

The Light of Gabriel Foundation

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Monthly Feature: Gabriel's Light

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In a short period of time, Gabriel's Light as began to shine brightly and further than I ever imagined. God has truly blessed this sad but needed ministry.

In my research, I have found that from August 2008 – September 2009, 15 infants under the age of 8 months have died. Ten of these infants have died in 2009 alone. Since burying my baby boy in August 2009, two infants, to my knowledge, have followed Gabriel to Heaven. I never understood the true miracle of children from conception to delivery, until I was faced with the loss of my son.

When an infant dies, it is nothing that a family prepares for, however the cost of the burial ritual is expensive even with donations provided by generous organizations in and out of our area. Our experience was one in which we were blessed enough to have resources and assistance with the funeral expense for Gabriel, however had we not had these resources, I don't know what options would have been available to us. A part of the Foundation's mission is to ensure that families have an option on the burial ritual of their children. To bereaved parents, this is of great importance in the healing process.

The Foundation would like to thank all those who have already donated to this worthy cause.

Healing Hearts

The Foundation has participated in County and City fairs to spread the message of our mission to women and family members who are walking the same painful road. I have found multiple women who are very interested in having a support group here in our area. As a result of this need, the Foundation has established the Healing Hearts meeting for women who have lost a child at any age, not just infants.

The Healing Heart meetings are scheduled to begin on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the CASA office at 601 Water Street. This meeting is open to all Mothers who have lost children at any age, not just infants. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 469-438-8778.

Upcoming Events

- October 15th is National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day
- October 22nd is first Healing Hearts meeting at 601 Water Street; Waxahachie
- October 30th is Boo @ Marie Q during trick or treat on the square

How Can You Help?

The Foundation has become partners with multiple sites in order to help raise funds for our missions, but we are still in need.

GoodSearch.com & GoodShop.com

Logon to GoodSearch.com and use this as your search engine. The Foundation will receive \$.1 per search.

Also when shopping online, use GoodShop.com and the Foundation receives a generous percentage of your purchases.

Zazzle.com

The Foundation has also set up an online store for merchandise such as t-shirts, shoes, coffee mugs, etc. to assist in raising funds for the Foundation.

Boo @ Marie Q

On October 30th during trick or treat on the square Marie Q Photography will host a fundraiser to benefit Waxahachie Care and The Light of Gabriel Foundation. Bring two can goods to benefit Waxahachie Care food pantry or \$5 donation per child to benefit The Light of Gabriel.

Donations

The Foundation is still in need of donations to assist with burial rituals for families who are low income in our area as well as materials for the Healing Hearts meetings. Contributions can be mailed to the address above or by credit cards online at www.lightofgabriel.org.

All donations are tax deductible and a letter of contribution will be mailed upon receipt.

Thank you for helping us so that
we may reach out and help others!

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