

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Currently we are working our way through the volunteer training manual, *Focus On The Heart*. It's been a special time. The trainees are enthusiastic and contribute their insights; and I've found it's a time when the Holy Spirit highlights things that I need to focus on in my own life.

One of the handouts given the trainees is called *What a Center Volunteer Needs to Serve*. I'd like to share it with you.

"At all costs a person must have a right relationship with God."

--Oswald Chambers

I. "You shall be holy for I am holy" (I Peter 1:16). "We must continually remind ourselves of the purpose of life. We are not destined to happiness, nor to health, but to holiness...The only thing that really matters is whether a person will accept the God who will make him holy."--Chambers; "Ye must be born again." --Jesus

II. A right relationship is a praying relationship: "God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, 'Abba! Father!'" (Galatians 4:6).

III. Truth: Illuminated, understood, and applied. "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth" (John 17:17); "If you abide in My Word then you are truly disciples of mine; and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).

IV. Listening: "Be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger" (James 1:19).

V. Knowledge: Learning God's word and learning about our client. "Wise men store up knowledge, but with the mouth of the foolish, ruin is at hand" (Prov. 10:14); "seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory & excellence" (II Peter 1:3).

VI. Wisdom: "On the lips of the discerning is wisdom found..." (Prov. 10:13a); "When there are many words transgression is unavoidable, but he who restrains his lips is wise" (v. 19).

VII. "Follow Me." "If anyone wishes to come after me..." (Luke 9:23-24). It means responding in obedience to what you know. It means sharing the gospel of peace (between God & man), "and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15).

VIII. All underscored with the right heart and attitude: Loving (I Cor. 13:4-8a).

If I were to add anything to this list, it would be Micah 6:8:

*"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord
Require of you but to do justly, to love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?"*

"FOR THE WORD
OF GOD IS LIVING
AND POWERFUL
(ACTIVE), AND
SHARPER THAN
ANY TWO EDGED
SWORD, PIERCING
EVEN TO THE
DIVISION OF SOUL
AND SPIRIT, AND
OF JOINTS AND
MARROW, AND IS A
DISCERNER OF
THE THOUGHTS
AND INTENTS OF
THE HEART."
HEBREWS 4:12



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Sanctity of Human Life Week

**January
11-18**

What Clients are saying in answer to “What did you like best about CPC?”

*“How they were
straightforward
with what God has
planned.”*

*“I loved how
personable they are
and how much they
care.”*

SOME “NEWS”

New Trainees

Currently in CPC training: **Whitney Davis** and **Paige Marta**.

New Curriculum

New Earn While You Learn Modules have arrived. New titles include:

Money Management 101	Housecleaning 101
Basics of Budgeting	Time Management for the Parent
Checking Accounts	Shopping for a Car
Positive Credit	Insurance Needs
Saving for the Future	Using a Recipe
Apartment Renting 101	Surviving at the Checkout
Roommates - Conflict Resolution	Menu Planning
Furnishing and Decorating at Home	

When appropriate, the additional lessons will add much needed information, resulting in comprehensive parenting guidance for our clients.

New Email Addresses

General email: contact@crossroadscpc.com

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Plus, a New & Improved Website

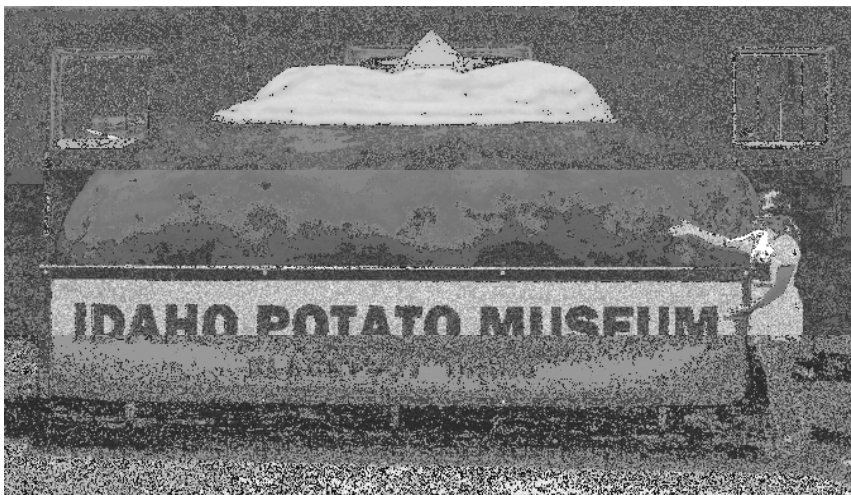
crossroadscpc.com Check it out! Many thanks to **Gene Pensiero Jr.** for building and managing our site.

Thanks

The Mom store is looking like Fall! Many thanks to those who recently gave.

SMASHED POTATO DREAMS

This summer my fellow empty-nester husband Pat and I had the joy of driving north to visit 2 of our children. Once we hit Idaho, our only real stop was in a cute little town called Blackfoot. We had been told by a friend in Lemoore that we *must* see the Potato Museum. So we got out of the car, stretched our legs and wound our way through "the History of the Spud" with the promise of (according to our AAA guidebook) a potato treat at the end. The thought of continuing our road trip munching on fresh golden french fries or even a salty bag of potato chips made viewing



"The Mass Production of Tubers" video almost mouth-watering. Quickly walking past a display of the World's Largest Potato Chip, we eventually made it back out to the reception area where we were presented with our treat, a small carton of dehydrated hash browns.

"Just add water and cook in a skillet," the receptionist told us, "they're quite delicious."

Disappointed but not one to give up, Pat asked, "This being the potato capital of the world (a guess), where is the best place in town for french fries?"

"Oh, well... to tell you the truth, I like McDonald's." she replied.

"Is there a mom and pop place? A drive-in?"

"No, not really."

Sigh. We resorted to buying a bag of chips at the next town when we stopped for gas. But by then they just didn't taste that great.

A very small disappointment to be sure!

Nearly every day at the Center we see someone who has been let down in one way or another. Her life and attitude become marked by disappointment. A live-in boyfriend never asks for her hand in marriage. Plans for going away to college come to a halt when she realizes she is pregnant. An STD diagnosis. Parents who do not appear to forgive. A baby who seems to do nothing but cry. Friends who bail out on her. A boyfriend who leaves just when the baby is due. A husband who would rather be out with friends. Proverbs 13:12 reads, "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." How often these dear ones do not even have a glimpse that their deep and real desire is for a Savior.

Although often challenging, it is a privilege to share with a client the road to hope through the love, forgiveness and faithfulness of Jesus Christ. To help her in practical and spiritual ways, directing her to the only answer for the deepest call of her heart.

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick...but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."

Kathy Mundy, Assistant Director

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- Providing support services (clerical, housekeeping, Mommy Store).
- Opening my home to a woman in need.
- Committing myself to praying on a regular basis for individual clients.
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