

*"For you created my inmost being
you knit me together in my mother's womb."*

Psalm 139:13 NIV



Beerlahai Roi Women's Ministries

A Haven for Homeless Pregnant Women

March 2026

Our

Mission:

Offer care and compassion to homeless pregnant women in a safe and loving environment.

There's a New Little Resident at the House

Meet Amira Elizabeth who was born on January 13. She weighed 9 lbs, 7 oz. Her mother, Crystal, came home on the 15th, but Amira stayed in the hospital for several additional days so medical staff could monitor her progress. That was very difficult for Crystal, but Amira's home now and doing great. We thank God for this healthy, happy little girl!

Crystal is taking a couple months at home to settle in with her baby. She will soon be looking for a new job and daycare arrangements. Later in the year, she hopes to take classes to prepare for a career that will support her little family for a bright and happy future.



Spring is a Special Time to Support Moms and Babies



Like Spring, the BeerLahai Roi Women's Ministries' Dollars for Babies fundraiser is right around the corner. Easter, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day bring to mind God's great love for us, our families, and all His children. As you enjoy the new life and promise of Spring this year, please pray for the homeless women in our area who are pregnant. They need the shelter, security and loving care we can offer thanks to God's provision and the generous support of people like you.

You can make a donation during this fundraiser on our website www.beerlahairoi.com or by mailing a check to PO Box 4351, Springfield IL 62708-4351. If you'd like to learn how to arrange a Baby Bottle Bank event for your church, school or organization, contact Laura at 217-494-0503.

Current Needs List

Toilet paper • Gallon & quart zipper bags • Chlorox wipes • 13-gallon trash bags
Deodorant • Diapers – size 1

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Board Updates

Tom and Denise Beeching left the BLR board late last year. We thank them for their years of service and commitment to our mission and the women helped by it, and look forward to their continued support as friends of this ministry.

Steve Tibbs joined the board in January. As we look ahead, we are happy to add the insights and enthusiasm he brings.



BeerLahai Roi Board & Staff Christmas Gathering

Back L-R: Doug Fields, Kim Fields, Autumn Tibbs, Debbie Tobin,

Laura VanProyen, Wanda Britton - Front L-R: Judy Lewis, Bob Milnes, Pat Milnes

Welcome new board member, Steve Tibbs

Steve Tibbs says that he first became involved with BLR last year to support his wife, Autumn, who answered the call to serve on BLR's Board. He goes on to say that he can see the passion she and all of the board members have for helping young women navigate an unplanned pregnancy and he was honored when presented with the opportunity to also serve on the BLR board.

Steve and Autumn have a blended family and have been married 15 years. They enjoy spending time with their three children, ages 17, 24 and 34. During the week, Steve works for a local farmer transporting grain. On weekends, they can often be found working on their house. "It was a real fixer upper," Steve says. They love vacationing in Montana and hope to move there someday.

Steve was not raised in church and had a pretty difficult time as a young adult. He knew of Jesus but didn't have a personal relationship with Him. All of that changed in 2012 when a friend invited them to Hope Church. Steve says that within a few years he

unmistakenly started to see the Holy Spirit at work in his life and he fell in love with Jesus! Steve and their youngest son were baptized together in 2018.

Steve and Autumn, and their youngest son,

recently attended the "Rooted Experience" at Hope Church. Rooted is a 10-week bible study emphasizing prayer, service, connection and celebration. Steve says he now knows that God undoubtedly used that experience to lead them to serve at BLR. He is looking forward to serving God's most vulnerable population alongside his family and church family.

One of Steve's favorite bible verses comes from Matthew 6:34.

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

"My prayer for the young women BLR serves is that they experience the love and grace of Jesus Christ and submit their lives to the Lord. I pray that they can be fully present for their children, without worrying about tomorrow, and trust in the Lord to provide for all of their needs."

