



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE  
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## Love, Hope, and Future for Life.

### Let's Continue to Get the Word out about The Christmas Village and Make it a Reality

Two Years ago, while listening to Brother Phil Walker on Sanctity of Life Sunday, God placed the vision on the heart of Brenda Van Velkinburgh to build a residential campus for women as an alternative to abortion. Michael, her husband, named it the Christmas Village because Christ is always at the center and God will be delivering blessings all year long.

Since then, Brenda and Michael have done a great deal of work to lay the foundation to make this ministry a reality. In the past few months, they have acquired the 501(c)(3) necessary to raise funds, hired an Executive Director, and contracted with an architect. Our first major fundraiser, a concert, was held on Sanctity of Life Sunday. The concert featured artists who had donated songs to the Mississippi Rising Stars CD, another fund raiser for The Christmas Village. There was approximately \$5000 raised from the concert and CD sales.

It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$2 million to complete The Christmas Village. We are already receiving calls from girls and their parents that are in need of a home. We are praying that we will find a temporary home to house 4 - 6 girls while we raise the funds and complete the first phase of the campus. The estimated cost to house each girl is \$25,000 for her entire stay, regardless of our location.

The Christmas Village would like to partner with your community, church, civic organization or business to reduce the number of unplanned pregnancies, transform the lives of those who are faced with unplanned pregnancies and prepare a bright future for the next generation. We also need you to help us spread the word about The Christmas Village by assisting us in contacting leaders in your church or business about building a cottage and/or providing monthly support. Join us in making a monthly or one-time donation to The Christmas Village so we can begin to transform the lives of women facing an unplanned pregnancy and provide a stable life for their child.

We are also available to speak to your church, ladies' group, Sunday school class, or civic club. Our Executive Director also has a powerful message about abstinence for young people and will be glad to talk to your youth and their parents.

### WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2  
(New King James)

#### Next Meeting

Tuesday

February 28th

7 p. m.

Ridgecrest  
Room 105A

When I first joined the Christmas Village, Romans 12:2 came to mind. I knew that lives would be changed by this ministry. I have seen God work as only He can over that last month. On January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Pure Freedom conference, a young lady that had sex outside of marriage and was burdened with shame, turned that shame over to the Lord and forgave herself. That day she became a "born again virgin" by asking for God's forgiveness and committing that she would save herself until she was marriage. Praise God.

A local pastor bought two tickets to the Christmas Village benefit concert and gave them to someone in his congregation - a grandmother and pregnant granddaughter. The young girl - single - told him that she knew he gave the tickets to her on purpose. She had been struggling with whether to keep the baby or not - the whole abortion issue. She is no longer struggling and her grandmother, who was vocal about not being able to help raise a child, has a new view on the pregnancy. Praise God

Last week, I spoke to a group of young people at the Women's Resource Center about how the devil lies to us about sex. Noelle, our first Mother attended the meeting with me. Her original plans were to just observe. I believed that the Holy Spirit moved in her. She got up and explained to those young people how you could change your life and not go back to your old ways. Noelle gave specific ways to remain abstinent, such as to associate with Christian friends that practice abstinence and don't put yourself in situations where you might be tempted. She publicly confessed that she will not have sex again outside of the marriage covenant. Praise God.

These are the young ladies that we know The Christmas Village ministry has touched in the past month. Only God knows ALL the people who have been touched. Imagine how many lives will be transformed when The Christmas Village is fully operational. Please continue to pray about transforming The Christmas Village vision into a reality and join us as a partner by sharing what God has blessed you with.

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