

COMMUNITY

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY WORKING OUT THE IMAGE OF GOD

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Sissel Flick and Mindy Skipper along with some of the women from Nurturing A Mother's Heart Small Group.

Why is community a big deal? Because God exists in community—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

The value and beauty of community are often seen best when a small group actively reaches out and cares for those dealing with crisis. This truth was lived out recently by members of Nurturing a Mothers' Heart, a life group for moms with young children.

Sissel Flick, a woman of great faith and godly character, is a member of this devoted small group. When we asked Sissel's permission to tell her story, she said she knew her story was for everyone—how could she not share it? One mom fondly remembers hearing Sissel pray over their hearts, that their lives as mothers would be sweet and pleasing to the Lord. The Lord was faithful to answer. . .

As parents of seven beautiful children, Sissel and husband Greg added twin boys, Elisha and Ephraim, to their loving home in November 2010. Ephraim was fine, but Elisha battled critical health issues soon after his birth. During Elisha's ongoing struggle, the ladies of Mothers' Heart banded together to minister encouragement and love in caring and practical ways. Countless meals for the family were prepared and delivered, and the Flick children were watched over

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faithfully during critical times in Elisha's care. How many women from the group were involved? All of them were. In some way or another, each and every woman gave of her time and talents to care for the Flicks as they cared for Elisha. God was truly glorified.

Despite months of prayer, love, and intensive medical care, Elisha went home to be with his heavenly Father in April 2011. His brief life served as a great blessing to this group of ladies. They experienced unity as sisters in Christ as they cared for the Flicks—true harmony brought only by God's grace. Together, this KPC small group experienced the reality of God's strength and found joy in pain and light in times of darkness. And the caring continues.

We have witnessed how God moves in a community of believers and how He pours out His love and protection through that community. In particular, we have been reminded that Nurturing a Mother's Heart is more than just a group that meets to study and pray; this group is part of the larger KPC community, a community of love that flows from Jesus into the lives of one another.



Nate baptizing Elisba in the hospital



The Flick's children release balloons on the hospital grounds