



What Your Donations Make Possible

Counseling Ministry

Your sacrificial support of Jewels For Jesus Mission brings life and hope to countless parents and parents-to-be who are struggling, under the burden of life circumstances, to build good futures for their children.

Jewels For Jesus' counseling ministry has assisted many women and men in the last few months alone and your support has made this possible. Here are just a few stories from this spring (names are changed to protect privacy).

Jennifer

Jennifer, at age 18, came to Jewels to talk about plans for her expected child. When she chose to parent she called us again and we helped her get organized with community supports for young, single moms. Jennifer knew she had a tough road ahead: she was on her own, hadn't finished high school and didn't have a job; life was far from settled. She tried to make things work but realized she wasn't making it. When we next heard from Jennifer she was asking us to help her find a good family for her baby. She has now placed her child with a wonderful family and is enjoying an open adoption with them. She's also seen this experience as an opportunity to change course and Jewels For Jesus has helped her locate high school programs to start working on her future.

Carrie

Carrie and Sean, young teens, came to us asking for help in finding a good home for their expected child. There were some medical concerns that made this more challenging than usual. An immense amount of prayer and searching went into finding just the right family. The family materialized from the most unlikely place but God made it clear to all of us that this was His plan. Carrie and Sean's little one is now in her new home, with Carrie and Sean keeping in touch and visiting now and then. Definitely a match made in heaven!

Marie

Marie was single parenting her first child and in considerable financial crisis when she discovered she was expecting again. She came to Jewels For Jesus looking for information about adoption. Jewels helped her examine her life situation in detail and look carefully at all her life options. Marie is a woman of faith who found, at Jewels, a listening ear, good support and a place of prayer. In the end, Marie decided to parent her baby. In our last visit with Marie we reminded her that the Care Cupboard was available to her while she was getting back on her feet financially, and we had the privilege of praying over her new daughter and newly enlarged family.

Sara

Not every story has a happy ending. In the last few months we've had the opportunity to assist a woman whose life has been out of control. Sara has had encounters with the law and struggles with substance abuse. She's tried to pull her life together for the sake of her baby and we did what we could to help. Sadly, Sara wasn't able to stay drug free. Her baby was born drug addicted and has experienced withdrawal. Since Sara was uncertain about the adoption plan she had been considering, her baby has been taken into care by The Children's Aid Society. Please pray for Sara and her little one.

Jessica

Jessica has also had a difficult life. She was physically abused as a child and an adult, she has two children who are no longer with her, and she has had run-ins with the law. With the prospect of a conviction looming, Jessica has chosen to place her child for adoption. Since making this decision, however, serious health issues have thrown life into even greater tumult. We have walked through these difficult days with Jessica and have been able to provide a safe and loving foster home for her child while she gains the strength to continue with her plans for her baby's future. Pray for physical and emotional strength for Jessica.

Care Cupboard Ministry

Your sacrificial support of Jewels For Jesus Mission has also brought life and hope to the growing number of struggling families that regularly visit the Care Cupboard. These families come for diapers, formula, clothing, encouragement and, increasingly, prayer. Their lives remain hard and the life crises are overwhelming. Our hearts break regularly as we listen to their struggles and share their tears. Below are some of the things our families have asked us to pray for in just the last month (to protect privacy initials are used).

- An unprecedented number of our care cupboard moms and dads have asked for prayer because they have been laid off, their hours have been reduced and/or their jobs are unstable.
- L.'s financial assistance has been cut off due to some errors in paperwork. She is having a very difficult time providing for her family.
- O. needs housing for her family.
- S. asks us to pray for finances. They bought a house in Canada because they'd sold their condo in Egypt but the money hasn't arrived. It's taking all of her husband's salary to pay the mortgage. S. is very stressed and crying a lot.
- R. asks us to pray that paperwork would be processed to get her mom to Canada on a visitor's visa to help with her children.
- M. is very discouraged and overwhelmed. Her mother's visitor's visa to Canada was turned down again with no explanation.

She desperately wants to see her mother and she needs her mother's help with the children so she can get out and look for a job.

- M. needs strength and patience as she parents her own 3 children as well as her sister's 3 children who she now has custody of.
- C. asks us to pray for strength and patience as she parents her triplets.
- S. asks for continued prayer for healing for her daughter who was abused by a doctor and for prayer as she and her children move, in July, closer to relatives in another country for a trial separation from her husband.
- S. asks us to pray for good health for her family.
- H. asks us to pray for her daughter's speech therapy; she is 4 years old and not speaking very well.
- V. asks us to pray for safe delivery of her baby due in June.
- D. asks us to pray as she starts proceedings for custody of her daughter.
- I. and A. ask for protection and indwelling of the Holy Spirit for themselves and their families.

We ask that you pray for the salvation of our care cupboard clients who don't know the Lord.

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Care Cupboard needs:

- gently used boys and girls summer clothing sizes 2 to 6X
- formula
- diapers, sizes 4 to 6

Office needs

- funds to purchase 2 filing cabinets



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Creative Ways To Support Jewels For Jesus Mission

In these hard and uncertain economic times every penny is precious. We see each donation as a sacrifice and we can't thank you enough for your continued, faithful support. Every once in awhile we like to highlight the thoughtful and creative ways our family of supporters finds to provide what's needed. Space doesn't allow us to name everyone and every effort, but below is a sampling of what's happened recently.

Milliken Wesleyan Methodist Church Baby Shower



This energetic group of ladies know how to host a party. Months ahead of time they distributed baby bottles to begin collecting spare change. This produced 30 to 40 bottles totally \$679.54. The day of the shower Margo had the privilege of joining the ladies for food and fun around beautifully decorated tables, baby shower games, a showing of the Jewels' DVD, and mountains and mountains of gifts. When Margo's car was packed for the drive home there was barely room for her! Praise God! As we were about to send the newsletter to the printer, we received 6 more baby bottles.

School Project



Each year the Tuscan Foundation awards a \$5,000.00 prize to a neighbourhood charity that is best researched and presented by students in secondary school civics courses. Anna, Celina, Liz and Lisa from St. Edmond Campion Secondary School in Brampton chose Jewels For Jesus as their charity. Their presentation was so good that they made it to the final four. While we didn't receive the \$5,000 top prize, all the groups in the final four did such an amazing job representing their chosen charity that the principal of the school decided to award each of the runners-up \$1,000 from a special school fund. These youth have earned our gratitude for honouring us with their time and attention, and our respect for the amazing job they did! P.S. We also loved their yummy home-made chocolate chip cookies which we enjoyed during their visit to our office and the lovely basket of goodies they collected for our Care Cupboard!!!

Golf Tournament Sponsors

A huge thanks to Brendan Caldwell, Caldwell Investments, who will again be the main sponsor of our annual golf tournament and John Attrell, Attrell Toyota, who is once again providing the car for the hole-in-one prize. The tournament is set for September 24. Look for further details in the days ahead.

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Missions Project

Bramalea Baptist Church held their yearly Missions Conference and, as is their custom, they featured both local and international missions for their fundraising projects. This year Jewels For Jesus Mission was featured, specifically Relationship Compass follow-up material for the youth who want to know more about living for God and Care Cupboard renovations/expansion. A huge thank you to the Missions Committee for seeing what God is doing on their doorstep and lending a very practical hand.

Church Without Limits' Ongoing Support

Church Without Limits is a church serious about serving God. So serious that they tithe their income and give this portion to Missions. They have been faithfully channelling a portion of these funds to The Relationship Compass Program since its inception.

Bayview Glen Church Knitting Club



This great group of ladies has been using their knitting talents for years to bless Jewels For Jesus, as well as other missions, with beautiful, hand-knit items. This spring the group went above and beyond by preparing ready-to-go gift bag layettes for our new moms. These bags were full of beautiful hand-knit treasures and practical baby care items. Two car loads of layettes were delivered by the whole group who stopped in for a visit and a tour of our facility.

Biking Drive

A fine young man named Steve contacted us the other day. He loves to run and bike ride, and he loves the Lord. His goal this summer is to ride from Mississauga to Niagara-On-The-Lake to raise money for Jewels For Jesus Mission. Keep him in your prayers this summer. The ride is planned for June 20.



We could go on and on. So many people, churches and organizations faithfully and creatively support the work of Jewels For Jesus Mission. Our deepest thanks to all of you; may God bless you by the same measure that you have blessed us.

4th Annual Golf Tournament



When: Thursday, September 24th @ noon

Where: Glen Eagle Golf Club in Caledon

Cost: \$150 – includes green fees, golf cart, BBQ lunch, dinner & gratuities

\$50 – dinner and gratuities (@ 7 p.m.)