I was living in a park. I lived close to St. Mary Hospital in Long Beach and my doctor gave me food and told me about His Nesting Place.

I came here in the middle of August 2012. I remember the first day I came here I was so scared and very nervous. I was shaking and crying a lot. I had serious trust issues! One of the staff took me out of the dark corner where I was huddled and crying and brought me to Pastor Al. He prayed for me. Actually that was the first time in my life anyone ever prayed for me! It helped me realize and know much they cared and loved me. I have changed so much for the better.

The staff and mothers are loving, supportive, and nonjudgmental. Whenever I need someone to talk to they are always there and understand what I'm going through. Most of all, the Lord is the One I now go to with any problems. I can be honest with Him and He always helps me out.

I love the classes here at HNP for the mothers. I've truly grown spiritually so much. My goals are to be raising my baby daughter, Heaven born February 11, 2013, to be a woman of God, not to make the foolish mistakes I made.

I'd like to be a licensed therapist as I love to help people and want to learn to be a great counselor. I'm looking forward to training at HNP Pregnancy Help Center too!

## Adoption Testimony



Father Peter Irving with Emily, Tony and Philomena Grace

Recently Colette Wilson a Board Member of His Nesting Place successfully saved Maria's baby from being aborted.

Maria was brought to His Nesting Place and stayed a few months with us and had her baby in the month of March. Colette helped Maria with the adoption process and her baby went to a wonderful couple Tony and Emily Tripp who had been waiting for a baby for ten years. What a Joy! Philomena Grace Tripp is the baby's name and she was recently baptized on Palm Sunday.

Stories such as these bring the joy and hope to the many mothers waiting to adopt a baby or a mother who wants to adopt her baby to the many families that wait for as long time as Tony and Emily did. We give all the glory to God!

We like to thank Colette for her work through this process and give thanks to the Tripp family for waiting for a moment such as this, their gift of God their daughter Philomena Grace.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

## 30 Years Experience Shared In Two Days

We have spent 2 days helping to equip a brand new maternity home for women who have chosen adoption called, Lamb of God Maternity Home in San Diego with the new manager, Jan Brown. Here is her thank you:

Hi Pastor Al, Judy and Diana,

Just wanted to say thank you for being so kind and giving me your time to explain how everything runs at HNP. I really appreciate being able to get an "inside look" of how your ministry runs, and see your home, and also meet some of the staff and girls.

Thanks for everything you gave me. The One Year Bible, God's Answers book, DVDs on your ministry, as well as all the paperwork, forms, policies, etc., and of course, rounding it off with a wonderful dinner!

I really enjoyed spending time with you, and really appreciate your input and advice on what might work for us in our home.

Thanks again for everything! I have no doubt that I'll be in contact with you again fairly soon, to pick your brains over something or other. I also hope that once we are settled, that you will be able to come down and see our home in action!

May God's rich blessings be on you and your ministry!

Kind Regards,

**Jan Brown**

## Hannah and David



David Murray and daughter Hannah Murray

Every year our dear friends David and Linda Murray, supporters of His Nesting Place visit us and bring with them some of their many adoptive children. We first met the Murray's when I (Judy) went to jail during operation rescue with Linda Murray. We learned that their hearts were opened to adoption and were blessed to introduce them to one of the mothers of His Nesting Place in 1990.

"Hannah" was their first adoption born to them here at His Nesting Place. What a treasure she is!! Here's Hannah Story.

I know my life was spared from being aborted and "I thank God for His Nesting Place." Every time I visit here I feel much closer to God and learn something. I accepted Jesus into my life through my Grandmother at the age of 12. Now, I am studying Ballroom Dancing and doing Real Estate, elder care and various jobs.

My goals for my future are to hopefully get the role of "Epoine" in Les Miserables! I'd love to try to open my own Ballroom School for teens and to be a successful writer too!

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