

Dear W.C.,

4/26/10

I am a mother raising four children on my own. I left my husband of ten years several months ago to escape his constant verbal and physical abuse. I had to leave with only the clothes on our back to not raise any suspicion.

When we first married he was a kind, loving husband. Even after our third child he still was a good father and supportive husband. Then during my last pregnancy I had many health problems. He had recently lost his job due to the recession and our health insurance ended with it. My husband became an angry, mean man over the next several months. It was as if his whole identity was tied to his job. When he couldn't get another job he began to take it out on me. He would yell at the children and me for no reason. Then one day the children began to bicker, like normal children do, and he started hitting them hard. I was on doctor ordered bed rest at the time but when I saw this I jumped to their defense. He had never raised a hand to our children before. They are all very well behaved good kids. When I ran to them he turned on me and hit me as well. All I could do was cry. I knew my loving husband was gone and not coming back. I was so distraught our daughter was born premature the next day.

He was never apologetic about the hitting incident. In fact he blamed me for our daughter's premature birth and health bills. I became the source for all his anger and even hatred. I've heard of people changing like this but would never have believed it would happen to my husband. I stayed with him until my daughter was healthy and strong. Those months of waiting to save my children and myself were some of the darkest I've ever endured. He hit me many more times. Once for asking for gas in the car and another for mentioning we did not have any food in the house for the children. Even though we did not have money for gas, food, or rent, he managed to find money to drink. I did my best to keep the kids quiet or out of the house when he was home and drinking. Even with those precautions he came after them several times and I stepped in to save them. I became the person to take out his frustrations on. Better me than the children.

I am writing now to ask for help. I managed to get us all away. I would like to get my childcare established and find a job. I have filed for divorce and placed a restraining order on my husband. Hopefully that will keep us all safe. It is all I can do with four children to care for. Thank you and God Bless you.

Distraught Mother

Dear Readers,

When I met with this mother all the children were in school, except the baby. She was a beautiful happy baby that smiled easily, oblivious to all the turmoil in her young life. The

mother had obviously done a good job to shield her from the tension and abuse. Unfortunately, the mother did not look so well. She was extremely thin and had dark circles under her eyes. Her hands shook as she looked around nervously. She confessed she was still in fear of her husband finding her and following through with one of the many threats he had made. She knew the restraining order was not enough protection.

We talked about what direction she should be pursuing in her life. After talking over the situation extensively, I made several phone calls. We found a safe haven for the mother and children. They needed help for a shared rent. The “safe house” we found was large enough to house the existing family, and the mother and her four children. When we arrived at the “safe house” they were given a warm welcome.

The very next day we received a wonderful donated car and I immediately knew who was going to receive it. I called this mother right away with the good news and she couldn't believe how fast we had responded to her need. She was extremely grateful for and proud of her car. This car will make a world of difference in her new independent life. After several weeks living in a safe environment, free of the abuse I visited. The children were happy and doing well in their new school. The mother was much healthier and had formed a bond with the owners of the house. The Time Is Now provided them with food, clothing, household necessities, and beds. All things she did not ask for but I knew she was in desperate need of. Thanks to your Caring and Sharing she can start a new life with her children, free of pain and anxiety.

I thank all of you for your support to *The Time Is Now to Help*. Together we make a big difference helping our fellow creations of God.

Health & Happiness, God Bless Everyone, W.C.

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Upcoming Event: SU-MOE Golf Scramble, Saturday, May 8th, 2010, 12 P.M. 18-hole shotgun, at Evergreen Golf Club, Elkhorn, WI. This event will benefit the W.C. Resource Center Food Pantry. Pay by April 24th-\$65 per player, includes golf with cart and dinner. Raffles and silent auction will follow. For more information please contact John @ 262-215-0895 or Moe @ 262-227-5161. Come enjoy a great day of golf for a great cause, feeding our poverty stricken neighbors.

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