

WISH #17

A SECOND LOOK AT A FAMILY IN NEED



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You may remember that just two weeks ago, we sent Brad and Calista Baker a \$500 gift card to Wal-Mart to help with purchasing the essentials: food, clothing, etc. This family was struggling financially, and it seemed like every corner they turned, had a new roadblock for them to face.

Upon receipt of their wish, we learned that the family's car had been repossessed and they had no transportation to get both Calista and their daughter to school (Calista is taking nursing classes). The family's financial woes started several years ago when their daughter became ill, and Calista had to leave her job to care for their daughter. With one income, they battled day-to-day expenses, and even made strides to reduce their financial obligations (they sold a car, Calista started a grooming business and began nursing classes). The Baker's were making all the right steps, but somehow their hole seemed to be growing deeper and deeper. On top of all their financial worries, Calista suddenly started having health problems, and has since been undergoing tests to determine the cause of her symptoms.

We wanted to help if we could. We immediately posted their situation on our website and proposed the idea of either getting their car back or purchasing a used car to replace the one they lost. We got a few responses and donations on our site, but the days were going by with the Baker's spending money they didn't have on taxis and city buses.

"I wish we could say something else besides thank you to let you know how much we appreciate all you have done for us. Just the way you treated us alone was a help. I pray that one day soon we are in a better place and can help your organization in some way, because what you do is wonderful." -Calista Baker

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Unfortunately, we were not able to raise enough money through our website to purchase a used vehicle for the Baker's. We are a young Foundation, with limited funding, and there a number of service members that need assistance. In time, with the help of corporations, grants, and continued individual contributions, we will have the funding to grant wishes on a very large scale. Despite our current limitations, we were determined to help the Baker's in some way. As a result, we sent them \$1,000 in Visa gift cards, which we will assist them in getting their car back or help them with other expenses they have acquired.

Thank you to all who contributed on our website, and to the Baker's for sharing their story with us.

