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NEW CONVICTIONS OUTREACH,  
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# ADULLAM HOUSE



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## *A Birthday gift for Brandon.....*

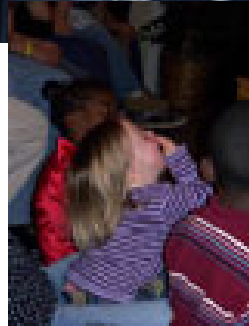
It fell from the bulky envelope onto Naomi's desk to the delight of everyone in the office. We all crowded around to admire the little, almost antique-looking horse. It was fragile and floppy - quite dainty in its design. *Something about the toy felt precious; like a collectible.* We passed it around carefully. **The body was made from a sock. It was dyed with coffee grains –** easily available in prison. When I asked later how she made the mane and tail his incarcerated mom glowed with pride. **"It's threads from my shower bag,"** she explained, showing me how she had tenderly pulled and curled each strand, *one at a time.*

*Only one life,  
and when it's  
past - only  
what's done for  
Christ will last.*

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## The heart is the happiest when it beats for others



***We recently had the joy of a visit from uncle Andy and Auntie Ruth, a couple from England who have been our friends and fellow ministers for about 30 years. Andy ministers in schools all over Scotland and England. They sadly lost their own 23 year old daughter, Dawn Joy, last year, and came to us with the touch of God on their lives. They ministered richly to our children and to us, by their presence.***

### **Thank you Lord for the birth of 5 little ones under the age of 4 months.**

Drake, Allen, Charlie, Noah and Zaire have come into the world in the past 4 months and filled our lives and our nursery with lots of ***noise and cuddles***. Along with newborns come plenty of Doctor visits, shots and feeds. Our babies are often born with health issues that most children do not have to face. **Hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, drug withdrawal and related problems are a fact of prison life and affect many of our babies.** One of our little ones recently stayed in hospital for an extra two weeks of treatment after mom had returned to the prison.

One of our April babies sadly passed away in the intensive care unit just hours after being born. ***Our hearts grieve for his mommy who has gone back to the prison with a very heavy load to carry. It is hard enough for our moms to leave their babies in the hospital but doubly hard for this mommy.***

### **Beyond our wildest dreams.**

**Adullam House recently received a gift from the Estate of Mr. Hugh Rule. In Honor of Mr. Hugh we were able to install a long-awaited swimming pool for the children. It is well under way and the children are *chomping at the bit* to make good use of the pool. With summer coming and all that unused energy looking for somewhere to explode, we are so delighted! No more hot summers spent indoors! **We are so very grateful to Mr. Rule's family who played such a big part in making this miracle happen for us.****



Even though the water was cold at first, we gave the pool a wonderful initiation last weekend with a baptism ceremony for one of our children and two of our staff.

Maranda, aged 11, (shown above) asked if she could be baptized, and since the cast on her wrist was being removed the next day we decided to ahead and get it wet – though the Wal-mart bag helped protect it a little! What a privilege for us to baptize her!

# Making memories.



## The Dirty Dozen!

Between Church and School ,gymnastics and soccer, there is always time to be a little bit crazy. I don't know where she got the idea, but Molly wanted a food fight for her 5th birthday. So the chocolate pudding, jello and marshmallows were saved for the day! Uggghh!

This was one event that Miss Angie just couldn't handle! Thank goodness for young parents in their twenties with hearts like a lion. Naomi and Josh presided as the party goes slipped and slithered on their back porch. Great fun was had by all and the evening was considered a success. Bath-time was the order of the day as we scooped jello and "goo" from ears and toes. Strange how the desire to do this decreases with age! But our 4 to 6 year olds thought it was the best fun they'd had in years. It was the **coolest** birthday ever!



Remember baby Logan? (pictured above). It doesn't seem long ago that he came to Adul-lam House as a newborn. We were concerned that he might never walk. Here he is at the grand old age of 4 and after some quite serious surgery to repair the shape of his skull. As you can see, he is doing fantastic and is full of life and fun.

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**"We covet your prayers"**

I'm going on,  
I'm going on  
I'm going on toward the mark  
Toward my home.  
So many lives depend on what I do  
Give me the strength Oh Lord  
I'm going on for you.



With *14 kids playing soccer* this year it has been exciting to watch the competition and sense of achievement grow. *Thanks to Mr. Ken and AYSO* who have helped us with the fees and made it possible for any child to be a champion!



**NEEDS LIST**

Special needs for May / June 2008:

- ☺ Swimmy Diapers ( for the pool)!!!
- ☺ Sun block for babies and kids
- ☺ Flip flops ( any and every size)
- ☺ Trash bags ( 13 gallon and 50 gallon)
- ☺ Boxed juices or CapriSuns
- ☺ Baby Juice (100% juice)
- ☺ Disinfectant ( liquid)
- ☺ Beach Towels
- ☺ Latex disposable gloves
- ☺ Hair Barrettes and Bows
- ☺ Disposable cups and plates

*Adullam House admits children of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally made available. It does not discriminate on the basis of color, race, national and ethnic origin in administration of its admission policies, educational policies, athletic and school-administered programs.*

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