Tuesday - February 20

Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. Matthew 5:42

As I became a mother my sole purpose in life became caring for a little human who could not take care of himself. I am blessed beyond measure to have the support of many people who assisted in collecting necessary items to care for my child. I am also grateful that both my husband and I have employment and the financial means to provide what is needed to take care of our child.

It was not until one day when my husband asked about donating some of our extra, out grown diapers that I became truly humbled and realized I needed to look beyond myself and help other mothers. You see when we inquired, we were told that diapers were in such high demand that they were only able to give 5 diapers out to each family per week. If you have ever taken care of a baby, they can go through this and more in one day! I realized that even though my brain was telling me to "save our unused diapers for the future," having these sit in the back of a closet was no way to help bring the Light of Christ to our   community. Some mothers probably felt as there was no hope, they would not be able to properly care for their children.

This began my journey to give back to those in our community who were asking for help. When we were asked to sponsor from the Angel Tree at Christmas, I was so excited to go shopping. Knowing I could bring a little hope to a child who would not receive much more for Christmas warmed my soul. Heaven may have touched these families who were a part of receiving from our ministry but I believe God also broke through to me and allowed me to begin living by his word "Give to the one who asks...do not turn away."

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Prayer: Dear Lord, I pray that you humble those who have the means to
provide for themselves to reflect and find something they may be able to give to those in need. I pray that they feel your presence guiding them in a way to build a stronger community. Amen.