

FROM THE ASSISTANT

Two clients were scheduled to have an ultrasound last Thursday. They were both 8 weeks pregnant, due within 2 days of each other. The Mobile Ultrasound Unit was on its way from Fresno and Diane walked over to our neighboring church, 1st Presbyterian, to set up traffic cones reserving the motorhome's spot in their parking lot.

Things were very busy in the Center that day, so Diane stayed with our counselors and clients while I walked over to the Unit. The motorhome is large, clean and shiny, with purple and green graphics and the words Pregnancy Care Center on the side. Indoors, it has an open floor plan, immaculate and welcoming. The front area is for seating and paperwork, and the private back bedroom is set up for the ultrasound. I met that day's client advocate, Xiomara, who introduced me to the nurse, Debbie. They continued setting up equipment and paperwork while I went out to meet the RV's driver, Jay, who shook my hand and invited me to have a seat in the shade. We chatted while waiting.

The first young woman arrived very excited to get a chance to look at her developing baby and especially to see its heart beating. After some paperwork, prenatal health discussion and encouragement, they called her to the back, and to my surprise asked me to join in watching the ultrasound.

As a mom myself, I had seen ultrasounds of my own children 20+ years ago. Of course technology has vastly improved and I sat in awe of that little image on the screen before me. The baby turned on his or her side, stretched out its little arms and kicked its legs. The heart, already separated into four distinct chambers, was beating 152 beats a minute. The baby at 8 weeks is a little more than ½ inch long. Other exciting developments in a child this age are; the eyelids, ears, upper lip and the tip of his soon-to-be adorable button nose are forming. In his brain, nerve cells are branching out to connect with one another, forming primitive neural pathways. This calls to mind that wonderful passage in Psalm 139,

¹³"For You formed my inward parts;

You covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;

Marvelous are Your works,
And *that* my soul knows very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You,

When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.

And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When as yet *there* were none of them."

We are excited to offer this free service to our clients. Although I know it happens, it's hard to imagine anyone making an abortion decision after viewing the unmistakable image of new life right before their eyes. Pray that the Lord would bring in those young women who need to see it, that they may be given hope and help in their difficult situation.

Kathy Mundy, Assistant Director

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PSALM 139:16



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Ashley Kelso, Parenting Counselor & Helpline Volunteer

How long have you done helpline, Ashley? Have you volunteered in any other way for CPC?

I believe I've been doing the helpline for about a year and a half. I first started helping tidy up and stock the Mommy Store, then I did the volunteer training and started answering the helpline, and last

What do you like about what you do at CPC?

I really love being a Mommy myself, so it's just fun to share the EWYL curriculum with new moms. I enjoy the relationships that are built. I enjoy sharing about the grace and love Jesus offers throughout the ups and downs of motherhood.

How did you become involved with CPC, or what made you decide to volunteer?

I first heard about CPC's while I was a teen living in Maryland. Ever since then it's been a ministry I've had a heart for. For maybe 4- 5 years I've had a desire to serve, but it didn't seem to be God's timing. Once I had my son, I quit working so that obstacle was gone, but I had a baby to take care of. After Jocelyn was born, Kathy approached me about doing EWYL. A friend offered to commit to babysitting every week so I could serve. After praying I felt it was God's timing and things have worked well since then.

How long have you been married and what are your children's ages?

Jacob and I have been married six years. We have a three-year-old son, Levi, and a one-year-old daughter, Jocelyn.

When and how did you become a Christian?

My parents are both Christians, so I was raised in a Christian home. When I was about five or six, my sister and I went to a neighborhood children's Bible club. Each week we'd sing songs, watch a puppet show, listen to Bible lessons. One day Lucy Stevenson presented the Gospel, and I asked Jesus into my heart. When I was an older teen I rededicated my life to Jesus.

What do you like best about God? Do you have a favorite scripture or book of the Bible?

Wow. One thing I like best: grace. Where would we be without grace? It's such a comforting, wonderful

What are your hobbies?

Spending time with my little family, running, and Disneyland.

What is one of your dreams?

To run a half-marathon.

What might you say to someone thinking about volunteering for CPC but is apprehensive?

Keep praying about it, really pray about it. Read the Bible. Be sure that it's God's timing. Step out in faith. If He wants you to be there, He'll give you what you need to do it.

What do you like about CPC staff or other volunteers?

So many things. They're a huge encouragement to me. So many times I come in with some worry or discouragement, and they take the time to pray with me and share encouraging words or wisdom. I just love them so.

Thank you, Ashley! Your enthusiasm, out-going personality, and sweet smile are a credit to you. Thank you for all you do for the Center!

-Debi Bridgford



Earn While You Learn Update

As this was being written, a parenting client came down the stairs and breathlessly said, "I just loove coming here. I feel such peace as I go home!" This client attends for instruction in training her children and recently recommitted her life to the Lord.

Another client comes from a troubled family and, in the middle of realizing her own responsibility in the problems and consequences affecting them, has also surrendered her life to Christ!

Two mothers of clients expressed gratefulness for the changes they see in their daughters.

2 clients are meeting with their counselor to go through a discipling book for women, *Lies Women Believe*.

We are witnessing many changed lives and appreciate your continued prayers!!

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.

Spring Training

3 lovely ladies are currently meeting with Diane for Volunteer Training. Please pray for them as they study and prepare.

Many Thanks!!

The Baby Boutique is bright with Spring colors! Donations have been wonderful and we'd like to thank:

Elvin Anderson, Nathan Ferrier, Deborah Vidal and Janai Ly for clothing, cribs and baby items.

The ladies from **Riverbend Women's Group** came from Kingsburg and joined us for a sweet time of fellowship. They brought lots of gifts for the boutique as well as boxes of breakfast goodies for our staff and volunteers!

Also many thanks to the dear ladies who keep everything organized and welcoming:
Barbara Beauchamp, Susan Bringard, Debi & Michaela Bridgford, Kathy Hotchkiss and Naida Gomes.

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Changing Babies!



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Please fill out the form below regarding any specific interest or need
you have.

I am interested in volunteering.

I am most interested in:

- Helpline counseling in my home.
- Working with clients at the Center.
- 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.
- As the Lord provides, I would like to pledge \$_____ per month.
- I would like to donate \$_____ at this time.
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- So that we can be good stewards, if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please check here.

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