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## Changes Come. The Need Continues. Our Purpose Remains.

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## Dear FOX CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH,

"Sometimes we moved in the middle of the night.

No warning. No time to say goodbye.

Not to my friends. Or even my pets."

Ashley moved eighteen times in her childhood. By the time she moved into my house, she should have been tired of it. Her six years at Shiloh are the longest she's ever lived anywhere.

Even married life with a devoted husband has brought several job-related changes of residency. Will these changes cause her to replicate that same upheaval in the lives of her children? Not without a fight! Let me clarify...Ashley is not a former Shiloh child with Denice and me. She's a full grown woman and warrior of God.

She has learned to make the best of life's unexpected changes. When you look into her brown eyes, you see "Compassion", "Kindness", "Determination" and "Love". That's what our Shiloh staff told me when I surveyed them today.

Ashley moved 25 times before coming to Shiloh Ashley and Jeremy Cohn have been homeparents here at Shiloh since January 2017. Their most recent move was into my home. But I don't live there anymore. Our recent merger with the Kahoka site brought the Penfields and Cohns to Clarence.

Their home at the Kahoka site was the "longest stay in my lifetime," confides Ashley. "It's the only house Edith remembers. It was the first time all the girls were able to have a bike." Coming from a life in cities and towns, there was never a good place for the girls to ride. "Thomas, our first Shiloh boy, taught them how to ride," she recalls fondly.

"God put homeparenting on my heart at six years-old," she explains.
"Jeremy and I started talking about it early in our dating." That's where his heart is, too.

"All I ever wanted since I was eight years-old is to be a Dad," Jeremy reveals. "I never had a steady dad in my life." Now several kids have told him, "You're the only Dad I ever had." Jeremy explains it is a 'heavy responsibility and a huge privilege." Your giving allows great homeparent couples like the Cohns to love and care for our Shiloh children.

The biggest responsibility and privilege is sharing the Good News of Jesus. Jeremy has baptized several children into Christ and looks forward to helping many more find salvation in the years ahead. He and Ashley just want to be the Lord's hands and feet wherever God takes them.

Shiloh gives them the chance to genuinely live out their faith in front of the kids in their home. "If we can be genuine with people, they can see Jesus," explains Ashley. "Jesus is genuine. He tells us to abide in Him, to make our home in Him. I tell them there will be struggles…it's real. But they can have Somebody with them." They can have Jesus."



Because you give to Shiloh, our children have the opportunity to see a Godly mother and father model what God designed the family to be. Your next gift will ensure more children have that same chance.

Ironically, the Cohns won't be in this house very long either. Lord willing, there is a newly constructed home in their near future. The sale of the homes and acreage at Kahoka has proceeded wonderfully, but you are at the heart of this initial progress. Your faithfulness in prayer and support have given our Shiloh Board of Trustees the confident trust to move forward this summer. Wise stewardship in the past has also allowed us to begin the construction of Home C5 this spring.

"When I look at this New Home, I see...HIS GRACE." The Cohns are content to be serving wherever God needs them and leads them. The new home being constructed is humbling for Ashley. I mentioned her eyes earlier. What is it that fills her eyes when she looks at the C5 rising

from a former hay field? "I don't deserve such a beautiful house," she confesses, "but when I look at it, when I look at this New House, I see Grace...His Grace."

Shiloh has been so blessed by your generosity and we are still solely dependent upon God's supply through you to keep meeting the challenges that face youngsters and families in this age of upheaval. This is more than just a house, it is a home that will be a battleground, and fortress, and field hospital for the spiritual conflicts that children face.

Please prayerfully prepare your next gift and have confidence that it will make a difference in the lives of our children and the future of Shiloh. Because...

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Jesus Christ Is Our Purpose.

Cherish Life,

**Kevin Blew** 

Stewardship Officer

P.S. Please mark the date of August 26, 2023 on Your calendar for our Shiloh Open House at the Clarence ranch site. Come and see all the exciting progress You are part of making happen!

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