# desperation a true story

Two artists (Delia Bajo and Brainard Carey) live in the East Village of New York City. They get married, and after Delia gets pregnant, they decide to have the child, faced with neither insurance or a steady income. They ask for help in a unique way—by sending out one hundred thousand letters via email asking for advice, a donation, or help of any kind.

While they are trying to make art, to raise a child, to live, they are hounded by the cruelest of predators—the bills. Strangely perhaps, they persevere through the most desperate situations with tempers and tears, and have not given up.

This book is one story of survival, of desperation, of a gamble that they took with the stress and anticipation of a child on the way. In the letters of advice that came in and are printed here, there are glimpses of man's humanity to man. And even when there is a bit of inhumanity, it often carries an overtone of care, undermining its angry surface.

This is a book of hope.

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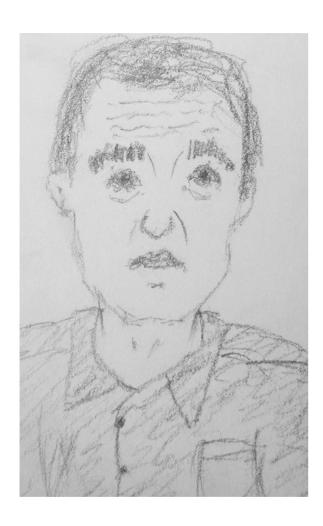
Congratulations on slipping through two junk mail blockers. Consider employment with a junk mail firm.

After thinking about it, it is no wonder your message escaped the blockers. You promised no easy money, sex, ground floor opportunity, baldness cure, obesity cure, hot stock tip, etc. By not promising me anything, the request came through. If the results were good, do it again and again until it no longer works, then sell the proven method to others in the form of a book or seminars.

#### Berminator

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What???? Are you kidding? Do you realize how many of us need money and help with our children? Try taking care of more than one, on an income of only one adult, with a housepayment, I also have no insurance, I struggle to make ends meet, I live in ohio for crimmney sake. What do you expect me to do, well here is what I am going to do, I will pray for you. Pray that you go to apply at mcdonalds and get a decent job to support your family.



Maybe instead of paying 19.95 a month for internet access, you will spend it on a newspaper and a pen so you can circle the jobs you can get. Now is the perfect time for a carpenter because of the weather. Good luck.

JB

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Good Luck in this, but I have my own family to raise. Good luck

Charlie

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You are so full of shit. Take me off this spam mail list. You are original. The first internet beggar. Great Robert Jeffrey

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As out of work carpenter in Manhattan? My family is from Manhattan. I'll give you the names of several people that need carpentry work. I'll bet you \$10 you never show up with tools, nor do have the vaguest notion how to calculate rise and run for a set of stairs. Wanna take that bet? Calculate the rise and run of a set of stairs that has to get to a height of 8' in a distance of 10'2". How tall is each step and how deep is each stair assuming no overhang.

# Jeff Flower

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Based on your ability to trig out a set of stairs correctly, I am now convinced that you are in fact a carpenter (although I've never seen you swing a hammer), and you are in fact expecting a child. Great. My relatives are in Basking Ridge, New Vernon and Manhattan. Give me your phone number, and I will let them know that you are available.

Jeff Flower

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DON'T WRITE AND ASK FOR MONEY LIKE THIS ANYMORE, BOY SOME PEOPLE SURE HAVE NERVE. HOW DID YOU EVERY COME ACROSS MY EMAIL ADDRESS? HAVE A NICE DAY

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First off, I would like to congratulate you on your new baby. Secondly, I would like to offer the following words and advice: Go to www.jobs.com and look up appropriate work to yourself in a job that in perhaps outside your main field of interest (i.e. carpentry) or find some lines of work that will allow you to get the necessary insurance and ability to support your family. It is also imperative that you move to a less expensive place (i.e., Manhattan) to a cheaper and more affordable area of the US where you can live well and pay less rent while you do so. I guarantee you that carpenters are needed in this country, so good luck on finding a job and on your eventual move! Cheer up,

#### Pradyumna

p.s. I cannot send money as it would be morally improper for me to send money to people who send me emails; (1) I cannot verify your story, (2) I would be creating undue dependence in your life in which you were continually dependent upon the kindness of others, and for the love of god and respect for you, I could not possibly burden you with such a dependency. Take care. Say hi to the little one when it arrives. I wish you well. Cheer up,

# Pradyumna

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Yes I do not believe your letter. Plus what you and your friend are doing is against the law. Furthermore, I have turned in your letter to Abuse at earthlink. If you are indeed a carpenter, not only can you afford what you are asking for in this booming construction market, but you could pay for it twice over.

#### Alan Iones

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We have very low unemployment in West TN. We are in great need of carpenters. If you can afford to live in an apartment in MANHATTAN, I'm sure you would be able to live well here. Since your wife is pregnant, we have good Physicians, I am speaking from experience since I was a Physician recruiter and recruited many Physicians from the New York area. We treat people who are indigent in our county hospitals. Also, if you will check out this website which deal with free grants to people who qualify you might find help. FreeCash87275@wired.com. Good luck!

#### Linda Smith

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My advice is to move out of NYC if you want to save money, What are you thinking? And lose the internet access. There's an extra \$20 right there! cb70

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I can't afford to donate, but here's a suggestion: move out of Manhattan. That alone will save you plenty of money. Good luck.

Jorie Green

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Go fuck yourself

Bryan Flood

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Sorry — can't help, but maybe you should contact your local health department—they can help.

# Sassydragon

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Why don't you move out of Manhattan? Find a cheaper apartment. God helps those who help themselves and jesus christ almighty, now there is panhandling on the internet?!!!! Hey chucklehead why don't you sell your computer if you are so hard up. Not to mention that if you're really in that dire of straights they won't kick your pregnant wife out of th hospital. That is even if you have a pregnant wife. Charity? Get a life bum.

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Move south and you can find a job

Jonathan Jacobs

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heres my words of advice—get a fuckin life you cocksuckin con-artist, do u think that all of us just have money coming out our asses? Well think again pal —u shoulda thought about all this before u knocked up ur old lady!!!! Well, have a nice day!!!! Asshole!!!!!!

# Drew

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Move out of Manhattan and save LOTS of money

#### Hobbymasters

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I don't know if I can give you any advice, but I can tell you what I have and know. Just don't lose hope or faith. Pray continually and believe that your prayers will be answered. Maybe not the way you want them to be answered, but just know that whatever happens, is all in a master plan and is for the best. Put your

faith in powers above and not in man. And good luck and I hope everything turns out for the best.

#### Brianne

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You very well could be legitamate, however all the flakes in the world make it difficult for me to believe your story, I personally feel you have discovered a new scam, I think people that pester other people with these internet lists should be prosecuted. My advice would be to stop sitting on the internet and get a job, the economy is better than it had been in many years, there is no such thing as "can't find a job," you and I both know that. I doubt this will mean anything to you, but you will never feel good about yourseldf with your internet mooching program. I have a son who is young and has little money, I would be very disheartened if I found him asking for money on the internet like a mooch on the street corner. You can let the internet mooch while you while the hours away watching TV. What a deal—I am forwarding your letter to my internet provider in the form of a complaint. I hope you don't do this again. In closing, it would be different if you were disabled or sick. And we both know there are programs in place for the disabled and sick, all Federally/ State funded. I hope there aren't people foolish enough to respond to this line you are using. I think you are just looking for a free ride.

#### Jeffrey Nesbit

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Unfortunatley I cannot give any monetary donations to you, however, I do have some advice. I live in Minnesota, and there is a huge demand for carpenters here in the St. Paul-minneapolis area, maybe a change of location could do you well.

# Doug Morey

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Move and you are a total dummy. If you move south there are plenty of fucking jobs. You are the reason the internet makes people gun-shy. MOVE MOVE MOVE I hope you get nothing . . . NOTHING at all. MOVE MOVE MOVE.

#### D Braie

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Yes, this is an unusual letter. I congratulate on your upcoming visit from the stock. Yes, insurance is exhorbitant, as is everything—except usually our paychecks! Would you be willing to spend 6-10 hours a week to secure your family's future? Dale Calvert who has already developed millionaires from the company he catapulted to be name one of the top ten network marketing companies for the last 2 years, has just started a new company, Nu Creations This is an exciting business opportunity. Besides phenomenal products to take to the market place and make immediate retail profit, the marketing plan is simply awesome! Could you use an extra \$862 month? How about an extra \$2500 or more? Not only is it possible, it is likely! If you are serious about providing financial security for you, your wife, and new baby, then you will want to check this out. This is not a get rich quick scheme, but if you have a burning desire to succeed, and a good work ethic, your success us guaranteed. We are groundfloor—the company is in Pre-Launch with official launch date June 1. You could be a Founder's Club member while making a significant second (or first) income! Check it out today. This is the day that could change your life. http:// www. wave3concepts.com. Best regards,

#### Jana Hailey

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I need to tallk to your wife on the phone first give me your number. Alsdo you should send me a picture of your wife pregnant—nude if possible. I am a photographer and My own wife is my model. She can speak to her. We are a bisexual couple maybe we could have fun the 4 of us.

# Roby and Sabine.

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OK, thank you for your note, but what exactly are you saying? How about you give us your number and we'll call you?

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You must trust us and give us your number. You are asking for help YOU MUST TRUST US THEN. We thought my wife and myself to take nude pictures of your pregnant wiffe or maybe we could have sex the four of YOUR pregnant wife. WE LOVE PREGNANT WOMANS OR GIRLS. Sabine and Rob. Did you raise a lot of cash? ARE YOU BOTH INTO COUPLE TO COUPLE SEX?

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How did you get my Email address.

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I find your story to be very touching, and daring as well. I am sending you a small donation of 50 dollars, but I would consider an interest free loan of 5 thousand dollars if you could indeed provide me proof of your situation. The loan could be re-paid over the course of 5 years, with no obligation other than your good word to re-pay. Good luck to you in the future.

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What a scam. I hope they put you in jail.

R. Loer

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If you can't find work in this economy you better go live with your parents or your in laws.

Andy Grosso

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You are kidding me\_\_right?

R. Maus

Jim

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I'm a little behind in reading my email—I just came across this. How are you? How is your family? Is this approach working for you? I've got a lot of other questions, but this will do for now. Until later,

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go fuck yourself. If you had half a brain you'd move out of manhattan and get an apartment you could actually afford. How dare you send me your misery laden spam. Why don't you sell your fucking computer instead of annoying half the city with your bullshit.

J. Frank

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I feel for you, I wish I could help but I am strapped with a infant, and a terrible divorce. Housing in the Washington state area in which I live in booming, I can appreciate your situation my father was a carpenter for 41 years, 9 months of which was as a laborer, then foreman, then superintendent state. It may be hard but you have to go where the building boon is. Getting a crew that you can trust and subcontracting is a start, doing quality work and having to deal with ruthless people who always want the cheapest deal is a problem, but to sell yourself and getting a job done ahead of schedule will make a

name for yourself, in the beginning it will be tough but word of mouth and satisfied customers spread the business. A very wealthy individual gave me some insight, whenever you work for someone else you will never be rich. And whenever you have a satisfied customer make him or her complete a customer satisfaction from that you can present to either an employer or future customer. Hope this helps let me know.

**Jess Vote** 

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I'll give you some advice — go fuck yourself, you shameless scam-artist leech. You fucking bullshitter, I hope God punishes you for this. Eat shit and die slowly. Sincerely, ME

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While I am 99.9% sure that your story is just that — a story — I will offer you a little advice: move to a place where your skills are in demand. Meanwhile, if you will adequately reveal how you were able to send an email to me, I will gladly send you a gold dollar.

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Thanks for the info. The gold's in the mail tomorrow. One to fulfill the promise and one for good measure. Just out of curiosity, how many responses (and bucks if you please) have you received? Ps — Carpenter's are in great demand in Houston. The weather is awful, but frankly, no worse than NYC and the cost of living is astoundingly low. My great-grandfather, my cousin and my Saviour were/are all Carpenters.

**Phillips** 

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Let me know how much this makes you. I'll have to try it.

# J. Shugart

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Well, if this is for real, I don't know how you got my email, and I feel for you, man, but most of us are in that boat. All I can say is kudos for being a man and taking care of and staying with your family. Too few man willing to do that these days. Best of luck.

# Joe Mackey

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Are you out of your gourd!!!!!

# T. McCleaf

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Thank you for your letter and Congratulations on your new baby. I am writing from Malaysia. I write to offer you an opportunity to build a networking business in Enrich International (USA). I wonder if you have heard of Enrich. Perhaps you might like to check our website: www.enrich.com If you are interested in building a business with residual income and time freedom, please do not hesitate to contact me further.. Thank you.

# Lynn Phua

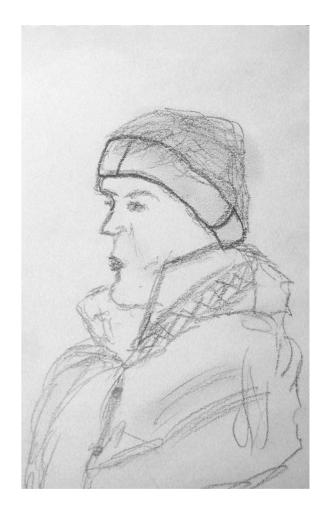
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How did you get my email address? I am also reporting you to my provider on this matter, but do let me know how you got my address.

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Well sir I just have received your email. I must say though I myself don't have as much money. Well sir I will store your email and when I get a reasonable amount of money I will help you out in anyway



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possible. Well that's all I have to say for now — Bye for now. Yours Truly,

Joseph

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If you have no money how do you own a computer and an Internet account????

R. Martin

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Move out of manhattan. The rent alone there is more than my whole paycheck. I have a large apartment here in florida for only 275.00 a month. Pack up and drive south now, construction work here in this part of florida is not only available but is the fastest growing county in America!!! Laterz!!

Arthur

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My wife and I have both had cancer, and still owe several thousand dollars of medical bills. Neither of us has insurance. Keep trying.

M+C Curtis

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I just read your letter, and although I would like you to send you a donation, my financial situation, like yours, is very tight. My wife and I are on the brink of bankruptcy, but we always take comfort in the fact that we are in good health and that we love each other very much. This is the advice that I will share with you, money may be tight, but there's always the love that you will have with your wife, and soon, your child. Have faith that Jesus will bless you and keep you safe. You will be in my prayers.

Clayton Guest

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Great scam! Let me know how it works!

**DeAranas** 

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I'm in Arkansas and there are more carpenter jobs here then can be counted. Go to Americas job bank and check them out. You should consider moving to an area where there is work and support for your family. God bless you and your family. Also, I was wondering if you were familiar with Medicaid. If you don't make too much money, you are eligible to get health insurance from the state at no cost to you. If will pay for all the medical bills, plus a lot more. You both may also qualify for WIC, which gives you free food and stuff for the baby. If isn't like food stamps, it's way different. Lots of pregnant women qualify for this. You should go to your nearest Family Independence Agency and See if you qualify for this. I did, and both my husband and I work. Good luck to you.

Dave

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Fuck You

B. McCabe

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That's funny I'm in the same situation and have managed to not stoop to grovelling via email to defraud people of their money. Fuck off loser.

S. Krise

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My advice to you is get more honest work and stop asking for handout from people. This is low. Take Care.

Brandon

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If you get enough, please share some with me. I have been unemployed for over a year.

P. Gottlieb

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Funny, I thought you were asking for advice?? Interesting enough, my husband and I are in the

same situation, pregnant, self-employed with out maternity coverage and with little money. We applied for state assistance and got it. Sounds like you would be eligible. That's the best advice we can give and would solve your biggest problem of medical expenses. Sorry but we don't send money to any one over the internet, particularly those with misleading messages. Best of luck to you and your family!

#### The Angler's Inn

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Nice try, better start begging for more than a buck if you are really going to send pictures.

# D. Hagemeyer

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I would suggest that you might solve your financial problems by selling your computer and getting a refund for the email address spam list you purchased in order to send this email Best regards,

#### Don

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funny thing when you send such mass email —you might reach the wrong person with your message. As a single mother who is raising two children on her own, had an abusive husband arrested, saw her youngest child through cancer —I can only say: do your best. Asking strangers for money—whether or not your story is true, unfortunately, pisses me off. The funny thing is, though, I don't doubt people will send you dollar bills in the mail. Have fun spending it.

#### M. Tourneau

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Get a job. You have guts asking for money for strangers. Begging on the internet. What is this world

coming to? You think you are the only person with problems? Try living with a husband that has an incurable disease, and is dependant on a ventilator 24/7. You will get more sleep with a child than I do with my husband.

# I. Beason

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I wrote your address down. I will mail you a small sum because my friend's birthday and fathers day is coming up. I hope this small donation will help you greatly. I will waiting for a picture of the tree of you. Hope things work out,

### **Emily**

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get stuffed and don't send me an email again nicholas

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The U.S. is in a spending rage, housing starts are at a all time high in New York and you can't find a job as a carpenter. Get a job at Wendy's.

#### Roy

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Ya right. As they say the check is in the mail. And a copy of this email to authorities.

#### T. Gleason

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My father is also in the carpentry business. He does roofing and siding mostly with some carpentry work on the side. I myself am his daughter and I also have a brother and my mother lives with us also. So it is the four of us and it has not been easy making ends meat throughout the years. We too have had no health insurance coverage for a very long time. My dad works very hard in attempt to support us. The only advice I can give to you is that you musn't

give up no matter how bad things may seem. You must work hard to keep the faith and be greatful for the things you do have because there are millions of people out there that have it much worse then we do. To live is to suffer, and the point is to find meaning in the suffering. So good luck and remember that there will always be better days along the way, you must have faith!

#### candice clark

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I don't know how you get my email address, but I can assure you some good advice. If you want to provide for your child, asking for money from total strangers is not the way to do it. I would suggest that you and your wife move out of Manhattan and to a more affordable through the state of New York to help you offset medical costs and a cost of raising your child. Instead of asking for money from total strangers, you could do several things—look for a second job. I apologize if this sounds cruel and uncaring but it isn't. Take care and remember you and only you can provide for your child and this is not the way to do it. Good luck and may God bless you!

#### Kristin

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Incredible scam. You should be ashamed of yourself.

# G. Patterson

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I can tell you right away two things that would greatly improve your present situation: #1 MOVE!!!!!
You live in NY city, and even worse in Manhattan!!!
Of course you can't afford to live there! Even as a
GP doctor I couldn't survive there on a Midwest sal-

ary!!!! I've visited there . . . I know. I also know in the Midwest a carpenter could live VERY well. #2 Maybe instead of loan you need a new lease on life. In the Psalms David said "I was young but now I am old, Yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor His seed begging bread." Do you know Jesus Christ as your savior? Not do you go to church or do you have religion but do you really KNOW HIM?? Read John, Chapter 3. It wil give you a new lease on life.

#### Brian

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if you can't afford a baby —sell it—and don't think for a second that anybody is going to send you money—there are people that don't even have a home and you don't see me giving them any money . . . and you just wasted my time by making me read this email . . .

#### R.Sorensen

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For my own situation, I've often wondered if something like this would work. I haven't seen a note like this since last year when I asked the same question I'm asking now. Please tell me how successful your request was.

# Rey

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Now is the time go go get a job and work for 50 years you bum. Good hunting.

#### Norm

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I recently read your letter. In all honesty I believe that you are sincere. I pretty much know here you are coming from. I have a wife and a year old son myself. I'm overseas right now in a small island in the

middle of the Pacific Ocean. Yes, I am in the military if that's what you were thinking. So you know my paycheck is next to nothing. I figured if I couldn't give you any money, maybe a little advice would help. All I can really tell you is don't give up. Things will turn for the better in due time. Just keep a positive attitude. Cause right now I'm in somewhat of a similar situation. But things are slowly but surely turning for the better because of my positive attitude that I've maintained throughout this whole ordeal. Well what ever happens in the near future I hop only good things come. Take care.

#### anonymous

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You're very welcome for the letter. I'm glad to hear that you are keeping a positive attitude. Well I am in a tiny island about two miles long by 3/4 of a mile in width. It is about 900 miles southwest of Hawaii. If you look on most world maps or a globe you would be able to see it as a tiny dot with the name Johnston Atoll or just Johnston written next to it. Well that's were I'm currently at. Well in all honesty, the air and land here are quite polluted. You see this island is used the U.S. Government to destroy all of it's chemical weapons. So the air here is kind of clean but every now and then we have to do checks on the air quality to make sure it is breathable and that we don't have to mask. As far as the land goes, there are many places on this tiny island that are contaminated with plutonium. Other than that, the island has some pretty places to it. Lots of sharks here too. Well Brainard, I hope things are going good for you. Keep in touch.

# SGT CARBAJAL U.S.ARMY Chuck

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Yeah, I get these all the time, usually phone calls,

with a prison accent, but usually they are selling something.

# G. Buckley

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While I sympathize with your plight —if indeed your plight is genuine, which I find difficult to believe. Soliciting via email is illegal. Soliciting of any type—that includes commercial, as well as solicitation of donations for charity or personal causes. The purchase of a list of email addresses for the purpose of solicitation is also illegal. If you are indeed honest and in desperate circumstances—well, I'm truly sorry. You have been reported to your ISP's abuse department for email solicitation. Your full message was included. I expect you will likely lose your internet access, and quite possible find yourself facing legal ramifications if your ISP chooses to press charges. Have a nice day.

#### R. Morrison

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First off, congratulations on your baby, my first one was not planned either but we re glad we have him. I would suggest you contact your local Social Services office for they might be able to help you plan for the future of your family. I would send you something but there are too many some artists out there that I would hesitate to make them scumbags rich. Best wishes my friend.

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Really move to Kansas, we have contractors here backed up for 6-8 months.

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I will assist you in finding employment if you want.

Many churches offer services for people in your position. I found great kindness from strangers who are sympathetic when my son was born, hang in there and praise God. Have A GREAT DAY!!! (unless you have other plans)

# **DREW**

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You have some crust begging for money--why don't you get a real job.

# L.Fischer

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You said you are a carpenter by trade but find work hard to come by. I find this hard to believe since there is so much construction and renovations going on. My advice would be for you and your wife to find employment. There are lots of jobs you just have to be willing to do some that you might not find exciting, such as waiting tables, cleaning houses or offices, working in a store, or even McDonald's. I can sure see you are in a jam but asking for a hand out from people is not the answer. I plenty in taxes each year to support people who don't work or say they can't then end up pregnant are still out of work. I am sure if you are a US citizen you know all you can receive from the government. Medicaid, WTC, SSI, and food stamps not to mention public housing. You see I don't have a dollar to spare because I am already contributing to support folks who are out of work by paying taxes each year. Good luck!

# Chris

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I suggest that you get a job that will support you and your family as you can't go through life asking for a handout—well I guess you could but it's not a very good example as the head of your home! Do you want your child to grow up being supported by

total strangers? Don't you know that you reap what you sow? It's a spiritual law and will happen no matter what if you don't stop before you get started! Don't sow bad seeds—you'll get a bad harvest. Sow good seeds and get a good harvest! Get a job! We all have to pay our own way in this life!

# Judy

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Believe anything is possible, have faith in God or the Universe, or however you refer to the Higher Power. Be willing to GIVE that which you SEEK. It will come back to you manifold. Good luck and best of health to the baby.

#### Paul

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Boy I have heard of scams, however yours takes the cake!!!! I have forward your letter to the proper "Web" sites telling them of your scam. I figured you Email is not valid, however if others receive this they will know what to do!!!! I'm sure there are folks out there with BIG hearts who will believe you and send you money. BUT I WON"T!!!!!

#### Andrea

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Sorry, but we are unable to help you at this time. Good luck with your baby . . .

#### **Joelisa**

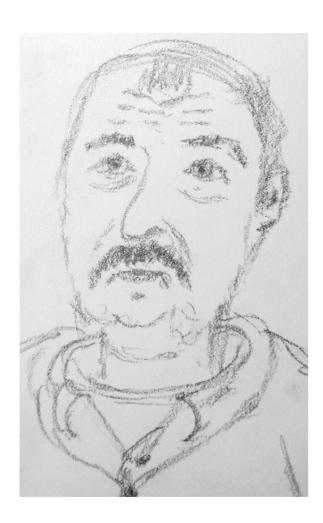
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FUCK OFF

Timmy

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Please check the last issue of The New Republic—there is a company in New York City that is crying for good carpenters—the pay is \$18/hr with \$27 for overtime. I lent my copy to a friend—will send you the name of the company when I get it back. Should



still be on the news stand—go to Barnes and Noble and look through it. Let me know what happens. **Ihin** 

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Get a life. You're disgusting.

T. Burns

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Yeah, right, I don't think so buddy Jacki

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My name is Diana-my grandchildren think I was born with the name Nana! I also am on SSD-before a car accident 7 yrs ago I was a RN. I did have one job since the accident—a 24 yr went thru a very red light on a 6 lane highway—and I was too tired to fasten my seatbelt after paying gas. I should be a quad or paraplegic but somehow I am ok. Just have chronic pain to deal with for the rest of my life and no one can fix me. All the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put me back together again-because I am a clumsy egg! I turn the big 5-0 this year so I have another 30-40 years to think about it, huh? Are people sending you any money? I am curious to know if this works. Also if you have any nursing? I would be glad to answer them because my license is not in jeopardy anymore. I believe in holistic health before traditional from my experiences, it works better this way. Well, just wanted to how you are and you will be in my prayers. You are probably thinking this baby will make you a family but it's real mission is to divide and conquer! I also am a "Touch Love" parent and grandparent. Every night I don't get a phone call is heaven to me! What I didn't know is that no matter

how old they get I always need to know where they are at—so please enjoy knowing where your child is while you can! Love and Prayers,

#### Diane

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You should have kept your dick in your pants, no one helped me, my advice is get another job and quit your begging.

#### Lonnie

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Perhaps I will send you a small donation . . . But I advice you to look into working for the post office. They have good benefits, it's governmental, and it pays decent. I wonder why not enough people don't look into US. Postal. Even being a plain janitor/custodial pays decent. I got my father hooked up. He's spent years working for an aluminum company and now he's getting older. He's in his late 50's. I got him a custodial jobs. Which starts out at 24 thousand a year. And goes up quickly. In my dad's case, since he's also a war veteran, he may start around 26 or 28 thousand. God Willing That's the only job advice I can give you. Sorry.

#### Ceasar

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REMOVE ME FROM YOUR MAILING

#### Garmisch

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How did you get my email address and why should I send you money when I am in a similar financial position to yourself?

# Andy F.

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Dear Administrators,

This USE SPAM scam was sent to my Adelphia

address. Please inform Earthlink of their SPAMMER. I found his email interesting on two parts: First it has excellent grammer for a carpenter and second, he admits to accepting a SPAMMING email list from a friend.

Paul Sivie, CNE

Adelphia, Regional Support Supervisor

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TRY FROM YOUR LOCAL RED CROSS MY WIFE WORKS FOR THE BIRMINGHAM CHEAPER AND THEY HAVE PROGRAMS TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED SUCH AS YOURSELE GOOD LUCK AND HOPE THIS ADVICE HELPS...

# Craig

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You have got to be kidding me. And internet street begger. When will it end? This has got to be the biggest load of B.S. I have ever heard. Even if this was true, you shouldn't be having kids if you need to sell your belongings to survive. Get a life, sir. Get a job. Do the world a favor, don't breed any further. This world has more than enough bums like you.

#### Wesley

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Good luck!

Daniel

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While your situation may be as advertised, it's incredulous to send out 'blind' e-mails,

Steve

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The construction business in Austin, TX is starving for workers. It is one of the fastest growing parts of

the country. Move here and prosper.

#### Derrich

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You can get arrested for spam mail! Anybody that sends you money is a loser! You are a scam artist!

Shawn

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I wish I could send you a million dollars but I'm only 17 and I don't have a chequing account or anything so I can't but I hope others will. As for advice? Well all I can think of is just never lose your sense of humor. It's the best of all the senses. Good luck.

Emilie St. Hilaire

Winnipeg,, Monitoba, Canada

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**GET BENT ASSHOLE** 

Weaver

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Please tell me that this is a joke being played on you or that this is an art project. You can't be serious about wanting people to send money to you (starving artist or not). This is online panhandling. My friend is working on this own version:

Hello,

My name is Shannon. I have just recently moved to Oklahoma City in order to keep my job. I am very much in debt and see no end to this. My lottery tickets have not been winners and I am wondering where my next beer will come from. I spend my whole paycheck on rent and paying off my credit cards. I have no room left on my cards for a drink or two and I am always scrounging for change around the house to support my carton a week habit. Any money you can send would be greatly appr-

ciated. Please, no words of encouragment or advice.

#### Shannon

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How did you get my email address?

Pamela

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I think he should be pretty successful! Sorry or good luck,

#### David

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go fuck yourself, you welfare recipient piece of shit. This is a perfect example of why we should institute a chinese form of birth control. Why don't you make this a better place to live and end your parasitic form of life.

#### Andrew

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My advise to you would be to sell the computer and get another job, sorry but that's all I can offer you. Good luck

#### Altaf

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I'm just wonderin, I got your message and gave it some thought. If your life is so hard with no work or income why would you think about bringing a child into this world? Have you ever heard of a condom. Maybe if you didn't have the means then you should have asked for that! Now you want other people to fund your baby? It would seem to me u would do anything to maintain u family (which you don't have yet)! Or are u some kind of slacker lookin for a easy way out? p.s. hows your mother? Don't take this message the wrong way I'm very interested in your situation please let me know

what happens or update me later.

Steve

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I wish you the best of luck but I know you can find a job somewhere. There are some times in life that you have to make sacrifices as unappealing as they are. Unfortunately, I, myself am a college student working 10-12 hour days in order to get my education so therefore I am unable to send you any money. The only thing that I can tell you is this: Do not ever give up especially with a child on the way. I do not pretend to be extremely intelligent in any way bit I do know that by working hard you can achieve what you want. Once again I wish you the best of luck but even though you are a carpenter, could you not just get a temporary job at a store of some kind or a restaurant just until you can get back on your feet?? Good luck to your wife. A caring reader.

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Hope you are moving to the south for a job.

D Braie

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How did you get my email address, and why would you think I have money to spare? I am living paycheck to paycheck and resent being made to feel guilty because someone can't get off his ass to get a job during the off season. If you're a carpenter than build something! Don't expect the world to

give you things. I work hard for every penny I get. Why should I give it away to some stranger simply because he has the unmitigated gall to beg for money over the internet. You are no better than someone who panders for money on the freeway.

Randi

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Have you ever considering trying to get a new career. I bet you are getting a lot of advice. I hope people are sending you money too- but this is NY so I doubt it. No one trusts anyone here. Everyone and their mother is flocking to the internet world nowadays: why? Cause it's an easy to learn field that pays well and gives you stock so give you a nice foundation for the future. if you would like a mentor—someone who can help you learn and find you a good job (even one you can do from home as a freelancer) I can help no charge. Otherwise I wish you luck.

Tree

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Honestly, all I do is HTML—but I have been earning 45K a year plus stock options and bonuses- but I know plenty of people who are making more than I am (I'm still a newbie myself- only doing it a year). If you lean more to the artistic side- you don't even need to learn much programming and you can basically draw for a great salary and build start up sights for companies. Look at http://www.iwon.workexchange.com/and this is just one of many places to find freelance work. Many people in the industry end up only working 6 months ouf of the year then pursue their own interests (be it travel or what not) the rest of the year. All I can show you is HTML right now since I'm still leaning myself. And I can't promise you'll get more than 45 a year since you are new, but I will help you as much as I can. Just don't get

rid of you computer! Trust me, once you see how easy HTML is and how it opens up doors to learning more and doing more- you may just be hooked.

Tree

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DON'T DO THIS AGAIN.

**Dutchess** 

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Sell your computer

Ann Dean

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Some advice: Don't have children you can't afford. Take the first \$1,000 you get from this very good idea of an email, and spend it on a vasectomy.

John

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Spend more time working rather than soliciting for hand-outs over the internet!! Just how many FOOLS do you think are out here - you scam artist you!!!!

Geo

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There is a great need for carpenters in Minnesota, so you might consider coming here as the jobs and pay are very good.

Jim Bull

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Please, I am not an idiot. Do not send me anymore emails. Thank you.

Bryan

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I can relate, been there, done that, and unfortunately I'm in the same shoes having fathered three children myself, losing one at the age of 3, about 20 years ago, drowing, now raising 2 girls, we're broke. If you get any extra money send some my way, thanks.

Mark

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My advice: Get a job with benefits. Get two, three. Four...jobs, that way you can afford benefits. Move the hell out of New York City to a place that is less expensive. Stop complaining to strangers and sell you damn pc—etc, etc. Not that I thought you were telling the truth.

#### Danielle

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I received your e-mail this evening . . . I have never received an e-mail quite like yours and part of me desparately wanted to believe it was true. Still, this skeptic in me went to the search engines . . . to see if it was an urban legend. Instead, I came across your website, your diary, your artwork. Imagine my surprise. Chills can down my spine as I read that you have collaborated with Daniel Berrigan. I was just reading (literally-about an hour ago) about him in the book, Living Buddha, Living Christ by Thich Nhat Hanh. I don't believe in accidents. I wish that I were a healthy philanthropist—a society dame—I would adopt you and your family. in reality, I am a stay-at-home mother of one, a Buddhic (Buddhist Catholic [grin]), a writer, wife, and dumpster diver, among other things. I am 26. I hope that you are not forced to sell your computer—that would be a tragedy. I will send what I can—and will pass your e-mail on to friends and family members who might be able to help. Another thing you might consider? On eBay-there is a section where you can submit requests for donations, financial help, clothing, baby supplies, etc. You submit your request, they put it up-and hopefully, you receive the help you need. You might also check with organizations like Birthright in Buffalo. They are a right-to-life organization, so depending on your political persuasion,

you may or may not be comfortable dealing with them. I know they help find support/help/donations for people who are pregnant and in need. I will also post this letter on alt.dumpster. There are MANY generous people there . . . and perhaps they will help you. Please keep me updated. I am sure you will receive a lot of angry, condescending, unskillful, ignorant mail—but I hope that you will receive more support than you could have ever hoped for. Definitely look into eBay, tho . . . I can't remember what the section is called — but I know it's there on the site map somewhere. The internet is powerful resource . . . hope you get what you need! Best wishes to you, your wife, and your child. www.angelfire.com/la2/angelwings/index.html. Check this link for agencies and organizations that might help (including the eBay page I mentioned).

Kari

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My advice would be don't spend your money on a spam list

Jim

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I don't have money or advice, but my prayers are with you.

Amanda

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I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR CURRENT SITUATION, BUT I ALSO HAVE MY TROUBLES—BUT MY PARENTS TAUGHT ME TO DO FOR MYSELF, RETAIN MY DIGNITY AND HONOR! BEGGING FOR A HANDOUT ON THE NET IS PATHETIC! AND IF YOU NEED ADVICE HERES SOME: USE PROTECTION NEXT TIME, AND BE



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MORE RESPONSIBLE!

Frank

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LOL. You are resourceful enough . . . good luck!

Dan

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GET A JOB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Wholesaler

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Hope this helps. [one dollar bill picture]

DKC

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You should change the subject of your email "Asking for Money." If it is advice you seek I will tell you to think of another way to make money and you can probably move out of Manhattan. You are an E-Bum begging on your computer.

Michael

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Get a part time job, there are plenty available. As a matter of fact if you are over 21, have a clean driving record, a CDL license with a hazmat endorsment, have no criminal record, have never used drugs or alcohol or have any gambling habits, I may know of several companies that will hire you in south Mississippi or Louisiana. Best of luck . . . I will say a prayer for you, your wife & unborn child.

Ira

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You've got a lot of nerve invading my privacy this way.

Tlyon

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Make sure to sign up for the Publix Baby Club. http://www.publix.com/fm\_baby\_club.html. Even if they don't have stores in your area, when you sign up they will send you the book by the American Academy of Pediatrics for free. It's about 2 inches thick, and our pediatrician recommended it. Also, right now babystyle.com is offering \$20 off of your first purchase of \$20.01 or more if you give them names of five people. They have no tax and free shipping. Breastfeeding is the way to go if you can do it. Formula is expensive! Breastfeeding is free. A good breast pump is a great investment. Consider the cost of a year's worth of formula, and buy the best pump you can. I recommend the Medela Pump in Style. It's great if Mom has to go back to work. There are a number of free magazines that you can find at ob/gyn office or a maternity store. Baby Talk, American Baby are the ones I get. They have free subscriptions. You will get on a mailing list that gets you free coupons for things like a diapers and baby food. We hope all goes well with the baby. Our son just turned one year yesterday. It has been a wonderful year. We will keep you in our prayers.

Gretchen

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A friend of mine forwarded your message to me requesting advice or money to help support a pregnancy. I'm sorry to say that I can not offord any monitary contribution at this time. However, I can suggest that this need not cost you as much as you might think. One option is to deliver the baby at home with a midwife rather than go to hospital. Perhaps you might contact a women's organization or a wiccan healer group for advice on this option.

Expectant mothers should be careful about nutrition and be sure to take supplemental vitamins. If you have trouble affording vitamins, just be sure that she eats a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, or check out some of the websites from which your first purchase is free. Some examples are vitamins. com, and mothernature.com. For baby accessories there are often social service agencies and religious organizations that will provide items to expectant mothers. Another website, babystyle.com will give you \$20 off your first order and free shipping if you give them the e-mail addresses of 5 people. I would contact some of the local right to life type organizations. They are always promising that they will support women who choose not to have abortions — call them on that promise!

Alicia

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Bugger off

Paul

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Advice: Take the money you get from this great idea, hire a professional life coach (www.coachingfederation.org), get a great plan for how to invest what you have and another plan to develop your talents in such a way that you and your family will never have to face such tough times again. Kind regards,

Damian Nash, PCC

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Michael

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The best I can do is wish you good luck with your new family.

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Sell lemonade and cookies!

Laurie

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Just what advice are you looking for? You are not looking for advice. You are looking for free money, you lying spammer! Get the fuck out of my inbox. And while you are at it, get the fuck back to work, you lazy spammer!

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McDonald's is probably hiring.

Megan

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You have got to be kidding me!

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You worry too much . . . Just enjoy life, specially when your baby is born . . . everything will be placed into perspective . . . Best Wishes to your Family.

Albert

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Abort the child—only a fool would create more burden than he can bear—Go hang yourself and stop begging, or move to a socialist country. Don't ever send anything here again

Shecat

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You letter moved me to pray for you and your family. I am sure the cost of living in NY is very expensive. I live in Raleigh, NC. The unemployment her is 2%. There are buildings going up everywhere. Carpenters are needed. I am sure you & your wife could find employment here in the Triangle (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill). Good luck. God bless.

Sharon Owens

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Get a job you lazy asshole!!

William

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I do not know where you get my address but I need to tell you that your letter is not unusual, I received this kind and others all the time. Well, I can offer you a business instead of money. Just with \$80 you can became in a Herbalife distributor an start the most amazing business you can imagine. Go www. herblife.com an you can see by yourself. One year ago. I was out of money and started this business, in the first month we make \$3000 and in the second \$500, by this time we are making more than \$3000 and growing. If you want to do this, I can help you but not by sending money. If you like it let me know, I can send you more information. God bless you, your family and have a wonderful life.

#### German Gonzalez

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You should have titled your email as asking for money. Let me give you a fucking wake up call NOBODY MAKES A LIVING FOR FREE. You want money work for it. Why the hell would I give you money so you can get out of Manhattan? I feel so sorry you only have enough money to live in the richest city in the world. Give me a break. If you and your wife can't afford a child maybe you should not have decided to have one in the first place. Why should I have to bail you out of your stupidity. Your email is offensive annoying vulgar and crass as well as attempting to guilt your victims into sending you money. I don't know how you even gat my email address. It scares me that assholes like you can get my address so easily. Youre a real piece of bullshit

work. Just so you know I've forwarded your email to earthlink and requested they cancel your account for abuse. Have a nice day

Guy

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I truly trust and believe you . . . But if I tell you truth will you believe me???? . . . ok, let I am no where in the states I have recd this messages in UK but I am an asian. Second, I am not very rich in money but I'm rich by my heart . 3rd, I want to help you with what ever little I have, so I don't know that if I can send you cheque from here in UK? You don't need to send your snap coz I have already imagined you and your family. I am sure where you'll be you'll be happy with your family . . . and new quest in your family will get lots of happiness and prosperity. Have faith in god. I am not preaching you, I am not asking you to go to church or do any kind of rituals but if you have faith in yourself . . . you are having faith in god. I'll get back to you after finding our that if I can send you cheque from UK. Take care of your wife. With my best wishes, Your friend

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This is illegal. I have forward this E-mail to my local authorities.

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If you are sincere about everything you've said, then it would behove you to keep your computer. Jobs in the Washington D.C. area are plentiful and pay considerably more than any carpenter can ever male (within a realistic time frame). Your best bet would be to move from the New York area and head south. As far as money is concerned, I have three kids I currently support. So, Unfortunately the cast major-

ity of money goes to my family. I wish you the best of luck and recommend that you might want to consider the possibility of changing careers . . . Respectfully,

Chris Bayliss

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Can I ask how you got my email?

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I give you credit for trying something new, begging in a nice way via the internet. I'm struggling also and also broke. I cannot even pay attention so I know where of you're coming. I'm into network marketing and Keep Your Carpenter, visit my links below, and see which ones will work for you. I am a webmasster and tutor multiple streams of income and making homepages so more apt to try and help you help yourself, but I bet you DO quite will w/your plea. I wish you well!! I do hope to hear from you again! Your friend in Cyberspace, P.S. we take an cath to read your post and you can Earn a Residual Income at: www.prosperplus.net/show.cgi/maunakea

Nancy K. Toribio Hilo (Big Island), Hawaii

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life seems impossible to deal with sometimes and yes it is tough. I don't know if you believe in God but I surely do and he is my comfort in times of trouble. In the bible we are promised a new heaven and earth. The hard times will be no more, there won't be tears, or sorrow or any kind of pain. The prince of this world (Satan) will be destroyed and we will live in paradise like it was meant to be. Don't worry about what your child's future God never abandons children when that child lives with parents who truly trust in the Lord. God wants me to let you know about him if you don't already know, it is my duty. God always provides for his children in need. Hard times will come, but with Christ we have the strength to endure all. Phil. 4:13 I don't know how much comfort this letter has brought you, but I really hope it helped you somehow. There is a God, pray, he will surely answer. He won't let you down, I'll pray for you as well. P.S. God loves you C.S.

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Advice: You should have stayed in school and provided better existance for your family. Now you are a pathetic sole reaching for a handout. Hopefully your wife will dump your pathetic ass and find someone who can better care for her and her child. Every carpenter I know makes great money. You must not

even be good at that. Keep it in your pants, keep your gene pool to a minimum, for all our sakes!

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Good luck! Mike Zapata

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First of all, congrats on the upcoming addition to your family: Second, I have also been in a situation such as yours. Not, that things are great now, but I know how frustrating it can be to wonder where money and supports is coming from! I am forwarding your message to everyone I know and will try to mail a little something soon so that you will get it before your move. My husband and I and our five year old son live in Wisconsin, but my husbands family is in New York. He has a couple of brothers in Jamaica, NY and parents on Long Island, NY. His father is also a doctor in the city who works in the hospital and has his own clinic. He helps many people who cannot afford insurance, if there's any way I can help, feel free to write me at this email address. Aprille

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This is my advise. Next time use birth control. **Steve** 

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Hello I would like to update you and tell you more about DHS and share my experience in The DHS Club with you, and tell you how it has changed my life. I have reached 2 star Executive Director, since joining DHSC in Dec 1999. this gives me a guaranteed minium income of \$2,500.00 a month! You can see the compensation plan here www.dhs-club.com/compplan.html. My personal biography is here: www.clubshop.com/biographies/marendic.html. This income will be paid if I work again or not. If I

can accomplish this then anyone can. It's just a matter of following this directions on the support site and working together with your sponsor and team support group, which I am a part of, I will do all in my power to help those who want to work Succeed!! When you became a DHS Club VIP member, you can start saving money on the products and services that you are already using. My sponsor is averaging about \$115 a month in saving. He is saving money on telephone long distance, Insurance, magazines, groceries, hotel accommodations and the list goes on. This is NOT a get rich quick scheme, but a sturdy long term residule wealth builder. you can have everything in life you want if you help enough other people get what THEY want.-zz if you decide to Join the Club and show us that you are willing to make a commitment, We will help you to reach your goals and dreams. Will you please take the time to study the Club, at www.dhs-club.com/hq.html? If after reading this you have any questions please email To upgrade online take your ID#: to www.clubshop.com/members/ you will see name and email, just click to ask questions) then click on Partner/VIP Application Then on Member, don't forget the html when putting your ID # in. Join right away (like I did) so that you can start saving money and start referring people to the club yourself. You will NOT be left in the dark, we will guide you. Give it you full attention for 90 days and we will help build a down line. If we don't, then quit. It's that simple. You have very little to lose and a lot to gain. I am sure you will be pleased that you joined! if you should have any problems with the onsite application please go to: www.dhs-club.com/ app.html. AOL users if you have Netscape on your computer, you may log onto AOL, go to the internet, minimize AOL and open Netscape Navigator. You can then go to your sponsor's website without

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difficulties to sign up. Warm Regards,

#### Rita Marendic

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You're not asking for advice. You are manipulating people, by using e-mail to solicit money. How dare you! You have a skill as a carpenter, which you can take with you anywhere. Move to a cheaper place to live. Manhattan is too expensive. You're not a very good role model for your expected child either. If you continue using email to solicit money, I will do my best to get the appropriate authorities after you. Nick

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I want you to know I never open my emails unless it is from my daughter or sons, or someone I am familiar with. I can't really tell you why I opened your, I do want you to know that you are about to embark on the most incredible adventure of life. My husband and I have five children and they are the joy of our life. I want you to know that the payoff for having good children is made with lots of sacrifice. I stayed home and went without a lot of things so that my children could have a mother there for them. My husband made great sacrifices to go back to school when our two oldest children were little. It all payed off and we now have one married and two going to college. One just graduated form high school. Now if you really want to know the success of our marriage and family I will tell you. We belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons). I could not send you anything of more value, then the information that the church could give you and your wife and new little child. You would find answers to your peace that you didn't know existed. I wish you all the luck and happiness that you desire. Please contact the missionaries they have listed under Churches (L.D.S.) let me know.

From Ann

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I want to know how you got my email address.

Amy

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The person who knows "how" will always have a job. The person who knows "why" will always be his boss.

Diane Ravitch

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If you live on E. 10th Street in NYC, you should send ME money . . .

Mark

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Hi! I am from Atlanta, Georgia. I will not give you any money but I will tell you that the job market down here is food and that there would be plenty of opportunities in the area. If you are a good carpenter there are plenty of jobs for which you would quality. One way to investigate this market would be to search on the internet the Atlanta Journal and Constitution for their available carpentry/construction positions. I wish you the best of luck! I just recently acquired a job through the internet and think that using the internet as a tool for getting employeed would be the best route for pursuing a way to support your wife and baby.

Cella

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I am sorry to hear about your situation. I am also sorry I can't help you with a donation, time are tuff for me also. The advice I can give you is to pray and ask God for his support he has a plan for all of us and everything will work out.

MARSHA

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If your friend bought the internet list, ask that motherfucker for money. You've got balls.

Levine

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Could you send me your bank details

Asad Jafar

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I may help you if you are willing to help me as I have a family of 3 children and work tow jobs supporting a wife with health problems. I have a close friend that promotes very promising companies on the OTC market. Right now he is very high on NPCT and ZAND. One is an internet stock that just IPO d and the other is a very promising tech company that is about to break out into the smart card and smart label industry. Both companies are ran by very credible management that is of utmost integrity. If you can document that you bring in some investors to both of these companies I will give you more than a dollar for sure. Anyone that has invested I would appreciate them emailing me so I can put them on my update list as the companies progress. If you can help me I promise I will help you as I come from a strong Christian family here in the Midwest. Let me know what you can do. Regards,

Chad Beemer

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A CDL license is a Commercial Driving License. It is used when you drive big trucks, like Propane gas trucks. I know plenty of propane companies that would hire a man with such a license.

Ira

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I can understand you situation. I was in Vietnam, had a wife and a kid, was shot twice, and didn't know what was going to happen next. Me and my wife was

married 38 years ago June 4th and the best advice I can give you is drown the kids and the old lady and have your nuts cut off and become a monk. If you think you're broke now, your fuckin kids are for life. I would have shot myself a long time ago but my guns are in the hock shop. If you get money from this email tell how well you done, because you're better off than me.

#### Bmd

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Bud move to Montana where housing is cheap and work in the farm or something.

#### Moses

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Sorry I can't help with money, but maybe this will help! A lot of hospitals have programs to help people with little or no insurance. Call the hospitals and ask them about any help that might be available? Good luck and congratulations.

#### Dan

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My heart is our to U and your family, but at this time I am kind of strapped for money. I myself am helping out a family member and this is what is draining me; also I am care-taking a elderly neighbor. I hope that U can find what U need another way.

#### Wanda

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My name is Eli and I live in Norway, Europe. Surprise! We also have yahoo. Therefore. Not all comemail addresses are US Addresses. I have received a long letter from you. I could decide not to answer. But I have some advice for you. Using internet like you do is one thing. I have a much worse situation than you describe. I will not get in to detail just

advise you to mail on ordinary terms before splattering your life out to strangers. Good luck anyway. Eli

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My five year old daughter was unexpectedly diagnosed with leukemia in Nov. 99 and, I, too, am in desperate need for money, support and whatever else! My only advice to you is continue to be bold and keep the faith that by living a true, pure life things will work out! Bless you and your family.

#### L. Parks

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Hello my name is Jennifer. And I am 17 years old and only have insurance from my mother's work. And I only have it because I still live at home. So I understand on how expensive these bills are. Especially if something went wrong. But, you can buy insurance form Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Also did you ever think about Medicaid? I am not for sure on that. Also you could go to your county health department. They can give you information on how to get help. If I had the money, I would send you some. But I am in a tight situation myself. So I wish the best for you. Also, if you know you cannot possibly to afford the baby I would suggest maybe putting the baby up for adoption. There are couples everywhere wanting babies to take care of and love. In fact there are 10 year waiting lists in the US for baby adoptions. Luckily I have insurance where I will be covered and the baby also after she's born. If it wasn't for my mom's insurance I would not have any either. But then I could go on Medicaid because of my income. Take care and respond to what you think,

#### Jennifer

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Take all the money that you have and head south

there are more jobs than people in every field to include carpentry. Where you live costs more than 4 months anywhere else, so don't make excuses and get off your ass and work, and quit cyber panhandling!!!

Marty

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Iowa is beautiful. It gets a little hot and humid for a while in the summer. You can get any kind of job you want. Apartments cost around \$500 to 600 a month. Good luck. Come to Iowa. There are many jobs and the cost of living is much less then New York.

Ann

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Your ingenuity in seeking help shows you should be able to do well in any line of work you choose. Ask your friends and family what they feel are your greatest talents and abilities. What do you enjoy doing most? Pit all this information together and go for a job with a large company that will provide the benefits you will need. This may require a change of location. There are very real disadvantages in your request for help from others. You will not have the good feelings you would have from providing for your family yourself. This is important to the male ego. Also, it may start a welfare mentality that will keep you depending on others when problems arise. This will further erode your confidence in yourself. Your move and sale of the computer are commendable. Any further cuts in your budget will help. (I hope you have cut up your credit cards and worked out a budget with your wife.) your medical expenses can be worked out to be paid in a monthly agreement with the doctors and hospital. Is your wife

working also? Try to live on your income and put hers into the medical expenses until the baby comes. Enjoy your time together before that little one is here. You have been blessed and will experience one of life's most precious gifts. Love each other and love that new little one. Go to a good church that teaches the Bible and you will learn how to lead your family in the years ahead. God bless you both. P.S. I have a degree in counseling psychology

Grandma Ross

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Having lived to 50 years of age, and seen a lot of stuff in that time, including losing both parents before I left high school, I am inclined to think your request in no more than a scam; forgive me if it isn't. My situation is little different than your own. I am part-time editor for a small trade magazine in Seattle, supplementing my income with free-lance article work for two other newspaper. My aged (19 years old now) cat had what the vet thought was a blood clot in February and almost died. I have spend about \$1,000 on him — all thrown on a credit card. I have no health insurance myself. I chipped a tooth — almost in half — a month ago, that was mostly amalgam to begin with. A crown has cost me \$500—half paid and half probably joining my other credit card debt. So I am tapped out. My suggestion, again assuming your request was a honest one, is call up the radio show your mayor is on every week and ask his assistance. Many people think Rudy is an asshole but not I. About three years ago, a woman called up and mentioned how she was contemplating suicide, because being on welfare people go to her apartment, and the man himself connected with her. He may be a Republican but

he has a heart. Another suggestion is Medicaid. It is a Federal government program designed for cases such as your own. Good luck,

#### Terrence Parkhurst

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I have also had a situation for the past 9 mts. That has been extremely difficult on our finances. My daughter and 3 children have moved back home with us. I wish you all the best of luck with the new one on the way, I will also put you all in my prayers. Please keep in touch with us and let us know how things are going. If you are ever in Luisiana look us up. Good luck and God Bless you all.

# The Greers: L. Greer

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I thought the subject of your email was asking for advice... but it should have read "asking for money." But as for the advice, if you can't afford to have a baby, there are family planning clinics that provide condoms at no cost.

#### DaleAustin

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I know of some people in that area that can help you. Call any of these numbers in New York City where you are: Pregnancy Help 212-243-7119; Midtown Pregnancy Support Center 212-986-9767; Expectant mother Care 212-685-3320 They will provide free services. May God work in your lives. Cpsi

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You are right this is quite an unusual email. I know how you are feeling because my tiny apartment in Montreal barely holds myself and my two kids. Good luck to you all.

#### Roberto

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Sorry to tell you but your letter sounds like a scam to me, this is a classic trick, and a very profitable one ... but how about his ... if your game. You send me \$10.00 that's no real risk to you at all, and I'll send you \$100.00 of my money back to you. Do you believe me? I have a business degree from a well respected university and I am working as an international marketing analyst. One of my jobs includes analyzing the use of the internet as a tool to gain a competitive business advantage. Through my work I've also come across numerous internet scams. And frankly it makes me sick to my stomach. So this is what I d like to do. You WILL respond to this email, hopefully to dispel my thoughts with any additional proof you can provide that you are not attempting to take advantage of other people. I will provide you that I will send you \$100 in return. I am a person that will always award integrity. It may be difficult for you to believe me, but that's exactly how your email message comes across to others. If you do not respond to this email, I will take that as an admission that you are guilty of yet another internet scam. Most laymen will not know what to do when they come across an internet scam. I am not one of these people. I promise you I will report this scam to the proper authorities, and efforts will be commenced to trace the source of your email message to a person. Of course if you have any intelligence at all, you would have already protected yourself with various ways to keep your true identity anonymous. However there are ways to crack your anonymous identity and you will be discovered. I can understand if you take offence to my message. I have assumed you are some internet criminal. There is the possibility that you are genuine in your letter and if so I

apologize for the skepticism. But if you truly need assistance like your letter implies. I'm sure you will take the time to reply my letter. For surely if you are asking for people to send as little as one dollar, it will be worth your time to send me \$10.00 so you can get \$100.00. I look forward to hearing from you.

# Jennifer Bird

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My name is Royce Peterson and I am the current president of the People's Consumer Coalition. We work with consumers in many areas and one of them happens to be internet solicitation for money from private individuals. I feel for you and your family but you should be aware that solicitation for cash through personal electronic mail servers is very illegal. However, you should not give up with your quest. Try to post this message on a public newsgroup. Therefore you will reach your goal without the risk of fine or imprisonment.

#### R. Peterson

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I am sorry that I cannot help you financially, I am a student and am not employed. But I would like to give you some sort of encouragement in my own way . . . I hope you find solace in words . . . First of all I would like to congratulate you for your new baby. Please don't give up, and don't lose hope what ever happens. There is a saying that foes like all suffering leads to happiness: I am sure there will be happiness at the end . . . take the present situation as a temporary cleansing for both you and your family. God cleanses those he loves . . . Looking from a different perspective cleansing is a blessing that erases ones sins and impurities . . . following this cleansing is wealth, happiness and hormony, I am also sure your new baby will bring about pure bliss for you along with many other delightful surprises. I hope



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you find work soon . . . Take care and God Bless Sliema

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Oh boy . . . Move to Arizona. It's booming here. There is a lot for carpenters to do. I'll be your first customer (back yard deck). Good luck.

Abez

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A carpenters that's having trouble finding work? Here's some advice. Move to Kansas City. There is more than enough work. And quit being a free-loader. You should be ashamed.

Becky

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I'm not going to tell you my name for confidentiality wise, but I am here to give you smart advice so you don't mess up. 1st of all, how old are you? If you knew that you could not afford a baby then why would you go out and get your wife pregnant? I mean, everyone wants to have a child to create more love between then 2 people, BUT it's not going to work out for the child if you don't have the money to raise and take care of it. (You know what I'm saying?) I am a model for Tommy Hilfiger and Nike, so I make good money every once in and a while, so I'll see what I can do to get you some money. You got you and your wife and child, so as soon as you reply to this not then I'll see how much money I can send. It many not be a lot to start with, but expand once I start getting more.

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There is one of the greatest insurances I can think of called Healthy Start. It is a notionally funded program that also offers food vouchers for milk, baby cereal, regular cereal, etc. it is widely used by new mothers who may have a hard time with insurance, financial difficulties, etc. If you have your wife ask her doctor, mid-wife or pediatrician for more info, I guarantee you will find success and much needed support. Also, I can get the number if you can't access it.

Corrine Thomas

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My husband and I are also having our first baby — will you split all of the money with us?

Trisha

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Sending X's & O's from BFE

Snoopy1965

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Shit, you wanna work as a carpenter and there is no work? . . . come on . . I can sign you up for 2 years contract if you want to — stop begging and earn money the honest way— no one will give you a hand out.

Florida

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Move out of Manhattan and move to the country . . . Cesar

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We have heard word that Seattle's carpenter hall is empty and they need more men. Union carpenter scale is 23.00 per hour in Seattle — My advice is to take a bus to Seattle, find work and then send for wife and kids — Also, your medical should be exceptional with the carpenters union. The Seattle job shortage is 3rd party knowledge, so you might want to call the hall in Seattle before catching a company called Cieco — they are a large interna-

tional construction company. There main yard is approximately 40 miles south of Seattle. Good luck Comicmart

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Congratulations upon the coming birth of your child. As a mid westerner I know nothing about manhattan rents etc., but my first advice would be to leave for a less expensive place to live. I live near Chicago, and I am amazed at what people will waste on rent. Next you need to check. Do you have cable, more than one ty, stereos, etc. all the man made devices that costs and are not needed. What type of carpenter are you? Is your job one that keeps you in demand? Often, we find ourselves holding dream positions, only to realize the dream will not support ourselves, much less a family. With a child on the way, you need to ask yourself are you holding a job that will provide the essentials. (not the toys). I wonder if you would call Dr. Laura, what bit of advice she would give you. Due to my fixed income, I can not send you anything but my thoughts and prayers.

Arnie

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I would first like to say that I understand that this letter must be a true one, only becoz I don't see the numerous mass mail addresses in front of this letter. For this, u earned my trust. :-) I do not have anything to offer to you, for I am just a kid myself, henceforth, I am glad that u mention u wouldn't mind advices. Me too young to give advice, you think? Maybe. But the purpose for me replying is becoz: I understand the plight u are in and wish I can help. I realize that what u are doing is for the best of your child; which I am really happy that the

child will have the most wonderful parents—to let you know that there is actually people listening to you and giving you all the moral, trust u need—to let u struggle through this hardship and hoping us child will be your future. For the above reasons, I find that it is really worth to reply. I wish that u can struggle through this hardship and hope the best for u, ur wife and ur child. May God bless you —:fi me

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hi, please register the get paid program since your are saying that the computer is your last resources — I recommend you to build up your network and start earning unlimited incoming by asking friends to join this getpaid while surfing to the net. You will see the result as I am earning UB1500 per month currently. (going to reach US1700 next month). Go to this website for free registration: http://www.all-advantage.com/joinsecure.asp?refid=JNG006 Good luck to u...

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My husband and I are coming to visit NY for school, can we stay with you, we are students. It will be only few days.

Shoby

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AS I READ YOUR E MAIL I SEE YOU ARE A CARPENTER. I SUSPECT MAYBE YOU ARE IN THE BUILDING TRADE? ANYWAY, YOU ASKED FOR ADVICE. I AM A CRAFTER AND DISPLAYED MY CREATIONS AT CRAFT FAIRS. EVERYONE I WENT TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAD ITEMS MADE FORM WOOD DID VERY WELL. I'M SURE NOT ALL OF THESE

PEOPLE WERE TRAINED AS CARPENTERS BUT THEY HAD ITEMS THAT WERE CUTE OR PRACTICAL OR WHIMSICAL EVEN. AND THEY SOLD LIKE HOT CAKES!!!! MAYBE ITS SOMETHING YOU COULD CONSIDER? YOUR WIFE MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT, CRAFTING IS A VERY ENJOYABLE AND SATISFIYING THING TO DO AND YOU CAN MAKE SOME MONEY OF IT TOO. YOU COULD PROBABLY START WITH PIECES OF WOOD THAT PEOPLE ARE THROWING OUT!!! IF YOU HAVE A SWAP MEET OR FLEA MAEKET LOCALLY THAT WOULD BE A GREAT PLACE TO START. (MUCH CHEAPER TO GET IN THAN A CRAFT FAIR) GET THOSE CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING—I KNOW YOU HAVE THEM!!!!!!! I WISH YOU ALL THE VERY BEST. PS. DO YOU KNOW THE SEX OF YOUR BABY?

# MAUREEN DENT

Esther

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Wow. I really don't know what to say. I mean I believe you but to tell you the truth, I'm only a child and I can't really do anything. I'm really sorry but I really hope you'll be alright. God bless you. He will provide. Wishing you the best . . .

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A SMALL DAILY PRAYER AND THE HELP FROM A GOOD CHURCH WOULD PROBABLY BE ALL THE HELP YOU REALLY NEED. I WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU FINANCIALLY, BUT HAVE RESERVATIONS. I CAN RELEATE TO YOUR DILEMA AND KNOW THAT RELIEF AND PEACE ARE ONLY A PRAYER AWAY. IF YOU GO YOUR KNEES AND SPEAK YOUR HEART. THERE

WILL BE AN ANSWER. IT MAY NOT BE THE ONE YOU WANT TO HEAR, BUT YOU WILL ONLY BE TASKED WITH NO MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. MAY YOU BE BLESSED BEYOND COMPREHENSION WITH A HEALTHY LIFE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WITH RICHES UNTOLD. GOD BLESS.

#### DALE ANN GRAHAM

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Pay very careful attention to the PAYOUT AVAILABLE AT THIS WEBSITE: http://www.FreeNetSolution.com/rep.cgi/26167 AND use whatever you receive from your letter WISELY for a future income—or you will—at best—only get back to ZERO

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Number one I am only 9 years old! The only advise I can give you is get another job. There's lots of jobs online go to search and put in job search. I'll pray for you tonight!

Karen

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I haven't any money for you, but best of luck to you all and God bless

Megan

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Sorry but I can not help you with any money, since I have a large family of 5 kids money is tight also. But you maybe need to go look for other work if you can not make ends meat by being a carpenter. Take care and Good luck!

Me to you

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This is an unusual letter to say the least. I wonder where you found my vahoo address! First of all as you probably know, it is very hard to trust people in this day and age that we re living in and especially over the net not ever having met before. I wish you the best if this is the way you feel to handle your situation. My husband was in the Air Force and we had 3 children. We had times were we didn't know where the next bottle of milk would come from. At one point I remember we took the kids to the park and had them pick up pop bottles that we then sold for milk. So I know that hardship is. But then we realized that only we could help ourselves, my husband took a second job, cleaning a laundry mat early in the morning before his military duty. Later when the kids where in school and my husband was out of the Service and working as an electrician for small money at the time, he worked electrical work on the side, the whole family cleaned a Lutheran church every week, and my husband went to college full time on a GI bill, and he did this for 4 years, all of this at one time. Don't ask me how we did it, God gave us the strength, that I am certain of. I am just telling you this to let you know that you are not alone in this, and also that where there is a Will there is a Way. My husband is still working and I am retired from school position, but now I am working on the computer and making extra money. I am German by birth so I translate, but I am also working for a company in Malaysia and have been for 1 1/2 year now. This job is working with email, typing paragraphs on web pages, and more. If you were not selling your computer, you or you wife both could work with this and earn extra income. This is just a suggestion, that is what you were asking for. If you are interested I help you get started, meaning purchasing a software for you that you would need to work the email work, let me know. Regards,

S. Jackson

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Your email reached someone who has worked in Human Services for appx 14 yrs—do you have family who know of your situation and are willing to help, have you contacted social services agencies about this (I'm aware of the beauracracy(?) and miles of red tape. These are questions that I'm interested in—this day and time sending money to strangers can be risky, even though the situation may be legitimate

#### Mdeanna

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Why are you sending this to me? Have I met you before? Please reply and I will consider your cause. Also, are you willing to reimburse anyone who helps you out when you are back on your feet?

# Cindy

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I am with the Home & Building Association of Colorado Spring. There is a lot of work here for carpenters. It's a beautiful place to live. If you make it here, contact me.

#### SilverFox

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When you are sad, . . . I will dry your tears. When you are scared, . . . I will comfort your fears. When you are worried, . . . I will give you hope. When you are confused, . . . I will help you cope. And when you are lost, . . . And can't see the light. I shall be your beacon . . . Shining ever so bright This is my path . . . I pledge till the end. Why you may ask? . . . because you're my friend. Hope that you can get through this big problem finally. With love

#### NAPAPORN

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I my name is adrian. This is what you do go to www. reportin.net and sign up to start your own inter-

net business and for free web sites go to my page at www.positiveweb.com/look under internet tools and go from there don't sell your computer unless you are going to get another one the will send you all the internet tool you need to start making money on the net it is not easy so take your time you might even do much better than I can because I am a very slow learner ok . . . keep me updated

#### Adrian

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If you tell me how you got my email address, I might consider helping you out of your situation.

#### **Thomas**

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Your story is hauntingly similar to one that I know well, so I am sending my encouragement, and if possible my money. After all, "What you do unto the least of my brethren you do unto me." Right? I hope that every thing goes well with you wife and new child and you are all in my prayers

#### Luci

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What? How much did you pay for this list? Danny

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In this letter is true, congrats. But don't send money to strangers. If this is a scam, then I hope it is stopped before too many people get sucked in.

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1) Where did you get my email address? 2) Prepare to experience a love for your new little one the magnitude of which you did not realize existed. 3)

Parenthood is the most awesome of responsibilities, but also the most rewarding one. 4) Buy and save the newspaper of the day your child is born. 5) Take tons of pictures! 6) Keep journal of your thoughts and reflections both before and after your child is born, and record various events of notes in it as well (when/what was his first word, etc.). 7) Constantly let him or her know of your love. Take care and keep in touch!

# Rkjeong

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Sir, I don't know how you got my email address but since you wrote me—Me and my husband had 5 kids with no insurance and we ask for no help at all, we had just brought a farm and things was very tight but we got by . . . there is a lot of yards sales where you can get the baby clothes at and there is wic where can get the food. Back went we had our kids there wasn't any yard sales or wick programs. We are in our late 50 now and we still can't afford health insurance but we won't ask for help we just pray that we won't get sick. I've seen hard times and no money times but we didn't go begging. That is what you are doing. Sorry about the answer but we are still struggling also.

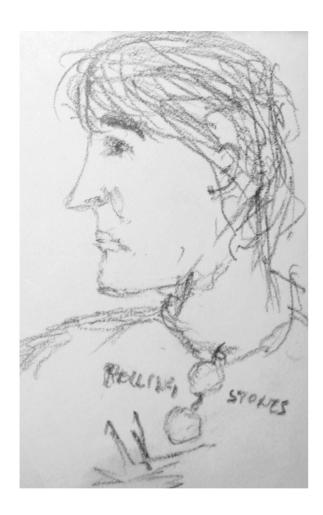
#### Daisy

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Funny thing — your web page at www.colophon .com/gallery/b.carey/bio.html suggests you are NOT a carpenter, but an artist. This shadow of doubt will keep me from sending you a very generous donation. Maybe you should remove your web page before peddling for other people's hard earned cash. And I'm sure you could save \$20 a month without an ISP.

#### Mr. Due

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Lock to the great carpenter, Jesus, and the Lord will provide.

#### Osborne

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My suggestion is to move to Vegas, lots of work for a carpenter . . .

## Patty

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Some of the best resources may come from your own community. have you tried calling your local United Way office and department of family and children services. I know there are tons of resources for pregnant women to ensure that they have a healthy baby (wic, medicare, etc.). many of the the churches/salvation army have emergency assistance funds for families who need temporary assistance — it may be worth it to look into if you have not already . . . there is also temporary assistance for needy families (tanf). I wish you luck!

#### **APPA**

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You're kidding right?

# Mainebiz

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I had two children without insurance. You'll get by. Advice: get out of Manhattan. Move to Brooklyn where rents are cheaper.

#### Cbodnar

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Who are you and how did you get my email address? If this is true, I sympathize with you, but I am a member of the "working poor" as well. Please do not send me any more emails. This is quite strange, and a bit scary.

# Charlotte

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Hi, have you think about moving to a state or city that cost less for a living? In Arizona, \$400-600 Apt.

rent can pay a pretty decent apartment, along with other costs. After your baby borned, maybe your wife or you (one of you)could go back to school for a IT degree, College or University always provide a longterm or needy financial help to students. I know schooling takes a long time, but it takes persistency. I am a college graduate and still looking for jobs, but I know when I got a job, it won't be paid minimum wage. Plus school also loans to all students, and some students actually make money out of their extra loan money. I have heard some guys used the loan money to down payment a house and remodel it and sale it for higher price and make money out payment a house and remodel it and sale it for higher price and make money out of it (you are a carpenter, right?). I don't know how old you guys are, bit of you want to have a better future for your baby, you must have a better future for yourself first. I'm a Asian immigrant, I know how hard life is, I can't afford any financial help, but I hope my advice can help you and your family.

# Nilan

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I got your letter, I will send you some of my money to help you out, with new born baby. Really I would like to know how much you think I should send you? Just let me know as soon as you can smile. Well my name is Alicia Hart, I am deaf, last year of high school in 2001. I would happy to send you money also when the baby due? Smile I hope you will have happy life with baby. Smile take care!

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Since you have access to the internet, you must have an internet service provider. I would suggest that you discontinue this service and use that money to buy milk and diapers for your newborn child. Also, if you have

cable or satellite service, this too should be discontinued. After all, when you get home from work the only thing you'll want to do is spend time with your child so you want need to watch TV. Perhaps even you could sell it. I'm sure there are lots of other things you could happily eliminate from your life in order to have money available to take care of your child. Think about it and I'm confident you'll come up with a long long list.

#### MLCLC

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I can understand your situation and I can provide you with some carpentry work that I need done. I live in NI about 45 min from Manhattan. If interested please reply.

#### Scott

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I do not consider begging for money from people online and not even providing any kind of service for those who are stupid enough to send it to you, constitutes taking responsibility for your own family expsenses. Do you realize how many different legitimate ways there are to make money via the internet? Try alladvantage.com, getpaid4.com, affiliate programs if you have a website. But if you're determined to spam strangers, soliciting money from them, at least offer them some kind of newsletter, or small product in return. And what about online auctions? Its free to put items up for bid on Yahoo, and ebay. Plus, the winning bidders, pay in advance for shipping and item if that's what you require. And if you're a carpenter, and work is so hard to come by (which I doubt-all the carpenters I know are always working), how about going into business for yourself? Put up ads about your skills, and offer your services. Go to jobs.com, careerpath. com. list yourself there, look for jobs. Make a website about yourself—so many places allow you to do

this for free! (yahoo geocities, for one) submit it to search engines, and people will be calling you with offers. I personally, am a separated mom of one, have a cleaning job that pays \$300 dollars a month, receive a minimal amount of child support from my husband, and you do not see me asking others to pay for what is my responsibility! I recently started a commercial website design business, but since you're apparently so broke, I did not offer my services, bc it would be beyond your capabilities at this time. (www. yourcompletewebsite.com). Is this really how you want your kids to remember you? That you were so desparate as to beg for dollars on the internet? Use your brain—there's so many opportunities out there!

### Karolyn

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This is a great idea, lets say you send out 1,000,000 email messages and only 300,000 reply with \$1.00 you get \$300,000. Is your phone number (212) 533-3143? Don't forget to report all income on your income tax return. Best Wishes,

#### Renny

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How did you get my email address? And does your wife work? What about state insurance?

#### Gretchen Budlab

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Sign up for Social Welfare. Regards —

# Thomas E. Booth

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Howz it going? I read your email and it was a bit out of the ordinary. Not something you come across everyday. First off let me say congratulations on your baby. You two must be very happy. I am a college student myself so money is kind of tight right bow. But I do hope everything works out for you

and your wife and your soon to be new born. Take care

#### Abbas

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Apartments here are expensive but plentiful (\$700+/mth for a complex with pool). You can just about rent some houses for that. The schools are very good in Chapel Hill, Cary & Raleigh (Wake County Systme). There are very, very many transplants here. Very few natives. You would feel at home here. Good luck,

#### Sharon Owens

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We have been in similar situations off and on through-out the years. The best advice I can give you is to simplify your lives. Also, there should be programs available to assist with your financial situation. Moving to a lower cost area would be a very good idea. But, depending on when the baby is due, the sooner the better. I, personally, moved across the country with a child, relative, husband and cat on \$113. we ate out of food we packed in the trunk and slept in a Mustang in order to better our situation. It is possible to do if you are willing. I will be praying for you. If you re still on-line perhaps you could work-at-home-on-line jobs out there. Just be wary of those wanting money up front. Those usually sound too good to be true and are. Good luck.

#### LINDA

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Do you have a telephone number where I could call directly. I am a mid-wife and mother of three. I also help through a variety of services to empower parents to be. Give me a telephone and I will call. Love.

#### Kimah

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You can file for title nineteen or medicare. I haven't got insurance or my family either. If you would have written to me last year I would have been able to help for this has been a very bad year for us also. I also have an unbelieveable story. Our home blew up with my daughter and I in it. Although we are alive we were left with next to nothing. If I become able in the future to help I will try. With the ambulance bill, fire dept, etc. I cannot even spare \$1.00. I pray for you and your family.

Leslee

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Move to a less expensive area.

Ron

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As mark Twain said years ago: Ask me for my money and I'll give you my advice. Ask me for my advice and I give you my money. Here is my advice. 1 sell the computer. The baby is more important. 2 if you are a carpenter, it's REAL hard to believe you can't find work in this economy. Either move where the work is or change fields.

Bill Hart

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You do this best you can. I have 4 kids money is tight for a lot of people.

Todd & Hwidi

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I am not trying to be sarcastic or mean — but as much as I am in a bed finantial situation — I have not once went to strangers and asked for any donations... You think you have hard times? I am losing my home and my business. I am disabled and have gone through many traumas since a car accident in

1992 — let me go a bit further — I have had 42 nerves cauterized — in my neck — lower back also - and also epidorals. I have had radial nerve repair surgery which took 2 years of VERY painful rehab to re-gain use of right arm — (I am right banded) — then was never told that the nerve cortorizations would have side affects so I had to get a hysterectomy — Then my sister got breast cancer and I traveled 82 miles and took care of her for 20 months until she passed on. Then had many breast needle aspirations and winded up Dec. 21, 99 getting 2 breast biopsys and gallbladder surgery only to find out that I now have another lump and more nerve damage in my neck and may have a hihanus hernia. Now you ask me for 1.00 donation — I ask if I can only trade place with you for a few days so that I can just relax and enjoy the good health that you and your wife have, and enjoy the small apartment that you live in - since you are bit at risk of losing it as I am when my lawyer goes to court tomorrow for me. If I were you - I would kiss the ground you walk on and thank God for your health and well being. Take me off your list — DO NOT EMAIL ME AGAIN— This is spam and it is not allowed. My advice . . . work 2 jobs like my dad did!

Patti

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I suggest a move further south — the construction business is plentiful here in Tennessee and we also have TennCare — everyone in Tennessee is insured!!! No one here is without!!! Move here and you will have the delivery and everything covered — Also — plenty of work here! The best of luck to you and yours and the Lord will help you! Make the move like WE did and prosper! Tennessee is the ANSWER!!!!!!!

Mrs. C

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Your right it is a unusual e-mail — I can't send anything — but a bit of advice — get out of New York! Move to a Midwestern state it's a lot cheaper. And easy to find work — in the mean time I will keep u in my prayers — the power of Prayer is miraculous.

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Brandon

I wish you the best of luck, with the new addition. I wish, I could be of some help. I will Pray for you and your family. I understand how rough, it is, not having the basic needs met by insurance. As I am a single parent. And there had been some hard times. My Prayers and my family, made everything work out. Just keep the faith. Everything will work out. Have you, thought about relocating, to a state that has a building boom, going on? I live in Arizona, and 11 months out of the year, new homes are being built. I am not talking 5 or 6 homes. We are talking 250 homes per new development. And there are usually 2 to 3 new development every 6 months. And we have not even talked about the remodeling or the older homes, that is always going on. The area I have just mentioned, is around Tucson. If you are interested in even a larger scale, Phoenix and it's suburbs are growing just as fast. Take care . . . Don't forget to Smile . . .

Wolfman

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I will think about making such an offer. Considering its an extremely unusual but creative request to fundraise in such a way, I will have to give it some thought. Although I will be happy to pass your email onto others who may be more receptive. Good luck. Cory

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Got your email today and it really caught my eye

— It's brave of you to go out on a limb in such a
way and ask help for your family. I am forward-

ing this note out to all of my friends, and I have already told a few people in my office about it. I know that I am planning to start a family myself in a year or two and know how expensive and difficult it is. I would really like to keep in touch with you during all this — please, add me to your email address book and send me updates for as long as you have email. Sincerely yours,

Kerry

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I am a born again Christian and I feel to answer you email. I normally just delete such emails and go on to something else. Please listen to what I have to say and please consider it. Deeply and ask God to show you if what I am saying is your answer. I believe that your future lies in getting out of the city and finding a new life for yourself and your family. I live in Vermont and many people come here to find a better life. I am part of a Christian work that ministers to families in out Christian Center. We are a Christian work that ministers to families in our area. People are coming here from all over the country and settle. If you want a better more satisfying life for you and your family please listen to all I have to say. You must have a REAL desire to seek a better life for you and your wife and your new baby Vermont is for you. You must have a desire to work hard (not physical work such as digging ditches) to meet your goals, and have a goal of doing the best you can to please your employer. There are good jobs here in many categories for people who want to work and get ahead. If you need help to get started here there is Green Mountain Christian Center and their ministries of food, clothing, counseling and a large loving Christian Center family who will love you, make you feel right at home and make you a part of their extended family. We have people who formerly lived in the NYC area

who can help you adjust here. The school are good and we have a new beautiful Christian school that I believe is the best school in the area. This is a friendly area where you can quickly make new friends. The mountains and valleys are beautiful here and you can relax and enjoy God's creation. I know I sound like the chamber of commerce promoting our area but I feel led of God to invite you to come here and visit us and see what is going on here. You sound nearly defeated but there is great hope for you if you will only investigate what I am talking about. If you are not interested in what I am saying I will understand. If you want to investigate further I will be happy to communicate with you by email. I am a good listener and I do Christian counseling on the web. If you think I am too pushy I apologize but I felt led of God to contact you!

# Dick

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Here are some sites that offer the email extractor. I think one or two let you download them for free. If you run into trouble, then please email me back. Also, after you download them write me and we will go to the next and last step in giving you work assignments.

# S. Jackson

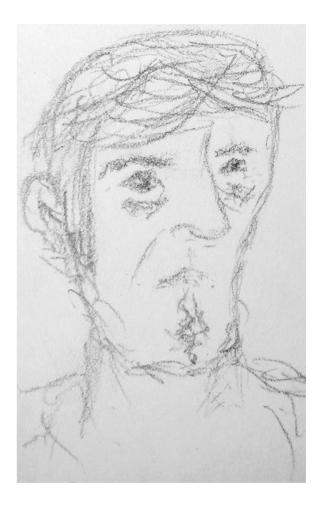
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Here's my advice. Get out the city. Move to a region where the construction industry is booming. Stop wasting time on the internet and get a part time job in the interim. Last but not least have faith in yourself — everything will be fine, improve your relationship with God. Love yourself. Best wishes.

# A friend

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Sorry to not being able to help you. I know how it feels my husband has been out of work for 8 months



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and not able to find a steady job. The Lord does put enough money in your pockets for the little things we need. If this works let me know. My prayers are with you and your wife. I have 2 grandchildren due this year and no money to even get to see them.

#### Michael

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To one carpenters wife to another — I understand the insurance thing!!! If you honestly can't afford the medical bills apply for Medicaid, they will pay your doctor and hospital bills. If you don't qualify for Medicaid then you can always make payments to the hospital (\$50 a month or whatever). Out patient delivery is at least \$2000 cheaper then staying overnight. My 2nd child is 2 months old and that is what I had to do. He was born 10:30 am and I was home by 9pm that same day. Can't help financially, but hope all goes well for you guys and may the Lord bless your family.

#### Mopar

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Take a peek at our web site at www.Ecoquestint1. com/loufell an look at the opportunity that is available to you on promoting a product that will help people with indoor air problems. You know it only cost \$35.00 to become a dealer and no inventory is required because everything is dropped shopped. If this is something you think you could do I would gladly pay the \$35.00 for you to become a dealer. All you would have to do is pay us back once you started earning money. You know for every machine you retail you could earn over \$200.00. we only do this partime and last week we sold three machines. After two years the people are no coming to us and not us trying to find clients. With your experience as a carpenter and can deal with people you should

have no problem becoming a Ecoquest dealer and have have the potential of earning lots of money. How much you earn depends on how much time you devote to the business. Good luck let us know if this is something you would like to do. The only thing you have to lose is a little time and Me \$35.00.

#### Lou

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I do regret that I am unable to send any donations of any kind, but might I offer some advice, go to a site call Desktop Dollars at www.desktopdollars.com, follow the instructions and install the Profit Zone ticker onto your computer. Once you sign up and run Profit Zone when you are on-line you get paid, not for surfing, just for being connected to the internet. Since I'm not sure if your story is fully legit, no offence, but yet in some ways it I feel compelled to help. If this is true, then I am refraining from makind myself—the ones who referred you to desktop dollars and won't get a referral bonus, simply because I don't want to be the type of person who takes advantage of others misfortunes. If this helps you, then this will also. To help cut expenses, you can gain access to the internet for FREE at any one of these sites. www.freeinternet.cm, www.bluelight.com, www.netzero.com, www.altavista.com. I know I might sound like I get bonuses for these things, and with Desktop Dollars I do, but only if I am the one referring. Think about it if you are spending \$30-\$50 on internet access per month and then get free internet, that's \$30-\$50 MORE you have per month. And please, if this is all true and what I've sent you helps, please send me a picture. Sincerely,

#### Aaron

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Dude, go to Nantucket there is tons of carpentry work there. Good luck.

#### Boston

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Pray to God in the name of Jesus Christ and let Him help you to find a Christian Church there. You can get some help from it. Some advice: let your wife drink more milk, eat more fruit and vegetable than before. Relax. Don't let your wife worry about things too much. Tell her God will take care everything you ask for. Try to cheer her up. I bought many baby items from garage sale, some of them only 25 cents. Collect baby diaper in on-sale stores from now on. Important: put our faith in God and trust Him in everything, then you can see He is a living God. If you have any question, please feel free to email me. God bless you.

# Suddy

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I'm writing back — sorry I took long in writing back. But, I've never get a email like this before. so I don't know what to do. I wish I can help — but I'm a little broke myself. So, hope you can — find help or already gotten the help you need. Sorry, take care. Bye.

# Aguie

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Tell you what. I'll send a \$5 donation if you send me a picture of just you, but naked. Let me know if interested.

#### Sur

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Subject: From God; To: All Who Believe in Me Subject: Life's Problems. Good morning. I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it.

Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution. Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child, if you need to contact me, I am only prayer away. With all my love,

#### God

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I can relate to your situation. As I have been there myself. I can offer no money to you but, I will offer some advise. Take it for what it's worth (I believe you get what you pay for). I cannot believe there is no work for you as a carpenter with all the building going on. Then again I'm in Massachusetts. But never the less my suggestion would be to file for assistance through the state. As I said I was in a similar situation and as degrading as it was for me to do that it was for the best interest of my family. Good luck to you.

#### Andrew

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You live in Manhattan and can't find a job?????? If you move anywhere else you will need a car and that cost will probably offset the money you will save on rent.

#### Al

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SORRY FOR YOUR SITUATION, YOU MAY WANT TO TRY CAREERPATH.COM FOR EMPLOYMENT. OR JOBSONLINE.CO, IM RETIRING FROM THE NAVY IN 9 MONTHS AND RECENTLY DIVORCED WITH BILLS

THAT SHE WON'T PAY ALONG WITH MINE, THEREFORE MY BUDGET IS VERY TIGHT, MY RETIREMENT CHECK WILL BARELY COVER THE BILLS WHEN I RETIRE, YOU MAY ALSO LOOK TO FAMILY FOR CASH, AND IT WOULDN'T HURT TO PRAY AND LOOK TO GOD FOR HELP AS WELL. A FRIEND.

# **ROBERT**

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Hi, wish we could help but, it's not great for us right now either. I pray you guys will move to a better place and find people who can contribute to your family. God Bless!!!

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You've asked for advice, so here it goes. Have you ever thought about looking for carpentry jobs in www. headhinter.net? This is a place on internet where eventually you can find a better job and place to live. There are other jobsearch engines on the web, so you can always search for carpentry jobs or even other jobs using your own computer. You can, for instance, look for a job on typing with computers, and more about computers, if you try the http:// www.brainbench.com. There, you will find about 60 different test which can be taken online, and you can always try a MS-Word or MS-Office test and find yourself in a better place putting there your resume. That is a possibility. Also, you could consider moving to a place where you can develop some new skills. I heard that In New Jersey people where able to find jobs in painting and so on. I know these are not so well-paid jobs, but this is always an alternative. Unfortunately, I can't help you by this time. I am Brazilian and I, myself, have found me in a similar position, since I

am divorced and father of a beautiful little girl who lives in another town about 50 miles away. And the living costs in my country are going uphills, so you see, everything I currently have is some debts to pay in order to get money savings to help my daughter get an education. I would eventually be able to help you concerning psychology and computer issues, since I work with both fields in Brazil. But I can't send you any money currently. Hope you receive this in better conditions and everything goes well for you and your wife, and your little baby. p.s. I don't have insurance also. Best wishes.

#### Daniel

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Have you ever thought of advertising your carpentry work over the Internet? I would be happy to design (free of charge) a simple web page with some photos of your work. It could get you some work. Send me a few photos of your workmanship and ways they can contact you. I can have it online for you in a few days, example of your site name would be www. w3spinner.com/careycarpentrt.html It can't hurt.

#### Yolanda

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I am living in New Zealand. I got your letter. I am sorry but it would be to difficult for me to help from here. If you could send me your picture and details, I will see what I can do by calling some people at my home church back in Virgina. My name is Gray Denton and my address is POB 8303, Tauranga, New Zealand. God Bless you and your family.

#### Gray

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Yours is a touching story and a use of the internet that I find refreshing. I do however have some misgiving. Could you offer some added proof of your present situation?

J. Call

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I sympathise with your plight, I'm in much the same situation myself. What I d like to know however, is where you got my address from???? Thank and all the best, Budz.

Ric

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I have met many in your situation, I would recommend NOT getting rid of your computer or your email, as it can be a great source of income with very little effort. I know as a carpenter, you work hard and get very tired. On your weekends, look around on the net and find affiliate programs that don't require you to buy anything (easy to find!) and who will supply you with a free web page/site and all mail and merchandise is handled by the main office. Get as many as you can — it can be a really fun hobby, too. Also, and I know this is hard for some couples to talk with your wife first, look into the adult sites as they can pay quite a lot. You can find sites that will teach you how to build websites, like So you want to build a website? Use the tools that are out there and have lots of fun!

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I'm sorry to hear that you have run in to such a hard time with your baby on the way things that seem to never end. I was going to send you some Money but my wife had a better suggestions! Go to your local Church and they will help you. We go to church here and take up money to help people all the time. Ask and you will get help.

And prayer will also help.

Charlie

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Hello, I am sorry to hear of your plight and can relate to it very deeply. As I had some of the same luck, or non luck. It may see, hard to see now, but as long as you keep your eye open and yourself looking for work, things will turn out for the better. Your wife should also get a job! I know it is not easy working being pregnant, but I worked two full time jobs till my due date, it was a little uncomfortable, but I had to do it. She can too. Don't fall into the wife and kid must stay at home syndrome, as it does nothing for you or your family. Also, there is a lot of aid out there for you to get. Don't be ashamed.!!!!!! So, as soon as I can afford a little money to give you as I am a single parent of 3 myself I will send it to you. I will need your address of your new apartment when you get it. Sooooo, try hard and get out of the carpentry business if it is not a good business.

Donna

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So — could I possibly meet the three of you? And give you a little donation once I get to know you!? Why don't you go to friends in your area. I'm sure they'd be willing to help.

The Waitress

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I would like to offer you my most sincere apologies for the snide e-mail that was sent to you from my store today. When it was brought to our attention that this act had been performed we were outraged not only by sheer rudeness but the fact that he used our company name and e-mail address to do it. This

employee was immediately sent home and has been placed on strict probation. His e-mail privileges have been revoked. You can expect to receive a personal apology from him tomorrow (if he does not quit or get fired first.) Here is a bit of advice. Do not give up or lose faith it will all work itself out in the end and having a child is the greatest thing in the world. Congratulations on your new addition to the family and good luck. Thanks,

Dan

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If this is all true I would like to say congratulations to you and your wife. I regret to inform you however that I am a college student and didn't get any financial aid from the gov. this year so I need every bit of my money to go towards school. I am sorry I can't spare any but good luck.

Gavin

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I've received your letter. Unfortunately, I am not in right shape to make any donations. (my situation is like yours with non significant difference). But I can give you advice. There are some recruiter companies in the states. They find positions for people. And I believe, there are always jobs. Sometimes it is hard to find the right job. One of the recruiters I know is up there. If you would follow the link, you will see their site. Go to "post resume" and fill the form. Maybe they will find something for you. They are currently helping me. Good luck,

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We will keep you and your wife and baby to be in our prayers. You might look to seek help at your local St. Vincent DePaul Society (at your local church). Best regards,

Kevin

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Would you be interested in a job?

John Hinson

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I hope you go and ask the SSI for help or department of human services. They provide you with everything you need. Good luck

Azar

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Have you ever thought of buying a home or changing occupations? Like for example steel mill work, which pays very nicely. Move to another state? Missouri is a nice place to live and the cost of living is pretty low. I am trying to sell my home at this time (cheap very cheap). This might not be what you are looking for but it is the best I can do at this point. My prayers are with you and your family.

Kbink

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Sorry I can't help you out financially. But, I am a firm believer in "give" a man a fish, he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish, he'll eat for a lifetime. So, I won't "give" you anything, but I WILL share with you a solution for your circumstances. Click onto the website thefreenetowork.com and check it out. If you're interested, reply back to me and I'll help to answer any questions you may have, etc. I hope this helps you. Good luck!!! P.S. If you do need to sell your computer, you don't have to give up using e-mail. There are several companies allowing you to have FREE e-mail addresses and you can use a computer at a library.

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I know that if a woman is pregnant Medicaid will help her. If you go to the department of human services or wherever the local medicaid office is you might qualify for assistance. They help out pregnant women you might also try to get in the Women Infants and Children program (WIC), they will help through the birth with juices, milk and such and up until the child is 5 years old.

#### Vanessa

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Sorry. I am under severe financial pressure myself! All the best in the future. God bless!

#### Steve

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Let me know how well you do with your request please!!!!!!

# John & Sonja

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Congrats to you that you are soon to be a parent, just wish to say God bless you.

# Boonkeong

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I am considering your request and would be open to discuss the possibility of making a substantial donation to your important and worthwhile cause. Before I do that though, I am arranging for surveillance of you and your wife. Once cleared by the relevant authorities, I will be happy to discuss your needs in greater detail. Thank you for contacting me.

# Maxwell Smart David

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How are you? I must admit that I have never received a mail like this before. I live in Nigeria. Do you know where that is? Well, the first thing that

came to my mind was how in heaven's name can I get some money to you? 'Cause I do not have a bank account in the US and whatever I could afford would not even cover the transfer charges from here. But . . . What I can do is to get a friend or relative to send you some money on my behalf and pay to him/her later. Whatever the amount, please do not feel bad if it does not come to much. Take heart and believe in that there is a God who performs wonders. I just had a baby as well and even though I have a stable job there are times when I'm scared that I may not meet up with his upkeep but do you know what I do? I pray. There is nothing I have ever asked from the Lord which he has not granted to me. He might do it in his own time but then that is usually the best time. OK? So, try not to worry too much though I know it is easier said than done. My regards to your wife and I look forward to seeing your picture after the birth of your child by the way how far gone is your wife? Cheers

#### Arorl

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I am wondering how you got my email address. Also, if you can afford to send pictures to everyone that sends you a dollar or advices, why can't you afford to support your baby? As far as advice goes, I would suggest contacting your parents for a temporary loan until you can get back on your feet. There are companies that will loan you money also until you can better provide for your family. Good luck.

# Gina and Terry

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I am sorry you are having difficulties. I cannot send you money, as I do not know you. I'm not saying

you are lying, but anyone can take a picture. I have said a prayer for you. My advise would be to get rid of your internet service, that is an expense that you probably don't need if you are having difficulties.

# Karen

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My husband and I are in the same situation, except we are both students, my answer to you is your wife get a job and or get a second job.

#### Amber

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Do I know you?? Tell you what, a good place to move is Iowa most of the starting carpenters get \$11/hour with full benefits apartments are around 200-500/month. Me and my wife don't have a whole lot of money ourselves, well, I better go God bless

#### James

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While I normally trash e-mails that I receive, such as the one you sent me, I felt compelled to answer, provided that this is not a hoax. I cannot send you any money, because I am only 16. However, I am wondering if you have expertise with computers, or at least know something about them. If you do, there are many opportunities for people who can use computers. My parents over 15 years ago, ran a small business from their home in St. Louis, MO typing papers for people at a reasonable charge per page. While this may not seem like much, I am sure that it will help you get started. I know computers well, and would be willing to at least try and be of some assistance. If there is anything I can do to help you out, except send money, please feel free to let me know. Sincerely yours,

#### Martin

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I have troubles of my own, but the assistance I can give you is to include you in my prayers. God has this incredible way of making everything work out. Best of luck and God bless!

#### Personnel

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I would like to help you, but I am in an even worse situation. My fiancé and I just broke up. She's taking me to court for child support, and I will be out of work for the summer (I'm a teacher). Good luck!!!!!!

Angel

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We are software corporation out of Seattle Washington getting ready to launch a web and wireless enabled time management solution. We have three sales channels we are pursuing of which one has the possibility of working remotely. I am the founder of the company. We currently have a President staffed and a few development team members. We are a pre-IPO dot com competing in the hottest segment of the technology sector at the moment. Our company is based on years of experience and lots of hard work. On a personal hope, my wife and I were in the same shoes you were five years ago. Now we have three kids and have worked very aggressively to position ourselves in front of the curve of life instead of behind it. I cannot offer you a comfortable and easy solution to your problem but I can present hope. I would like you to help pursue one of our sales channels if interested and capable. While on that path you can learn a great deal of skills relating to the high tech sector (specifically wireless application development). If it doesn't work out with my company, you can take your skills elsewhere and have considerable resources available to you and create security for your family (by the way,

my wife has been a stay at home mom for three yeas). Your job would be to call into high tech recruiting firms and present our solution (which I mentioned earlier is a time management solution). Our product also suits the construction industry as well. At first you would be compensated on a commission basis. If you prove yourself and revenue allows a pre-IPO we will have a stock option package available for those who qualify. Let me know what you think. If you would like to pursue this, get me a phone number where I can reach you to discuss. Also, when is the baby due? Thanks . . .

#### John

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Hello, my name is dave, but some people call me Foss, long story no need to indulge, but I have been informed of your situation, and although I would like to help financially, I am a strapped individual myself, but I will give you some advice. You are a carpenter in NYC, the home of big business with little hearts, it seems to me that you are catfish trying to survive in fast moving water, you are simple out of your element. So with that in mind, I recommend you moving out of the cess pool. Move to the rural realms of New Mexico, or Vermont, where your economic situation may be similar (Work for carpenters in some areas are great right now), life will seem to be easier. Not only for you, but for your little one on the way. With the world the way it is today, a youngster should not be raised in New York, think about it. You'll send it to public school, which new york is not known for its fantastic educational system. You and your wife will probable have to work so you'll raise a latch-key kid, giving him or her all inclination to get into trouble and pick up bad habits, creating to the demise of your

younger generations. So my advice is get out, there are better fruits to eat outside the world of NYC. Good Luck and Foss Bless

#### Dave

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How did you get my address in the first place? I am a Christian and believe in helping people. This is the first time I have ever heard of someone just sending me an email asking for a donation. Sounds pretty tricky. Are you sure you are doing everything possible to earn money? You know there are times when we must look at changing jobs. Maybe that is an idea for you. I just don't understand how I came into this picture. Signed,

# Greg

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I wish you the best with your future baby and your wife. I'm sorry you are in a situation like this, I can just imagine how hard it could be. Remember though that eventually you will find luck and things will be much easier. Its always harder in the beginning. I hope you send me a picture of your baby, I'd like to see it and I'll try to send you a donation soon. Good luck. Bye.

#### Venessa

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Dude, 1) why don't u move to Jersey city Apartments are much cheaper out there 2) why on earth didn't u guys plan ur child???????? now don't tell me that it's GOD's gift if u cannot survive, then why the hell are u havin kids now?????? I would have never ever done that, if I were u . . . Think about the above and please let me know . . . Kind regards,

# Naggi

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Heh heh if you are real your family stands in very good stead with a person smooth and clever enough to do this and I hope your idea works out. If it isn't as bad as you made out in your email I hope it works out too, but sorry—no cash from me as i'm poor too (: Nice one matey and congrats with the little one. Good luck. don't dance with the devil without steel toecaps,DD,98

#### DarkDreamer

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How did you know get my email address? You don't have to have insurance to have the baby. New York has the most comprehensive welfare/indigent/no-insurance system of any of the states. Just go to the Emergency Room and tell them you have no insurance. They will ask you what you can pay and you decide what that is.

#### DC

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I wish the best to you all. I will be amazed if this works for you: I have a daughter trying to get to a pageant in Las Vegas. I have mailed letters. Pounded the pavement till my feet swell and just about listed all I own on ebay to get her there. I am quickly losing faith in humanity!! I have been told no six ways to Sunday! And even mailed a refusal letter in my own self-addressed envelope! I hope you have better luck than I! God Bless. Take care

#### Gabrielle

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I too have a child actually 1 is 3 years old and the other is 7 months. Then 7 month old, we just found out that he has sever asthma. I wish that we could send you something in the way of money, however all I can send you is honest encouragement and possibly a little enlightement. PRAY!!! God says that he will supply your needs, and believe me he will. We don't have any extra, but we do have all we need. This is the only way we can make it. TRUST!!! Trust that God Will supply your needs. If you think, he supplies even birds with food, and we are the ones

that are made in his image, you know he will supply for us. Good luck, and may God smile upon you, your wife and the new one. I honestly wish that there were more that I could do. I will put your name on our prayer list at church, and let me know what happens. Sincerely and in Jesus name,

#### Michelle

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I'm so very sorry but I have been under doctors care for over a year now and my bank account is very limited. Best of luck with your new addition.

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"The sun, the moon, and the stars would have disappeared long ago — had they happened to be within the reach of predatory human hands." Havelock Ellis

#### Rickie

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Although I'm not in a position to help. (I've just barely got a place to live myself.) I do wish you the best of luck and you will be in my prayers.

#### Ron

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My advice is that you move do somewhere that is not quite so expensive. I have no idea where you can get a job, since I am not a carpenter. Perhaps you should pray about it.

# **BOvercamp**

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Ok ok — whatever — Just one question — how did you get this email address? I am a bit puzzled, since I have not sent that address to more than 5 people — and nowhere in the past 4 months, so it is kinda bizarre for me how you would know it.

#### Christian

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I am so sorry for your situation and it is very emotional. Dear, my advice to you is to look for the truth first. Life is not as simple as we think. Our life has a lot of responsibilities not to ourselves only, but toward everybody around us. The truth is ISLAM, u have to look at study the Islam in the right way. Don't hear what other people or media who wants to fool you and give you a bad impression about Islam. Man, your responsibility is to find the truth, so when you die you will find yourself in the right way and get to the heaven. Otherwise, after dying, you think you are going to the heaven as many naive people think, but in that time, u will have the truth which is you were going to the opposite direction. Finally, sorry for this long letter, but I felt it is my responsibility to deliver the Islam's message to you. When you find the truth and you start worshipping GOD, you feel the difference. You won't feel this bad feeling and the pain of this life. Good luck fear may allah help you to find the truth. Take care and good luck for u and you wife as well as you coming baby. Bye.

#### Muslim

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Bless you and your family. If your situation is as you say it is, then my advice for you is as follows: Say the words below as often as you are conscious to remember to say them. When you truly believe, the rest shall follow. Infinite spirit, open the way for GREAT ABUNDANCE for me and my family, we are irresistable magnets for all that belongs to us by DIVINE right. I encourage you to read a book called, "The Game of Life." You shall never see yourself in a position of lack again. With Love,

#### M. McCaw

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I've read your email. And I do feel for you. But before I send you anything I want to see some proof. What can you do about that?

# Carolko

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Right! Sounds like you don't really need advice, you WANT money!! So do I. My advice is to WORK HARD. There is no free ride in America (although everyone thinks that way). Get the Hell out of NY. It's way too expensive. Move to where it's cheaper to live, get multiple jobs, work your ass off, and save lots of money. That's what I do. That's what everyone should be doing. Stop spending. When everyone STOPS paying the high prices, prices will drop. But if you really want to send me a dollar, I'll take it!

#### Scott

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I am sorry I can't help you, but I will do as much as I can. Even though I am only 17 years old and no job, I was touched and convicted by your problem. I will be praying for you. Stick with it and I would love to see the picture of your family when and if I get any money to help, but for now — I will pray for you.

#### Kuya

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Sorry I couldn't help you with funds. I am not exactly swimming in dough these days. Hope you and your family made it through the hardships and that you found some donors. All the best

#### Lance

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I am unable to provide with a donation due to financial difficulty as well. But I do wish the best for your wife and you and hope the baby is born with no complications. Bye.

# Derek

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THERE IS PLENTY OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN THE HOUSTON AREA. GO TO THE NEWSSTAND AND GET A SUNDAY HOUSTON CHRONICLE AND CHECK THE CLASSIFIEDS. THEY ALSO ARE ONLINE AT WWW.HOUSTONCHRONICLE.COM. I DON'T KNOW IF THE CLASSIFIEDS ARE THERE OR NOT. THE SECOND SUGGESTION IS TO READ THE CELISTINE PROPHECY PARTICULARLY THE SECTION TEACHING HOW TO DEAL WITH CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE CATHOLIC, DON'T BE ALARMED EARLY ON IN THE BOOK, JUST KEEP READING. WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED, YOU WILL FIND THAT IT CONFIRMS THE BIBLE. YOU CAN PROBABLY FIND ONE AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. REGARDS,

# WILSON

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My advice to you is for you and your wife to put your faith in God and He will see you through! I have been in your same situation and when my son was born prematurely, I thought that was the end of the world because I knew there was no way we could pay the hospital and doctor bills but God saw us through and my son just turned 9 years old on Wednesday and our life is great because we put God first in our hearts and in our lives! I am also sending you a donation to help because I have been there and that is what I feel led to do. Good luck with your new baby—may God richly bless you and your family. Oh, and Happy Father's Day!

#### Patty

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Sounds like you might be a good candidate for a

home-based business I am involved with. Check out my website at www.exelir.com/danparks specifically look under the "Business Opportunity" section and view the "Online Presentation." If you find something you like email me back and we can talk further.

#### Fan Parks

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I am really sorry to hear about the unfortunate name of your family; however, there is little to nothing that I can do the help. I am just a little kid and I have no money. I wish you and your family the best of luck and I suggest that you pray to God for help. I also encourage you keep your spirits high, and your wife's moral higher. The best of luck to you. Sincerely,

# Pdoggs

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My husband and I are moving this weekend. We won't have a home of our own again until the middle of July because the family living there now needs it until then. People have been very gracious to us and are letting us stay with them for a couple of days at a time. We have to split up our family of four because none of our friends have room for all of us at once. I am scared and try to think only of the positive. I can't send you more than few dollars, but I am going to mail what I can to you and your wife. It should arrive in a couple days. God bless you and your family. Sorry I can't do more to help, but I will keep a good thought for you. Sincerely,

# Noelle

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My advice to you is to give your life to Christ and join a local church in your home area. It's been my experience that no Pastor of church leader would stand idly by and watch you and your family suffer.

That is, if you are really being truthful. If not, some day, some way, and that's a fact! Again I say, if you're sincere, find that church home and see if I am telling you the truth. In fact, with a carpenter's skill, any Pastor would be more than happy to receive you in and find gainful employment opportunities. That is, if you are being truthful. If not, God the father is taking note of the deceit!!!

John

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Look I know how you feel, I don't have much money either. I gotta question: if you live in Manhattan why not send your reply to this? I will tell you how to get a lot of money all you have to do is have \$10 to do it too (the money isn't for me— just hang on to it and I'll tell you).

Shelia

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Ok, sorry about the Manhattan thing I'm kinda dumb—I'm 15 man. The only thing I can tell you to do man is sell pot. You may not wanna but sometimes you gotta to survive man. Go buy a dime sack with the \$10 sell it to someone for \$15 tell them its good stuff, go back to the dealer and buy a 15 sack, add a little grass that will make you a 20 sack sell it for \$25 to 30, the start selling quarter sack for \$30 from then own (you can make a lot fast)especially were you live man. Only suggestion I got, sorry if it don't help.

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Advice: Don't pick a name for your child in the hospital. Don't let them issue your child a birth certificate or social security number. Instead go home and post his or her name in a family bible. It is perfectly

legal and you will give your unborn child the greatest gift of all freedom. I will explain later if you do this. I don't give a man a fish, I teach him how to fish. God to www.successlinks.com/cb and learn how to fish. Your situation is temporary. You can choose to stay there or change it forever. Sincerely,

Charles

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Hello I received your letter and I was wondering how you got my address. Thanks,

Joanne

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If you are REALLY good at what you do, one of our contacts is a very reliable contractor who we have known for many years. He is located in Middlesex County New Jersey (about 20 miles from NYC). He is looking for an honest, reliable carpenter who does first-rate work at a reasonable rate. If you think that applies to you and you re serious, then please reply and let us know all the usual info. We will contact him and relay your info and he will then presumably contact you if he's interested in your services.

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I am painfully sorry for you and your family. And know that I wish there was more I could do — But know that I'll ask god if there's anything he might do for you. May he help to guide you.

Matthew

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Have you tried replying on God. If you have and this the direction God has pointed you in, then he will bless you. Find a church, they can help too.

**GUDINATOR** 

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My name is Ibrahim Sokkar, I'm working as the IT manager of Cadbury Egypt Group. I read your poor Email, but I have a suggestion for u, did u think of using ur wife (if she is sexy & beautiful) to earn money?? I will help u if u send me some great photos of ur wife with cool bikini or without clothes, some close up & stuff like that. Because I like women, I pay money for them. So, if u r interested just send me an Email to inform me that the photos r in their way to me—I'll make u happy — Thanks, hope to help.

#### Ibrahim

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Hello, my only advice to you is trust in God to provide what you need. If you do then you will never need to worry.

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Move to Queens and you will be able to afford insurance!

Don

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Hey who are you? ;-)

Bones3

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I know what you are going through I have been there too. I am unable to help at this time. Money is very short here too. Just not making enough to pay bills too. May have to give up some of my things too, real soon.

BB

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I'm Edgar, from Leon, Gto. Mexico My English is very poor, I hope you can read this well. Your situation is very sad, but you are no the one who suffer that in this world, I married to and I understand you because in my country it is more difficult than

yours. In this moments I can't help you with money. But if you want I can be your friend and I can hear you You are not alone any more ok. I do my best for sending something, just try to take care for your family. Be strong. NOTHING LAST FOR EVER . . . Sincerely,

# Edgar

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Did you ever realize that the ultra wealthy seem to pray by a different set of rulers than we? What is it, did they go to different school that taught them different things? I am 53 and wish I had this information years ago. The schools I went to taught me how to be a good worker. That it was expected of me to work 40 hours a week for 40 years get a gold watch and one third of my pay and be happy. I was taught to look forward to social security and Medicare as a reward for all my efforts and years of loyality to the cause? Look at the old people on social security and Medicaid. They are struggling. Have you heard about old people eating dog food because it is all they can afford. This was not the picture I had in mind for retirement? Can you imagine Bill Gates or Ted Turner eating dog food? I think not! So what is their secret? There are two types of wealth — 1.) those born into it and (2.) those that earned it. Well we were not born into it so we have to take the other road. First you have to learn the rules. They are heavily guarded secrets. You have to change your way of thinking. Everything you have been taught is probably wrong. You have to get past the worker mentality and restructure your life. This is extremely hard for most people to do. Most would rather struggle in their comfort zone than change even one thing. I assume you are young just starting family. What better time to change your life than now. If you have what it takes the rest of your life can be the

greatest experience you could not even imagine. All this is putting the cart before the horse. Knowledge is Power. To answer your questions. A social security number is for ss benefits only. Yet it is misused for a national indentification number. (congressmen don't even pay into social security & they have a better retirement plan). You do not need a ss#. I was 14 before I got mine and if I had known what I know now I would not have applied for it. You can not be refused employment if you don't have one and any employer that refuse to hire you is subject to a lawsuit for discrimination. (Case going on now with Taco Bell). When you get a birth certificate the state sends it to the US government which in turn creates a fictitious person of your name. You are now an entity of the corporate US Govt. and are now worth \$1,000,000 borrowing power to them. There are other implied contracts that you are responsible for that you will never know of unless it is at the convenience of the govt. to use at your expense. The bible Family tree is an excepted legal record of your child's birth and automatically makes him free as our forefathers intended us to be. Think about it Does your birth certificate or ss card have a picture of you on it. Yet it is excepted as proof that you are who you say you are. A Bible signed by clergy is just as legal. And you Is your heard spinning yet? Want some more? Bill Gates is fighting the government over his company. The man is worth 106 billion dollars. He could pull the plug give everyone severance pay and let the building go to ruin. He owns everything. You using windows 89 only paid for a license to USE his product. He still owns it. He can take his torys and go home and live the rest of his life anywhere he pleases. That's freedom. Something to think about. The car you just paid \$20,000 for, or are still pay-

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ing on is not really yours. Believe it or not you will never own it. It belongs to the state. You paid for the privilege of saying it is yours. But there is a way to really own one. The home you buy for your family will also never be yours. It too belongs to the state. But you could own property if you knew how. You do not have to be Bill Gates to be truly free. You just have to know what they don't want you to know. We no matter what our color, race, religion, have not been free since the civil war. Our ancestors have not been truly free and didn't even know it. The history we studied in school is not the true history of the US, only what they (the elite) wanted us to know. If you care, watch it again with an open mind. Listen closely to the words and not the action. Go rent it. It is the best three dollars you will ever spend. Has nothing to do with our organization. But if you take the red pill, (knowledge) you can NEVER go back — I took the red pill and I don't want to go back. I want to educate others to what I am learning. Take the pill if you dare but remember it will change your life. The difference between the movie and real life is in real life you can get the education and decide not to use it and nothing changes. Except you will be mad at yourself because you had the chance to change your life and id nothing. So many people are so caught up in the box that they can't even understand what you are talking and are afraid to change. They are slaves and don't even know it I was one of these people. Did you go up to the web site I gave you. Did you look at every page and listen to all the audio s. I can only give you the tools. You have only to use then?

#### Charles

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Take whatever spare money that you have and invest

it in stocks. Also, cut back on everything. Don't go to movies, rent them; don't order pizza, make it; don't buy brand name products, buy generic products. You will soon discover more than the expenses of having a child. Also, check and see if your company will give you an insurance plan, and if not then get state insurance. Peace,

#### Moriel

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About the pictures, I like to collect pictures of beautiful women, because I like women so much, so I promise no one will see them except me. About money, well, it depends on how sexy your wife is and how many pictures you send me, but I promise that it won't be less than ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (the more you send, the more earn). Hope that you r happy now — hope to hear from u soon. Bye Ibrahim

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I can really know how you feel. I have a nice month old and she too was an unexpected but exciting discovery. Although my husband was in the military at the time and we did have insurance we also had a lot of bills. Bills we probably could pay without a new born, but we didn't know if we could with one. My husband being in the Navy I knew I was going to be a single mom most of time. My due date ended up being three days after my husband was going to leave on a six month underway period. If that were the case he wouldn't have been there for the birth and wouldn't see our daughter until she was six months old. The best thing I ever did was to pray to God that everything would work out for the best. Keeping faith—or trying to very hard—I went through my pregnancy knowing everything would be all right. My daughter was born 12 hours before

he was supposed to leave and he ended up getting to stay for two weeks with me and my newborn. There are resources out there for people that don't have insurance and unexpected medical come up. In Manhattan I don't really know what or where you would look, but just look hard there has to be something like I am talking about. I don't know if you are a religious person or not, but God has answered more than one or two of my prayers. And he will answer you too if you believe. I WISH YOU THE BEST ON THE MOST WONDERFUL EXPERINEVE YOU WILL EVER HAVE BECAUSE MY DAUGHTER IS THE JOY OF MY LIFE!

# Crystal of Tennessee

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If this is true, first you should move out of Manhattan and then have the baby at home.

#### Doreen

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I wouldn't send you 2 cents whether your story is true or not. Ever here the phrase life sucks and then you die? Well isn't it true? You really have a lot of nerve to randomly email people asking them for money. I am disabled person working a shitty part time job just to afford all the medication I am on. I am in pain every day and there are so many small things I would like to get in life that I cannot dream of ever getting because of money problems. You don't see me sending emails asking people for help do you? Be happy you are healthy and having a wife to share your life with. It's more than I will ever have.

## Damon

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I am touched by your note, and by your circumstances. You commented "I will send you more



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proof if you think this story is fiction." And, forgive me, but I am the eternal skeptic. What other proof can you offer short of my visiting your address and seeing you & your wife in person (which is what I would gladly do were I in NYC). We are people of meager means ourselves, but are committed to helping "even in a small way" those who need a hand up from time-to-time. Please provide add I proof that all is as you say it is.

#### Keith

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I would like to help, but I can't really offer useful advice without knowing what you do for a living and what your educational background is.

# Greg

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Look honey im going to send you a few bucks just to show you I respect your courage and humility but I have to ask you ARE YOU CRAZY???? Is this your actual physical address? If it is then you seriously putting your family and yourself in danger. There are nice folks out here but there are some chemically imbalanced, crazy, psychotic, violent nuts out there also. Please stop this email and don't try it again until you have a p.o. box number ok?????? Im worried for you and I don't know if you are as aware of what goes on in relation to online people or not — please — stop stop putting out your physical address, its not worth it ok???? God bless you and your wonderful family

#### Lisa

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I am sorry for not responding you in time. I had a twin baby-girls 4 months ago and right now they grow well. They are really lovely babies. I have a

big family of 7 people right now, including the two baby girls. Frankly speaking, I got lots of help from my brothers and sisters in my Lord of the church. They provided me everything we need for the two babies, everything!! The total value I cannot estimate because it is much beyond the value itself. Some of the stuffs they provided to our family are brand new and, of course, some of them are the used one but look like new. My English is not good enough to describe them by their names. So what I can let you know in short is we got everything from God. So I would like to let you know is that God can always help you if you trust in Him. Please go to a church and join the worship with the brothers and sisters and let them know your need. Pray with them together then you will see our God can provide you with that much beyond your expectation. My family will pray for you as well. May our Lord, Jesus Christ, bless you! He can always satisfy you!! Cheers!

# Fusheng

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I am sorry I cannot help you with money but I will send a prayer up for you and I know that you will make it because many people before you have and many more will be in the same position as you. As long as you are working and determined nothing is impossible.

#### Odessa

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I have to admit that your letter is rather unusual and congratulations on your happy news. May I suggest that you go to www.innerlight.com and click on Golden Key. If your message is genuine you may find that this will help you through this difficult time. I would also like to invite you to look at a fabulous program which could give you the chance of changing your life. Please look at: www.east2west-link.com and type SCOTCH-MIST which is my IMAC name. This may be something of interest for you or it may not. Life is full of choices and we can change. Never give up hope. I wish you luck and success in your life. God Bless

#### Helena

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Hello, I was very moved by your story. Have you received any job offers yet? Have you checked with social services in the area? How many e-mails have you sent? What has has been your response? Please fax me your resume, I know some people in your area that will help you with a job. I am also going to send you some information on a job venture that will make you wealthy! You are a special person and god has plans for you! But you have to keep the faith and endure! Check out the information at the website www.myupline.com when you review the guest area for this and let me know what you think, I will send some money to help you out. But you must respond today!

#### Clarence

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Advice: Sell computer and buy insurance. Also spend e-mailing time working 2nd job. Love Gary

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Try your church, synagoge, mosque or other house of worship. Best wishes.

Dale

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I symphatize with your problem, and here is a suggestion, why don't you try looking for work in some of the NY's theatres or movies, they need a lot of carpenters in order to build their sets — I hope you make it, and best wishes for your baby . . .

#### Bruno

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My name is Aubrie and I am a 24 years old single mother of a four year old. His name is Cameron and he is my blessing from God above. He has epilepsy, hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and developmental delays, so he has been sick and in the hospital quite a bit in his short 4 years of life. I work full time, when Cameron's health allows, and I receive no government assistance other than Medicaid for his medical bills and medications. I say all of this to let you both know that I COMPLETELY understand financial stress/trouble. I have borrowed money from friends & relatives and been given donations of food and clothing from church and his Pre-School. These were things God made happen. He knew I was in need as provided me with what I needed at the time. I am not in a position to donate money, but I can certainly give some advice and encouragement is one word: GOD! He is the ONLY reason I am able to survive financially, mentally — He gives us all peace and He provides us with all we need. I do not know if you are Christians. If not, I strongly urge you to dedicate your life to God. I have been divorced since Cameron was 2 months old. My ex-husband was turned to the wrong things for comfort-comfort that was false because God was no in my life. Nothing was going right, I had no money, no peace of mind, no direction with my life. As soon as I let God back into my life, things changed. No, I did not get rid all the problems I had but I had God there with

me. He has helped me have a positive attitude about life. All he asks is that we live our lives for Him and follow His word, the Bible. The rest is done for us by God. He strengthens us, loves us unconditionally, and provides for us. Just when you think you have no hope, God brightens your life. He doesn't cause bad things to happen, rather He is there to guide us through the troubles we encounter. There is no greater peace than to know that no matter what happens, God will be there for and with you. I am far from perfect but when I do make mistakes and sin, I ask God to forgive me, as he does. I hope this message leads you to the Lord if you do not have Him in your life already. My address is below, and please feel free to write me anytime. If you do not have a Bible, let me know and I have an extra one I can send you. God bless you and your child!

#### Ms. Aubrie

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I am sorry to hear about your predicament; however, here in Rapid City we have more job openings than we have workers. Possibly you should move out of the East and move here to the Midwest where you can find employment. Good luck.

#### Karen

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Hello, I am writing in response to your situation. I have just recently helped another individual(s) in a similar situation. They have now relocated to ATLANTA, GA and both have a decent job to support themselves and two kids. One of the children is an infant and one is a toddler. The guy works at a major communications company and the lady works at a law firm. Although, I was helpful to them, I am not guaranteeing anything. If you have a resume that you can send to me, I might be able to get you an opportunity here in Atlanta. All

I ask is that you be serious about making a better life for your wife and soon to be child. I am not a miracle worker or a priest, but I don't mind helping out if I can. So, If this peaks your interest, then send me a resume by email. Sincerely,

Erica

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You'll receive \$10 soon.

Vadim

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How did you get this address. You shouldn't go around asking people for money let alone give our your address — but if this is true I being a religious person say to pray, and that I will pray for you. If you need anymore advice — mail me back!

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I recommend selling the child in the blooming black market out by Coney Island, count your losses and crawl out of debt!

Bob

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If you are so sincere, please email me to let me know who sold you my email address. Then do not email again.

Adam

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Sorry to hear that your in a tight situation, if you get enough money to move, may I make a suggestion of a place to move to where there is more work then there is people to fill the jobs in construction! Carpenters are always need here and many other crafts! Houston, Texas has more jobs on construction available than you could ever imagine! The cost

of living if you live in the small towns to the east of Houston is affordable! Rent for houses go from \$300 to \$600 depending on how big a house your looking for, but you can get a nice 2 bedroom house for about \$400-\$450 a month and the pay scale is at \$16.50-22.50 per hour which is good and above the cost of living in this area just out side of the Houston city limits, and I'm only talking about 25 miles east of Houston! There are more plants and refineries here then you have ever seen in your life!!!! And the worlds largest refinery in the world in here as well Exxon and there are about 100 more other refinery's and plants in this area also! So work is every where and if you are a worker and want work you can have work here all of the time!! I'm sorry that I can't send more than the area for more work then will last your life time. But that information I think in the long run be worth more then any dollar could ever add up to! I hope that things get better for you!

James

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If you're serious about wanting to insurance your income, I'd be glad to tell you about the nutritional supplements company I represent. It's an honest, legitimate way to attain financial freedom as well as improved health. Meanwhile, offer to barter your carpenter service for reduced rent. Your wife can offer to baby sit for others in addition to taking care of your baby.

Kevin

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Advice you say? Hey, get that baby out of NYC! Gw/jr

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I am unable to send you any financial help, but can send you some information that may help. I know for a fact that you can get into a very lucrative business by helping the Herbalife team. There are many opportunities in the work from home filed. We are all independent distributors and it is possible to make a great deal of money very quickly, depending upon how much you wish to work the program. The company has been in business for 20 years and is now in 49 different countries so it is not a fly by night organization. There are many training advantages and always someone to help if you should have any questions. If you think you might be interested, let me know and I will be happy to help you all I can to get started.

Sandy

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pls visit biz.chnaccm.com http://biz.chinaccm.com is has one hundred biz opportunities are waiting you come on—don't hesitate

Joe

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As a Multiple Sclerosis victim, we live on a very low fixed income and there is no supplus right now. I wish I could help you.

Ken

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Just over 22 years ago my ex and I had my daughter. No insurance, living in a tiny apartment. I left the hospital in less than a day. We divorced almost

four years ago. I have multiple sclerosis and now live in a tiny place on a fixed income. I am 45 years old. So I know how tough it is. Just read stories to that child every night so he or she can develop and appreciation for reading. Try to be kind always to each other. Best of luck to you!

Carolyn

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Good luck!

Alex

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Just curious how you get this email address. If you tell me I may send you a dollar.

Michael

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Sorry about your plight. You're the only tradesman I'm aware of who isn't inundated with work right now. Did you know most hospitals in New York offer clinic programs that allow you to pay on a sliding scale? Check with the administration office at the hospital where you want to have the baby and they'll help you. Plus, you many not know this but the baby will be insured through Child Health Plus and your wife may qualify for this very generous state run program for up to six months after birth. Following that, you can apply for a New York state agency department of health and human resources. Otherwise, I have to say that your ignorance in these matters — they're well publicized — suggests a ploy on your part that is both pathetic and deeply cynical. But I'll give you the benefit of the doubt and hope you'll take advantage of the numerous programs available to you and your wife. Regards,

Friendly Fishbein

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We received your email and we are praying about helping. It's not that we don't want to , but we get a lot of request for help. Our church has helped thousands of families in the Western Kentucky area. We take every request seriously and will get back to you. It there is one bit of advise I can give you it is put all your trust to God's awesome power to provide for you when it locks like there is no way! He is Jehovah Jirah — your provider. In Christ,

Pastor Steve Reed

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I live in NY —they have insurance available for her. It is called PCAP and anyone can get it.

Jodi

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Are you really a carpenter? If so, almost part of the country is needing good carpenters. Go to nahb.com and see for yourself.Some contactors will pay your moving. Again, go to nahb.com/ state and local/and seek out the listed contractors. Send them email.

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Do you have a job? Are you having bad luck I will say a prayer for you. The Lord works in mysterious ways. Good luck for your family.

Odell

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How about moving out of Manhattan. You can get an apartment on Staten Island for a 1/4 of what you are paying in Manhattan. By the way — I rarely believe these types of letters — I get a lot of them, so please do not write me again.



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#### Russell

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Do you know if the baby is a boy or a girl? **John** 

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"encouraging words"

Thomas

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I can only sympathize with your situation. May I ask what you pay for rent at this present time? Your age and how long you have been a carpenter? Jim and Stephanie

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Check with your local and State agencies for assistance, American Red Cross and any number of Churches in your area for assistance. I'm sure you'll find and agency that is more than willing to assist you and your family. Good luck,

John

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You are living in the wrong part of the country, because work is plentiful in Los Angeles. I would suggest moving either yourself or the two of you to the California area or one of the better economic areas to take advantage of the booming, the Rocky Mountains etc. it is very difficult to give to someone when it is not known who the recipient is. You should also try your local church, they will often help.

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How did you get my address? Angelo

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If you are in need you should be looking to work for yourself like my wife and me with our five kids. If you feed a person a fish but don't teach them how to fish then their problem will not improve. I feel for in this time of need, I am a business owner and are looking for people to expand with. Take a look at our website: ibo.bwwonline.com/jcrosby Password=winners. Sincerely

Joseph

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There is a states program for pregnant people called AIM Aide for infants and Mothers. It is free and covers the child for the first tow years. You can ask info for the phone number or your local clinic. It is an 800 number. Good luck

Naomi

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I was very touched by your letter. It's rare I get letters like these. I was almost tempted to delete this but something inside was telling me to read it. I am only 15 years old. I live in Hampton, VA. But when I read your letter I felt like there's people out here spending money like water when others are in need. I have been in a similar situation so I can relate to how you feel. It's nice to see that you re trying to make a better life for you and your soon to be family. I just want to let you know that I have some money for you. It's not a lot but little things come in big packages. Your thank-you's are not required. This is

from the heart. God Bless and keep trusting in God. He will make a way out of no way. Sincerely Erin

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I found your letter touching but cannot send money. You are probably living in the most expensive area of this country and it appears from your letter there are little or few job opportunities for you. Move south young man! You will find so much work here as a carpenter it will make your head spin. I am a realtor in Atlanta and know of builders and contractors that are begging for good subs. There is an abundance of Cabinetry Shops that "Always" have help wanted signs and it also appears you have decent computer skills to be able to e-mail so many folks. God gave you certain talents to use for the improvement of yourself and your soon to be family. Get to work. Make changes. Sometimes it takes a leap of faith, but as Nike says "just do it." Have pride, don't beg, and get your ass in gear! You can do it! I know because I did, when there was no one to turn to for any help. Good luck and god bless

Judy

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Ok I have some advice for you: First if you can't afford insurance go to your local family support office and they can set her up with Medicaid, which will pay for her medical bills during pregnancy and will pay for the baby's bill until its 18 years old. Second there are other things you can do to cut cost apply for food aide or food stamps depending on where you are. There are many government and private agencies that will help in time of need so you need to look for from these people, because asking

people on the internet will not get it. Who do you think will give someone money that they don't even know. Last get a second job. I work 2 jobs and my husband works as well. I work in the system but I you need any more help just ask and will try to help you as best as I can, because your state qualifications might be different that ours but I will try to help you

Rose

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Right now, I have an opportunity for you, to work on the computer part time if you would like, it involves reviewing websites. If you would like to do this, just email me back and I will get you started. Sincerely.

Jason

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Move to Austin, Texas. There is plenty of work for carpenters here. Austin is growing by leaps and bounds. If you are truly a good carpenter, you will be busy until your kids (to be born) graduates from college. I mean it! There is lot of work here in Austin and Texas in general. Good luck! That is my advice!!!

Ray

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My advice to you is to move to MN, IA, SD, WY, or CO. The only way to get ahead in this life is to work hard! There is no free lunch out there! Do not lower yourself like this! Go to work! That is it! Best regards,

Bill Gates

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Your message is very moving out but I too am unable to send any donation due to Credit Card bills. Some good advice for you to go a long way with is always ALWAYS be patient with each other and not go to bed angry. Believe in yourself and don't count on the government for everything, in the long run they are hindrance to you rather than help increase your standard of living. Best wishes and good luck in the future!!!

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I am not in a position to send money but, even if you sell your computer you can have email just get a free web based Account @hotmail.com you can access it for any internet connected computer Best of Luck and good wishes.

# Bethany

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Hello my name is Robert Brown I received your email today and it touched me for myself I have been where you are and no where to go and no money to do it with. Id love to help you. The first way is advice. If that doesn't help soon then possibly a small donation to your family. The computer you have is more powerful to you as a carpenter than a union for employment, so check out employment in carpentry work on the internet, or simply post a message on messages boards for work, you would be surprised of how many people would help you possibly even move you. If you need help doing research on this I'll be glad to help you. Just e-mail me. Ok, if you respond, this will let me know your sincerity, I know that in the carpentry business, here they have to refuse work for there is to much work in that trade, so please let me know and we can conquer this mountain. God's speed.

#### Robert Brown

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As money is very hard to come by for most of us I can empathise. I might suggest a great deal of prayer. The Good Lord never gives us anything to handle which he knows we can not do. Hard times make us stronger and more appreciative of the good times. Our prayers are with you and your family! Your wife and child will be OK if you only believe it so within God's everlasting Love!

#### Karen

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Sorry I can't be of help at this time, but I am moving overseas. Wish I can help. I been there in your position before. I have also lived in alphabet city many years ago. Wish you and your wife and child a better life in manhattan.

#### H. WILLIAMS

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I just lost my job. So can you send me part of the money you get from your proceeds? I assume you sent this plea out to millions of people, and if just a small percentage sent you a dollar, you would still get PAID! So help a brother out and send me some funds. Sincerely, me!

#### **TBS**

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Go visit your local Family Independence Agency Your wife should qualify for WIC and Medicaid and possibly foodstamps and money

#### Rebecca

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I would like information on how you obtained my email address.

#### Edward

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That's very ballsy of you. I won't send \$, we need every penny for the time being — but here's some advice. I too was once young and poor with a pregnant girlfriend. We married and have been together 23 years. Commitment, communication and education will see your through. Health - spiritual, mental and physical — is more important than financial security. Move if you have to, NYC is very expensive. Carpentry skills are in demand across the country. Learn massage, your wife is going to need it. Carve out as much as possible to be with your young one. The first years are the most important and the little ones know little except family. Don't confuse quality time with quantity time — they are the same. Suffering financially is nothing compared to suffering as person. I'd like to think this message is appreciated so feel free to respond. Otherwise, bon chance.

Vass

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I also have little money but I wish you luck—and you and your family are in my prayers!

Katie

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I will only send you \$ if I can verify that this is not a scam

Rick

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I feel your pain and perhaps your plea is genuine but

I can offer some sincere advice. Take part of anything donated to you and get out of New York. If constructions work is hard to come by there— it is certainly not in Southeast, particularly in the Carolinas. Commercial and residential building construction from plentiful work are Mexican immigrants. If you don't believe this is true, go to the library and do a little current events research. In addition unemployment is at it's absolute lowest in this area. Many employers are begging for help. This is my advice—Because you can not always get a donation everytime times get tough. Will the construction situation get better in New York—say—in the next few months? Pat

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To say that this is an unusual letter is an understatement. But I feel compelled to reply, though a part of me say I shouldn't. I must say that I myself am not in the financial position to send money to you, even though if I was I may have doubts as to whether I should (I'm sure you understand why). But I can send my prayers for your wife, you and unborn child. With that said, God bless.

Sean

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Why ask me for money? I'm probably worse off than you. But if this is a mass emailing, I understand the error. Second, here's my advice. Rents in Manhattan are the worst (highest \$\$\$) in the nation, so's the rest of the cost of living there. You should move outside of NYC. Speak to a counselor at a welfare office.

Michael

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I would like to help as much as I can. I recently sent a similar letter to friends asking for help for another family that I know; so, I understand. I would, however, like to know how you received my e-mail address? I don't think we have met; but if so, I apologize for my poor memory. I noticed you are in New York, I have friends in New York and I can try to get in touch with them to help. As far as my willingness to help. Knowing how you received my address is irrelevant; but, I would still like to know. My only advice would be to check with different local churches. I KNOW you will find at least one church that is willing to help. Unfortunately, there will be some that will not. Don't let that discourage you or make you stop trying. Many churches have programs or resources to help people in hard times. I hope and pray that you and your family will have all of your needs meet. Write back. God Bless,

#### Brian

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No, I will not send money and that is only because I do not know you. I do not know your religious makeup but when I have been challenged with some hard decisions about my life (and recently I have been challenged with a smoker). I find a quiet place and pray. As I said before, I do not know your religious makeup so let us call it meditate on, or even reflect upon your situation and the solution to your situation will come. It may seem like a gigantic wall right now but you will find the way to go either over it, under it, around it, or through it. My Lord and Savior does that for me. So instead of begging your way through try a little faith and watch the doors open for you and your family. Also congratulations on your soon to be baby boy or girl.

K.T

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Sorry to hear of your situation; I guess the first thing that comes to mind is that this IS a scam; There ARE many scamsters out there and this would be a good way for a few hundred thousand people to send you a dollar each! If you are genuine then I am truly saddened by your plight; All I can suggest is that you can make your own luck (and not by ripping people off). Get hold of some books as follows: Anthony Robins-Master Motivator; Napoleon Hill —Think & Grow Rich, Norman Vincent Peale, Zig-Ziglar. I run my own business known as Utopia Direct Home Shopping; you can find me here at www.utopiadirect.co.uk on the index page you will also find United Earth Group Portfolio; Click on this and go to the bottom of the page; There you'll find links to a brand new country project; Being built in the Caribbean-130 miles off of Grand Gayman Islands, called New Utopia. If you want to know more about this, e-mail me back at unitedearth@clara.net There will be plenty of job & career opportunities here. So do go for it, MAKE your own luck & destiny — Just come up with a good, honest, ethical idea and use the internet to promote it; You're a carpenter, so fashion something! Perhaps a small toy, something that could be marketed over the internet; What about unique jigsaw puzzles? Or rulers for schools? Or Garden Furniture? These days you can set-up a website free of charge to do this. Go for it and let me know how you get on. Oh, by the way, let me know how many dollars you get back from your appeal! Kind Regards,

Tony

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God Bless you and you wife and soon to be! I'll see

what I can do for a donation. Sincerely, Shane

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My first advice is to discontinue service with Earthlink to save yourself 20 bucks a month. Another tidbit is to no send any pictures when the kid is born. Stamps cost money, envelopes cost money, and so does a camera, the film and getting it developed. The way I see it is I just saved you about a hundred dollars. So with that in mind, good luck with the baby.

Mike2337

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The only thing I can tell you is apply for medical assistance in your state to help you both out— I hope you can get help through there.

Brian

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Hey man you can do it. Just don't give up and—who knows?—I just might help out but, you know that the internet has a lot of money hungery people. I'm not calling you money hungry are anything but I will have to get to know you better. And when I get to know you better I will help out and tonight I will put you and your wife and your soon to be born child in my prayer—and ask god to help also, cause I am a very given person—Dekugod=lovegod.

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Get A JOB!!! Move out of Manhattan, this is the advise that you need

Hoosier

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I received your letter, and although your plea seems genuine enough, I do have some reservation in sending you and your misfortune family any monetary funds. Needless to say, I too am experiencing financial difficulty. I am a college student that is reliant on my mother, who happens to be a single parent. My mother is currently supporting myself, and two siblings. In addition, she has just taken in a family of six that has been homeless for about a week. The intriguing part of my story is that my mom is supporting all these individuals with a job cleaning toilets. Now, if my mother is able to support all these individuals with the little money that she earns, then I am almost certain that you sir can get off your ass and find work, furthermore, the fact that you have carpentry experience guarantees that you will make enough to support both you and your family. P.S. I am currently working two jobs: as an associate at Kmart, stocking shelves and as an summer teaching assistant. I am sure that you can find a job to support your family. Kmart is hiring; if you would like information on how to attain a job, please reply my letter. Mr. Ellis

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Manhattan is VERY expensive. You should definitely move. Dutches county has a lot of building going on so you could probably find some work here. I can't help you with a money donation as I am presently umemployed and my husband is supporting me and our 3 children at the moment. They are 12, 9, and 1. I wish you the best of luck. You have a lot of guts to send an email like that to people you don't even know. Some people aren't going to be very helpful. Have your wife go to the department of social ser-

vices if she is unemployed and they will help with medical expenses. And there is a program called W.I.C. that will help with some foods like milk, cheese, cereal, peanut butter. Also there are churches in my county that give out food. Check into that in your area. I can imagine that your paying for rent. We pay \$650. a month for a 2 bedroom house with a huge yard and basement. Of course the utilities are separate. We are about 1 and 1/2 hours north of Manhattan. Again—Good luck.

Toni

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Sorry about your problems but we too are in severe financial difficulty. Suggest you go to a county hospital and also check out govt sites for health care for people in your circumstances. Other than that your only option is to move to a country where the govt really cares about its peoples welfare and doesn't just make noises about caring. Good luck.

MJ

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I read your letter with compassion and interest and my advise to you is be aware who you will vote for. If bush becomes your next president you will have to write many more of such letters. Yes, amerika is a great country; where the death penalty still exists and we have the freedom to starve. Greeting and good luck

Helga

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Have faith, you will get by, I was a Mom at 16, and I divorced her Dad, who was in the Army in France most of our married life, except for the year before we split, he moved out of state and never supported us. I supported my daughter and myself on a meger

salary, (because I had to drop out of High School) Paying half of my salary for room and board. I married again 7 1/2 years later and had 3 more daughters, whom are all wonderful, divorced again when youngest was 16, I am still making ends meet. Just be careful and you will make it.

Jane

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I can understand that times are difficult for you. How many people have you sent this out to? I can get an idea of how you feel and the sense of desparation. I have not been well myself and have been sick. I haven't seen work In months because I haven't been able to work. I am lucky in the fact that the business in keeping my health insurance for a small fee while I am out, but I do not get any pay or disability now. Although I have no wife or children to worry about, I need to be able to take care of myself before I can do anything else. That you have a family is a wonderful thing even if there is no money. I have my father, but he has been sick as well, he has good days and bad. It must suck wearing a catheter though, but I'd rather see that than him having more heart trouble though. At my job I was making like 13.50 an hour and it was the most I had ever made in my life, but I don't know if I can go back. It is nice to make a living, but it is nice to feel well too. I like writing because I think I am a good writer. What is it like living in Manhattan? The big city must be good because the best doctors are usually there. I am reaching the point to where I will probably go to bureau of rehabilitation for help soon, because I think they can get me on the right track. There must be a human services where u r? What kind of computer do you have? I use a pentium



150mhz Packard bell. It runs really good. If you want to talk, I will check my email more frequently.

Breachy

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What I would like to know is hope you got my e-mail address to begin with? Can you answer me that first? Thank you!

Nichole

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My advice is that you should get work as a telemarketer! I am surprised by your request. I am a student myself using a free access computer in a coffee shop in British Columbia — and I am not going to send you any money — but I do hope that you and your wife manage to get a better start. Good luck!

Erin

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Yeah this is weird. I won't send you anything, cause I don't have anything to give. I had a baby last july and times are rough. You'll see. Get another job maybe. You live in Manhattan, there's jobs everywhere. Get a part timer while you do construction. That's all I have to offer. good luck . . . Peace

DB

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I feel for both you and your family. I will be happy to forward you what I can. I too suffered the effects of the New York blight which is why recently moved out of state to the south where work is abundant. I suggest you try the North Carolina area — it's booming!!! just one thing, could you please tell me how you got the list of names you sent this message to. I am trying to start a small business and would

love to know how you did it. Thank you, craig

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I'm from Brazil and I received your letter. I don't know not very well speak and writing English. But I go to try reply your letter. I'm very sorry can not to help you. Because I'm not working and my family help me. I finished my university this year, but is so difficult to find work. If I had money, off course, I will have pleasure to help you but I can't. Even so, I would like to know your family. I trust in your history, but in this time I can't to help you. If want to send me a letter, I will be waiting for it. My address — COUNTRY: Brasil; STREET: Rua Vereador Homero Franoo 1054; CITY: Campina da Lagoa; STATE: Paran?; ZIP CODE: 87345-000. My name is Eden.

Eden

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I can't really do anything bcoz I am miles and miles away from NY. I am from the Phillippines. I don't really know what to say but if you could elaborate more maybe my relatives in Nevada could help you. R.S.V.P.

**HERBIE** 

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I would hope you receive this advice and these "encouraging words" as they were sent: with real concern for you and your family. If you can, write to us and let us know how things are going. Sincerely, Gary & Patricia

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Hi-I can't help you with money but below I have

several links that are pay to surf programs that can make you money they are free to join and pay you just to have their pay bar on your screen this is if you can hang on to your pc. And thanks for your email— while I am looking at yours could join this in the next few weeks. Pays in a straight line. Created by the owners of Down line 2001 and Addz.net no other support program offers this much — not even close!!! And its international!!!

Art

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This e-mail is an enigma, if a genuine plea of need becomes compelling, and if a simple scam becomes despicable. I am in no way able to judge it so I am addressing this part of your request, In brief, I am hoping your experiences and insight might help me. I have been down the desperately short on funds route, and faced medical problems without insurance and have found that survival for me depended on not giving up, not committing criminal activity, and the loving support of my wife. I would suggest to you to NOT sell the computer that you have, because you will never get the money for it that it can bring to you if you can put that computer to work for you. There have been many times in my life when I was confronted by homeless or destitute people asking for donations and I was just a step away from their situation, and that step may have been that I never took the time to ask for a donation, but I used that time to try to discover another way to earn money. Despite the fact that I had a long and accomplished career, college degrees through the Masters level, age discrimination was

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having its way. But by learning other ways to earn money (which I was able to do) I managed to keep from going under (yet). I will not give you any money; I will however do business with you if you choose to accept the offer. This is the offer: Your e-mail arrived in my e-mail box without any reference to my e-mail address or my name. If you will disclose how that is accomplished in a way that I can verify by performing the same action to another e-mail that I control, I will send you a payment of \$10.00 via Postal Money Order to your address. Is the time it takes to describe the process in an e-mail worth \$10.00 to you? It's not earth shattering but it is better than a handout.

Art

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Here is some advice if you are looking for a place to move were housing is affordable and education is strong you might look into Fort Wayne, In. we are the second largest city in Indiana and house is very affordable. We have one of the lowest cost of living in the nation I have lived here all my life and I would say it is worth looking into. Sincerely,

Stone

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I will send you \$10 in a check form. I will send it off tomorrow (6/26) your welcome — and good luck I have 4 of my own and know how it is. good bye Kevin

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How are thing going — sent check

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There is a shortage of carpenters in Wisconsin and an unemployment rate of about 1%. Good luck. If you are willing to work hard and are ambitious and outgoing write back.

David

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How interesting! Good luck with your new family. Our first child was pleasant surprise. We now have two @ 14 and 11. Where did you get your list to e-mail? What kind of responses did you get? How many e-mails did you send? How much are you asking for your computer? We will be glad to send you financial assistance; however, it appears to me that you have a great future in marketing over the internet. I am interested in hiring you. Thanks,

Thom

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Thank you for your e-mail. It would probably be best if you sat down with a professionally trained counselor in several sessions to discuss your situation and your future. Such a person may want to give you tests to evaluate various aspects of your life. You can usually receive free counseling from the counseling department of the Salvation Army or from a large evangelical church. Sincerely,

Dr. Clyde Narramore

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Glad to help —will send free maternity and nursing clothes. Ask that you send \$85.00 for shipping and handling.

Special addition

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There's lots of work in NY for you. I can get you a job. Have a great day and a better night, P.S. see my hp at http://www.geocities.com/westhollywood/heights /8022/ Love,

Kelly

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Hi—How are you doing???? Honestly, I don't know if your letter is real or not, as this is first time for me to get such kind of e-mail, but I am curious as well and would like to help you. I hope I can help you somehow, even though we are very apart. Anyway, I would like to know more about you and your family. I hope the baby is healthy and so does the mom. How are they doing???? My name is Caroline and I am from Bali. I really hope that you haven't sold your computer, so that you can read this e-mail. Please reply me back, so as to reconfirm that you are real. I am sorry to say this, but it's just uncommon—please understand. Anyway, thank you for your time and look forward to your soon reply. Bye . . . and please take care. Your Friend,

# **CAROLINE**

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My name is Daisy, I'm from Canada and I was very touched by your letter, unfortunately I can't help by sending you anything because I have no money either, I'm 19 years old and I'm doing volunteer work with a program called Katimavik, it's a great program and I get to travel across my beautiful country for free in return for the volunteer work. I wish I could be of any kind of help, but all I can give you is wished luck and lot's of hope. I believe that everything happens for a reason and when anything bad happens to me I take it as a

way to grow, and to get stronger, with any difficulties that come your way look at them as a good thing rather than a bad thing, it will make everything easier and you'll appreciate all your learning experiences too! Take care of yourself and of your new family. Yours truly, Daisy (Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New

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Brunswick, Alberta, Ontario, Canada)

I admire your courage and use of the internet as a method to secure help. I would suggest that you consider cross training in accustical or drywall subcontracting. As a carpenter, you have many skills that the average person does not. There is a desparate need for ceiling system subs particularly in New York. I would hope that you could find transportation to work with a good General Contractor. Another thing you may wish to consider, although perhaps painful to your pride is to take advantage of all state and federal programs available (check your phone book) to your family. WIC (women, infants, and children) come to mind. Best wishes and God bless you and your family. I was recently let go from my job and I know that it is difficult to think about where to go from my job and I know that it is difficult to think about where to go from here and how to best provide for your family — I'll say a prayer for you.

James

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I will gladly help you out with your family — my mastercard number is 5291071497395465 expire in 2 yrs. Please use only a limit to two hundred dollars.

Richa

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I received your very anxious letter. It is not possible from India to send Dollars to somebody in America, I do send my good wishes and pray that everything goes fine with you and your wife. Wishing you the best of luck.

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