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CHURCHES RESPOND. HOMELESSNESS ENDS. HOPE BEGINS.



This Christmas season, I've been reading a book based on the words of the Christmas carol "O Holy Night." And so, of course I'm singing this song and listening to it a lot as well! [Here](#) is one version I am enjoying.

Within several days this past week, **three moms in Bridge of Hope all signed leases.** This moment of signing a lease has huge significance for families who have long been searching for a place that is affordable to live.

Yes, it's a bit like the holy family knocking on all the doors of Bethlehem, looking for a place to stay. Moms in Bridge of Hope are calling landlord after landlord in search of a place to make home that is affordable in today's unaffordable market.

Annaliese is one of the moms who signed a lease last week. And the first thing her little boy said he wants to do in his new home is decorate for Christmas. I'm so grateful that **one more family has found a home in time for Christmas!**

"A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices."

In the midst of a world that can indeed feel very weary, may you rejoice with us in [families](#) who are homeless finding housing – and the birth of a child who is Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Edith Yoder
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