

Dear Church Family,

Tina Corn, our minister of children and families, has taken in three foster children: brothers Jonathan (10 years), Blake (8 years) and Kolby (4 months). When the boys arrived approximately three-four weeks ago, Easley First Baptist leaders put out the word, and members brought items on a Wednesday evening to contribute.

As the boys have settled in, there have been the customary adjustments, but the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting tumult have added an extra layer of stress and need. Under the current circumstances, I am communicating with you via Realm and Parlant to let you know about the continuing need and ask that you consider contributing as you are able.

For the household, the needs are:

- Baby formula
- Grocery cards

For the boys, the needs are:

- Summer clothing, shoes, and underwear (clothing sizes 10-12 and 12-14; shoe sizes 5 and 5.5; and Dry-Fit Boxers by Hanes)
- Baby blankets, diapers, and summer clothing in size 9 mo.

Note: They are Florida State fans; please no Clemson items.

Also, if anyone has an extra or an older iPad that s/he is willing to share, please consider loaning it. Or, a group may want to chip in together and purchase an inexpensive iPad for the older boys.

Tina also needs something like a Baby Delight Bedside Sleeper, if someone has one to loan. Kolby has slept with his mother on a single bed in a homeless shelter for his entire life of four months. He is not sleeping at night alone... (which means Tina is not sleeping either).

The needs are immediate. Government assistance that Tina will receive for the boys' care will not begin for another month yet.

Given the restrictions on all of us at this time, how shall we respond? Ideas include:

1. Order online and have the item(s) shipped directly to Tina at 304 Cardinal Woods Way, Easley 29642.
2. Contribute financially with a gift mailed directly to Tina at the address above or, if through the church, indicating that your gift is for Tina and the boys.

Please pray for Tina, Jonathan, Blake, and Kolby. Thank you, too, for your prayerful consideration of these needs and what we all can do together to help meet them. What an exciting way to be the church in these days!

Bountiful blessings and boat loads of joy!

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