

December 2015 Newsletter



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A Note from the Executive Director

Our nurse Renee recently received a beautiful letter from a young woman who came to the Pregnancy Center for services during her pregnancy. This is her story. She walked into the center one afternoon in a state of panic looking for an abortion. Renee immediately prayed for the Lord to give her the perfect words as she sat down with her to discuss her situation. Renee learned that this young woman was a recovering drug addict and alcoholic and that she had already experienced abortion in her past. She had recently become a Christian and was attending a church-based rehabilitation program. The news of her pregnancy triggered tremendous fear and anxiety within her and brought back the pain of her past abortion. She was in a fragile place and very vulnerable to a drug or alcohol relapse. Renee knew that another abortion would only make matters worse and prayed that the Lord would show her how to help this desperate young woman. It was too early to see the heartbeat through ultrasound, so Renee simply listened to her, prayed with her and showered her with love, compassion and encouragement. The woman left undecided, but agreed to return a week later for an ultrasound. Renee prayed fervently that she would return, and that she would not fall back into addiction in the meantime. A week later she came in for her appointment with her partner. Renee was able to show them their healthy six-and-a-half week old baby! They left the appointment apprehensive, but also excited about this new little life! In the months that followed Renee developed a very close relationship with this young woman as she continued to encourage her in her faith as well as in her journey into motherhood. About halfway through her pregnancy, the young woman burst into the center in a panic. She shared that she had relapsed and was afraid that she had killed her baby. She asked Renee for an ultrasound and a referral to an inpatient treatment center. She knew that if she did not immediately remove herself from her environment, she would fall back into a state of addiction. Renee immediately began to pray that the baby was still alive, and that the Lord would lead her to the perfect place to refer this young woman. The Lord was faithful! By the end of the day, this young woman was in a treatment center with an ultrasound picture of her healthy baby girl in her hand. A few days ago this young woman and her beautiful daughter stopped by the center to visit with Renee and to drop off a letter. I wanted to share her words of gratitude with you. It is your faithful support that enabled us to touch her life. Thank you for allowing us to serve these hurting women.

"Dear Miss Renee, I can't thank you enough for helping me throughout these last nine months. I know that God put you in my life for a reason because I would not have made it without you. Because of my addiction, pregnancy was very hard, and your kind heart helped me more than you will ever know. You helped me in many ways as a new Christian. Your prayers over me and my baby have worked, and my miracle is here. Every time I see her face, I will remember you! I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know that you will continue to bless lost girls like me on their road to motherhood. I love you."

Our Stats

We have seen 490 new individuals in 2015 and had 1525 appointments. We have performed 236 free pregnancy tests. We have counseled 97 women considering abortion. We have provided 274 parents with food, diapers, clothing, formula, etc. We have helped 192 women find pre-natal care. We have shared the gospel with 295 individuals and prayed with 463. We have cried with these women, laughed with them, and shared in their joys and sorrows. All of it has been a privilege.

New Building Update

At the beginning of the year, we purchased a new building in our desired location! This new building has exceeded our expectations in so many ways and has broadened our vision for the future of the ministry. We are very eager to make 19348 North 4th Street our new home, but we need your help. The building needs to be renovated and furnished before we can move in. Our plan is to renovate the bottom floor and leave the second level untouched until future expansion. We have determined that it will cost around \$220,000.00 to make the transition into our new building. This amount includes our contractor's bid, a contingency fund for unexpected renovation costs, insurance costs, moving costs and furnishings. If you would like to help, you can do so online at northlakepc.com or via mail with the enclosed envelope.

Specific Prayer Requests

We are praying for additional Spanish Speaking volunteers. We are also praying for the Lord to provide Enfamil Infant Formula, diapers, wipes and baby care products.

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