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But Ashton did finish high school. And Paula persists in looking for a position while taking on temporary jobs. She hopes to restart the business she had developed in New Orleans, "Miss Paula's Candies" (and delicious pies).

Thanks to your generous offerings of prayer and financial gifts, Lutheran Disaster Response Network—NE PA is able to accompany Paula and Ashton in their struggles, provide a safety net when the situation becomes tough, and rejoice with them when something finally works out.

Read more about Paula and Ashton in the September issue of *Partners in the Spirit* at www.godslove.org.

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