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Newsletter End of Year 2011

Your Support Rescued a Star

She was too scared to tell even her mom.

I met "Gloria" back in April when she was eight weeks pregnant, and she was searching for an answer. She was not ready to be a mother. Along with my colleague, Bubba, I was able to visit with her and her boyfriend, "Josh." After we talked about the development of her baby and how God expects us to treat innocent human beings, Gloria said she thought God wanted her to keep the baby. I continued to encourage her throughout the year by email.



A rescued star—Gloria and Josh's son

A few evenings ago I sat by the fireplace basking in the radiance of our freshly adorned Christmas tree. The music and festive decorations were bringing on the Christmas spirit. I had just finished admiring the star that I had affixed to the top of our tree when I heard the familiar ping from my computer. I only thought I was feeling the spirit of Christmas before, but then I read this email from Gloria:

I am happy to announce that...our son was born on Monday...weighing in at almost nine pounds! ... He is beautiful and healthy and vivacious. Josh and I are very proud and very much in love with our son...

I wanted to let you know that...you and your team made a huge contribution to the quality of *my* life: **You indirectly helped birth my son**, and...this one life you did touch is breathing today because of the selflessness, love, and devotion your team has for the beauty of *LIFE*.

Your efforts are never in vain.

I like to open JFA training seminars by sharing Loren Eisley's story *The Star Thrower*. The starfish in this story serves as a symbol of the lives we save. Now also, thanks to Gloria and Josh, I will always see the Christmas Star the same way.

The Star Thrower

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?" The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die." "Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

At this, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "I made a difference for that one."

Santa's Support Report

Santa's list has all the names of those who were *nice* enough to support the Michener family financially in 2011. We could not have done this work without you, and we are so grateful. We know the Lord, not Santa, will bless you for your generosity.

We need only \$350 per month to be fully funded for 2012. If you are one who gives on an annual basis, <u>consider donating</u> before December 31^{st} to maximize this year's tax deduction. If you have been intending to become a regular supporter, I invite you to begin by giving a <u>Christmas gift</u> this month.

Christmas time is especially joyous for me as I celebrate the birth of several special people. In this season I celebrate not only the birth of Jesus, but also the birth of my wife, Jayne, the birth of our first-born child, Penny Noel, and now the birth of Gloria and Josh's son.

-John Michener



unknown artist

