



HOPE of the Grand Valley™



HOPE of the Grand Valley Immediate Need

I received this call from Anna at 10:30 Saturday night. I knew this must be a desperate call considering the day and time of the call, and it was.

Anna stays awake all night to make sure her baby is ok and applies the medication he needs for his eyes every hour, she began a search for help via the Internet; God showed her HOPE of the Grand Valley first and she immediately made the call.

I met with Anna Monday and I then had the great pleasure to meet her and baby Ashton. Anna's story follows. As you read this, I believe you will certainly count Your blessings, and as always I know God has already picked those that He want to help this family.

This plea is from a desperate, tired mom that loves her baby, no matter what. This is the unconditional love of a mother for her child.

As my heart goes out to Anna I have promised to do all I can to make the road they are on at least a bit more comfortable. We prayed together and we prayed over little Ashton, for peace and wisdom for Anna, and for comfort and healing for Ashton. He is in so much pain; poor little guy sleeps for a bit, but wakes up screaming from the pain he is in, it looked to me like the only comfort he received was in his mothers arms or in that borrowed swing. I had the pleasure of giving Ashton his bottles...yes TWO of them, he is a beautiful baby, a miracle from God. I do know HE has a true heart for children, and of course he knows my heart and Yours.

Thank you so much for always taking time to read these emails! This is a VERY difficult one to read, but this mom and baby need our help.

Love and Blessings!
Vicki

Ps 72:4

He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.

Anna's Story:

My name is Anna, I was born in Tallinn, Estonia. My parents were alcoholics and drug users. My mom killed my dad when I was about five years old. I don't know what happened to her after that. I was placed in an orphanage in Riga Latvia when I was 5 because my mom abandoned my brother and me. We were at the orphanage until we were 12. We were abused there.

My parents adopted my brother and me when I was 12. I had a lot of problems dealing with all the abuse and neglect we went through when we were at the orphanage. My adopted mom and dad are amazing people that God chose to bless us as our parents.

I have a 4-year-old baby boy named Nathaniel. He was with my ex husband. We got a divorce because of emotional and physical abuse.



Ashton:



I met my boyfriend Travis and were blessed with a baby boy born on July 26, 2011 Ashton was born with **Fraser Syndrome** he is our little miracle.

We had to have a surgery immediately because he was born with renal malformations. We have to dilate this twice a day and he is in pain all the time, especially when he needs to have a bowel movement.

He also was born with no eyelids; his right eyelid is fused to his eye and his left eye is infected. We do not know if he can see, we are being told he will be blind, but we are trying not to believe this. Ashton has fused fingers and one ear is fused to his head. His nose is cleft and more issues than I really know at this point. But he is our little blessing; our gift from God and I love him.

Ashton has had 1 surgery so far on his left eye to see if we could fix some of the damage to his cornea. The doctors don't give us much hope for that eye. We are trying to stay as optimistic as we can. He will be going through at least 3 more surgeries for his left eye to reconstruct the eyelid and to see if they could do a transplant on his left eye. After that they will see what they can do for the reconstruction on his right eye. For now we have to put drops and salve in both eyes and put saran wrap over his eyes to keep them moist since he doesn't have any eyelids, he cannot ever close his eyes. This must be done every hour.

In six months to a year we will have to have surgery done on Ashton's fingers and his ear to see if they can be fixed. Also we're going to see the plastic surgeon to see what they can do for his ear and nose. He will go through reconstructive surgery for his penis also. So these are just some of the issues Ashton's faces over the next few years.

But through it all he has been our little angel that we will love and give him the best life we can possibly give to him. We are struggling financially right now, because of Ashton's need for around the clock care I cannot go back to work.

Travis works hard to provide for our family, but he only makes 15.00 an hour and works 30-38 hours a week and we are just not able to afford to go to Denver Children's anymore and we are hoping through God and HOPE of the Grand Valley we can travel to Denver's Children's Hospital to get Ashton all the help we can get.



Vicki's Notes:

After my meeting with Anna and little Ashton, I saw the love she has for him. I also saw a very tired young woman. We have her housing situation underway thanks to the GJHA. We are working with her case managers for her additional medical needs for Ashton.

Also, diapers and formula to take care of Ashton for the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to our wonderful County Directors, Case Managers, and Food Bank as we work though another one together, I thank God I live in Mesa Count and with such amazing people, that are also my friends.

Exactly what our Vision statement is

Vision Statement: Our Community working together as ONE through Christ, bringing Hope and Assistance to those in need.

So, what are we asking You to do? Pray, as I know God has the right people to help this family, at this time everything Anna has for Ashton is borrowed, and the owners are asking for these items to be returned.

Ashton's immediate needs are:

Neosporin Triple Ointment

Newborn Diapers

Baby Swing

Changing Table

Baby Bed



HOPE of the Grand Valley is providing ongoing support, along with:

Furniture and household items to get the apartment in sanitary condition

Formula

Diapers

Newborn clothing

Rocking Chair (every baby needs a rocking chair :o)

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"And their prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make them well. And anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results."

James 5:15-16 (NLT)