

## Hanging in the Balance

Molly\* and her fiancé came for her pregnancy test, which was positive. They felt uneasy about “the timing” of this pregnancy. They vacillated back-and-forth between parenting and aborting.

Unfortunately, she was only five weeks along which was too early for the ultrasound to show anything. The nurse hoped they would be willing to come back in a couple of weeks. When the decision is up in the air like this, we often never hear from the patient again. **All we could do was pray for them.**

Two weeks later—they did come back! They immediately declared, **“We’re all in for having this baby.”** They got to see their baby’s tiny heart beating on the ultrasound screen.



Molly said, “When we were here before, you told us about parenting classes,” and asked how to sign up for them. The nurse walked them over to the Annex and introduced them to a mentor. They are now eagerly preparing for the first new member of their family!

*\*names changed for privacy*

## The Optional Bible Study

Jessica\* and Mark\* signed up for the Parenting Initiative the same day they saw their unborn baby on our ultrasound screen. They were paired together with Sue, one of Hope’s 17 volunteer mentors. They expressed an interest in our optional Bible study, as they had attended church a little in the past. The couple faithfully completed their Bible study lessons every week.

Mark was unable to attend the fifth session, so Jessica came alone. She told Sue that the chapter about the crucifixion of Jesus deeply touched her. **She said she had accepted Christ as her Savior!**

Mark returned for the sixth lesson and Sue was able to share the gospel with him, too. He was open and receptive, and wanted to learn more. Sue decided to introduce them to our mentoring couple, Jim and Corinne. **Mark and Jessica have been continuing their spiritual journey under their care for the past several weeks.**

Praise God for the work He is doing in their lives, and for the faithfulness of our mentors. Please pray for this young couple as they seek to know Him and follow Him in their journey as a family.

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## Baby Bottle Campaign 2025

The 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign is just around the corner. **The campaign starts on Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day (May 11 - June 15).**

This is a beautiful, *hands on* opportunity for individuals and families to provide Hope’s valuable services to the increasing number of women and families who need them.

Thank you for participating in this wonderful event and giving generously to supply women with the love and support they need to care for their babies and for them to thrive.



# Welcome Our New Staff



Kelly Gilbert is Hope's new **Administrative Assistant**. Kelly will play a big part in Hope's three annual fundraising events, and she is the lead in our Baby Bottle Campaign.

She will also have a very long list of details to keep track of to keep

Hope efficient. Additionally, she will support the new Executive Director with scheduling and whatever else he/she requests.

Karyn Hartley is Hope's new **Staff Advocate**. The Staff Advocate role is a relatively new discovery for us at Hope.

In this role, Karyn will fill the equivalent of five Volunteer Advocate shifts. Thus, she will be spending a lot of time with our patients, and will help fill any potential cracks in our services to them.



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## Please Pray for Wisdom

The Hope Board is deep in the process of seeking Hope's next Executive Director. We have been interacting with a handful of very promising candidates, and hope to have a decision within the next few weeks. Please pray with us for God to have His way in this process and bring His choice to the forefront.

Mike is looking forward to retirement, but says he isn't in a hurry. We anticipate a significant period of overlap with his successor, and a healthy baton pass. New and exciting days are ahead for Hope!



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