

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Last month Hebrews 12:1-2 was placed at the top of this page; this month we'll open with another verse from Hebrews.

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

The main reason we won't ever seek government funding is due to the fact that we would lose our freedom to share the word with our clients, if not sooner, then later. We would no longer be able to offer them the truth that sets them free, and that's just untenable.

Kathy and I recently attended a quarterly get-together of CPC staff members from the Northern California area. It was a very encouraging day of sharing the different blessings and challenges that CPC's experience and meeting many new people in the process. A highlight was the prayer time, praying for one another and lifting up our concerns to the Lord.

As we waited for the meeting to begin, I overheard two ladies talking together, each from different Centers. One told the other that there was a growing desire among her volunteers to be able to share spiritual things with their clients. The other responded that she would look forward to giving her tips at lunch.

My hope is that good information was given. It might seem shocking to you as you read this, but it is a fact that there are some Centers in the country who have moved away from any spiritual discussion with their clients. Our prayer is that God will open their eyes and stir their hearts to see the great need clients have for spiritual truth.

Having helped over 10,000 clients since we opened in 1985, we have witnessed God working through His word here in the Center many, many times.

After the February Life Net went out we received an e-mail from a reader who said, "The introductory scripture from Hebrews [12] struck me as walking out of the dark and into the light."

The reader then went on to share how her life was changed, all because of two powerful verses in the word. Here we see the power of the *living and active* word and we rejoice!

In this time when the world is so intent on distracting us with other things, we will be comforted and blessed if we devote ourselves to His word.

So then, dear reader, may we press on together to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through His word and prayer.

Maranatha,

Diane



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PSALM 18:30**



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NEWS & NOTES

Coming soon...

The center will soon be promoting our Spring Fundraiser, Changing Babies, set to begin on Mother's Day and end on Father's Day. This is a fun and easy way to support the pregnancy center. Colorful baby bottles are distributed to supporting churches, then are taken home by individuals or families as "piggy banks" to catch loose change or cash. This will benefit the women and babies we serve here at the Center. The bottles can be returned to the church to be collected by CPC, or brought directly to the Center after Father's Day.

If you would like your church to take part in Changing Babies, you can check with your pastor and give us a call.

St. Brigid's Catholic Church participated in Changing Babies in the Fall and close to \$2,000 was given by their generous-hearted people. We are very grateful for their efforts.

The Importance of Stopping FOCA

"We have not been able to reverse *Roe vs. Wade* for the simple reason that the Supreme Court has not had a pro-life majority to do so. During these years, however, we have progressively been passing laws that little by little have been protecting unborn babies and their mothers from abortion. They are responsible for greatly reducing the number of annual abortions from a peak of 1,600,000 in the 1980s to about 1,200,000 today. This decrease has occurred because of the protective laws below. Some of those that would be cancelled if FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) is passed intact include:

- Partial birth abortion bans
- *The Hyde Amendment* (restricting tax-payer funding of abortions)
- women's right to know (informed consent) laws
- waiting periods
- Parental consent and notification laws
- Bans on abortion after viability (when a child can survive outside the womb)
- State and federal conscience clauses for individual and institutional health-care providers who decline to participate in abortions"

(taken from *Life Issues Connector*, February 2009)

It's been suggested that to achieve the passage of FOCA, it may have to be done piecemeal, inserting amendments into various appropriation bills to modify or reverse the above restrictions one by one. By whatever means, be alert for the sake of the little ones.

CHANGING BABIES



Still Rejoicing

Just a follow up on the story Kathy wrote for last month's Life Net, the same young woman who had called and talked to someone on the phone, subsequently deciding not to have an abortion, actually came in the other day for maternity clothes on a referral from a local shelter. We all greeted her and she recognized the voice of the person she had talked to on the phone those several months ago. She shared with us the new positive direction her life had taken and was thankful that we were there when she was at her lowest point. She said that she would not forget us and would stay in touch with us.

There were hugs all around and we again marveled at the good things the Lord has done, just through one phone conversation!

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MATT. 5:4

A GLIMPSE INTO A BROKEN HEART

Today like so many days I woke up with emptiness in my heart. I longed for the child that I had aborted so many years ago. It is the worst pain that I have ever known. It clouds my sunny days and my cloudy days are like a black storm.

I can never take back what I have done. As the years have gone by, the pain and anguish have only intensified. Someone once said to me that God has forgiven me and maybe He has, but I have never forgiven myself and I never will. My heart is so heavy that at times I feel like I want to die.

I watched my two-year-old son sleep last night and I marveled at his sweet small face and I was so overwhelmed with love for him, that I so longed for my child that was forever gone.

Why did I not ask for help? Why didn't anyone tell me that it was wrong, that I would spend my entire life hating myself? Why didn't anyone tell me then that my baby had a soul? A lost soul that will haunt me for the rest of my life.

Today my child is twenty-four.

Please print this so that someone will know that when they have their baby aborted they will suffer their entire life.

Editor's note: The Center received this heart-breaking letter from a person who didn't reveal her name. We're thankful she sent it and trust her story will help others.

Post Abortion Study to begin soon



If you have had an abortion and desire peace and joy restored, Healing Hearts is starting a 10-week Bible study soon that will help you begin. No psychology, just Biblical teaching that speaks on the subject of abortion and the healing that is available through God's Word.

All participants and leaders are post-abortive.
If you would like to be part of this Bible Study, or would like more information, please call **Katy at 280-2788**.

All calls are strictly confidential.

