

“Alpha Center cared about me. I did not think I would find my second home at Alpha Center, but I did. They never stopped praying for me and I thank God every day for my Alpha Family.” – Birkti



Omna & Birkti At Alpha Center



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Birkti & Yemariam

At the age of 23, Birkti felt alone when she found out she was pregnant. Not wanting to burden family members with her anxiety and fear, Alpha Center became a place of reassurance. Desiring to be the best mother possible, Birkti was eager for the pregnancy and parenting information available through the *Earn While You Learn* program and *Life Skills Class*. **However, what she desired most was the relational support she found through each Alpha Center team member, especially her volunteer mentor.** Birkti confided in them that her nine-year-old daughter, Omna, was still living in their home country of Ethiopia. Living apart from Omna was emotionally challenging for Birkti, especially during her pregnancy with Yemariam. Birkti found great comfort in the encouragement she received during her weekly appointments at Alpha Center.

After five years of separation, Birkti was reunited with Omna in October. Birkti is able to teach her the parenting skills she learned during *Life Skills Class* so that Omna is able to help her care for Yemariam.



Alpha Baby *Yemariam*

**I wish you could meet Birkti.** Her gratitude radiates through her infectious smile – even when her circumstances felt disheartening. It's humbling to think how God used Alpha Center in so many ways to encourage her to remain hopeful – to which she would say, "I'm simply grateful."

Through all of this, you were right there with us. Your financial gifts serve as a unique way to instill hope in the lives of the brave and strong women we serve. As you now ponder the ways God has abundantly blessed you, would you please consider a gift of \$500, \$250, \$100 or any amount so that we can continue transforming lives together. These smiling faces are a beautiful example of whom you influence through your support.

For HIS Unborn,

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