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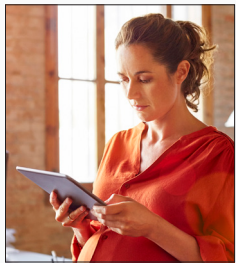
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How you helped Mateo* and Karen* support life decisions

"My parents want me to have an abortion," Mateo* listened to his girlfriend Isabella* tell him in a trembling voice. It had been a big week already. Isabella had told him that she'd taken a pregnancy test - and it was positive. In the couple of days since, his stomach had been churning as the gravity of the situation became real. After all, he was only 17 and Isabella was 16, and a baby was definitely not in their plans. But, at the same time, he knew he didn't want Isabella to abort their child.

Isabella had told him that she wanted to carry the baby to term, but Mateo was worried that pressure from her parents would cause her to cave in and have an abortion. Her parents were very strict and he knew that Isabella didn't want to disappoint them. He wasn't sure what to say or do to help her choose life.

After school that afternoon, he found the number for the *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline, on the internet.

He was immediately glad he had called.

As the coach listened to him pour out his concerns, he felt no judgement from her over the fact that he'd gotten his girlfriend pregnant; only deep compassion and a genuine desire to help.

The coach was able to encourage him in his brand-new role as a father to the unborn baby. She also gave him information about a pregnancy center in his city that would help him and Isabella find tangible help in their community as they navigated teen parenting. Mateo began to feel empowered. This was his and Isabella's child, and he began to believe that, with the proper help, they could have a good life as a family.

Another call... Another life at stake...

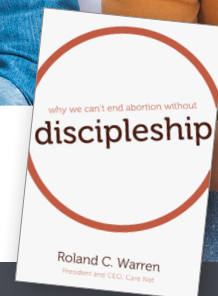
When another hotline coach picked up the phone, a concerned grandmother named Karen* was on the line. "My son Sam* just found out his girlfriend is pregnant. I want to help support them through this, but the girl's mom is pushing hard for an abortion. I'm worried that she'll win out."

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Why We Can't End Abortion Without Discipleship - New Resource!

Discover why discipleship, not politics or material support, should be the primary Christian response to abortion. Purchase or download: www.care-net.org/discipleship



*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.

Why Discipleship is the Key to Ending Abortion

Each month, we hear more and more stories from our affiliated pregnancy centers and our growing network of churches about the impact our *Making Life Disciples* (MLD) program is having on their community.

Aside from the obvious reasons for us to get excited about this – more unborn lives saved, more families formed, and more women and men transformed by the Gospel – there is another even “bigger” reason these stories fill me with great hope. It’s the growing emergence of *discipleship* as a key tool in the fight to end abortion.

The traditional tools of the trade in the pro-life movement – political advocacy and material support for pregnant women – are still necessary and important. But, as I’ve laid out in a new book called “Why We Can’t End Abortion Without Discipleship,” the long-term support and transformational power of discipleship are irreplaceable if we are to truly “end abortion.”

There are two primary reasons for this. First, in John 10:10, Christ offers us not just life, but abundant life. If we stop at changing laws or providing short-term material support to parents considering abortion, we are settling for giving folks life... but not necessarily the unique, abundant, spiritual life that only a relationship with Christ provides.

Second, Christ also made it clear that there are two realms we are called to serve. When asked if Jews should pay taxes to the Romans, he said, “...give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and give to God what is God’s.” To “Caesar,” who represents the material realm, we owe material things. His is a transactional realm, where physical life can be supported but not transformed. But to God, we owe spiritual things. His is a realm where spiritual life is given and nurtured; where lives are transformed. They are both important: we can’t minister to the spiritual needs of our neighbors without also ministering to their physical needs.

Ministering to the spiritual needs of our neighbors, including those considering abortion, means discipleship. If we are not sharing the Gospel and discipling parents faced with pregnancy decisions, they will certainly be disciplined by the culture and are more likely become “repeat customers,” getting themselves into the same situations that led to their unplanned pregnancies in the first place. This is why 50% of abortions are to women who have already had one. But with discipleship, our pro-life efforts become Pro **Abundant** Life efforts that God can use to transform the hearts and minds of those we serve so that they don’t return to us to be served, but to serve others.

This will be the heart of Pro Abundant Life victory, and I am honored that you are partnering with us to make this Christ-centered, God-honoring approach a reality every day in your community and in communities across the country.

Please see the ad in this month’s newsletter about how to get a copy of <RW Discipleship Book>

Blessings to You,



Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO



Hear more from Roland on Twitter! @RolandCWarren



More Lives Saved!

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The coach lead Karen through some information about the pregnancy centers in her area that could help Sam and his girlfriend— Penny*—in addition to Karen’s support. She also prayed with Karen that Penny would lean into the love being offered by those around her and know that choosing life for her baby wouldn’t ruin her own life’s trajectory.

Mateo and Karen are just some of the many who have called our hotline in search of help for women they care about. Research shows that fathers are the *most important factor* in a mother’s decision to choose life, and parents are not far behind. Because of your generous support of Care Net, anyone faced with a pregnancy decision can find the real-time, life-affirming support through our national hotline that so many parents or those close to them need during the critical first few days after learning of an unexpected pregnancy to be better prepared to help the mother of the baby choose life.

OFFER THE MATERIAL & SPIRITUAL SUPPORT PARENTS NEED!

Your help will bring even more babies life...
and **ABUNDANT** life!

Your support will make it possible for even more mothers and fathers to know the hope available to them through the gospel of Jesus Christ and to choose life for their unborn children and **ABUNDANT** life for their families.

With every gift and prayer, you make it possible for us to reach out with material and spiritual support through our national hotline, 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers and our growing network of churches. **Because of you more lives can be transformed and more babies can be saved!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





OUR CARING PARTNERS: HEROES SAVING LIVES 365 DAYS A YEAR!

Every single day, parents considering abortion find Care Net's national hotline, one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or a church equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry through our church curriculum. You can help ensure they are able to find compassion, hope, and help 365 days a year by donating monthly to become a *Caring Partner*!

As a *Caring Partner*, you will also receive special benefits, including:

- A designated Care Net team member to serve you
- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth

3 EASY WAYS TO ENROLL AS A CARING PARTNER:

1. Select the monthly donation option on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly gift.
2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/NL1908
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions?

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When Others Spoke a Deadly Message...

You helped influence Trina for life!

Trina* was scared. When her pregnancy test came back positive, she did what most women do and told her partner. She hoped that he would understand or even be excited. She wanted him to speak up for their child and for her. Unfortunately, he didn't. He made it clear that this baby was a problem, *her problem*, and she should just go "take care of it."

Trina decided to tell her family. With their help, she was sure she could carry this baby to term. Once again, instead of compassion and hope, she found rejection and accusation. How could *she* do this to them, her parents demanded? They were adamant: she would get an abortion.

Still stinging from the conversation, Trina did the only thing she could think of to do: she searched online for information about abortion. Thanks to your support, she saw an ad for our national hotline and called to speak with one of our trained coaches.

As Trina answered the coach's questions, she discovered she was already two months pregnant. She shared that—because of the pressure of her family and the baby's father—she was leaning towards an abortion. Trina wasn't sure she could continue her pregnancy without the support of her



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You never know when you can point someone to hope, to life, and to Christ! Pregnancy Decision Line is saving and transforming lives, and with these two cards you can connect a parent facing

an unexpected or complicated pregnancy with the compassion, help, and hope they need to choose LIFE for their unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their families!

Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
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877-791-5475

pregnancydecisionline.org



PREGNANCY DECISION LINE (PDL) is the nation's only hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or pregnancydecisionline.org

Making Abortion Unthinkable



Available for Purchase or Download Online Now!

After 48 years of the pro-life movement, approximately 2,500 babies still die each day in abortion. So much of our focus has been on reforming the legal climate and meeting material needs that we haven't focused as aggressively on the spiritual rot at the heart of our culture. But Christ shows us a better way. In this book, Care Net President and CEO Roland C. Warren shows why discipleship is the key to making abortion unthinkable, and provides readers a blueprint for lasting success.

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family. When her coach explained that there was a Care Net-affiliated pregnancy center in her community, equipped and eager to serve her and her baby, her attitude changed.

For the first time in a long time, she had hope...and her baby had a fighting chance.

When Care Net asked 1,000 women who had abortions who influenced their decisions, we found that the father of the baby was the single most influential voice in the decision to abort. Women were also most likely to tell the father of the child that they were pregnant before telling anyone else. The lack of partner or family support quickly turned Trina's unplanned pregnancy *into a crisis pregnancy.*

Your loyal support ensured that Trina could receive the help she so desperately needed. You provided her with the lifesaving influence she needed most so she could choose life for her baby and have the opportunity to find abundant life in Christ.



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Vision:

Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are empowered to choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.

Mission:

Acknowledging that every human life begins at conception and is worthy of protection, Care Net offers compassion, hope, and help to anyone considering abortion by presenting them with realistic alternatives and Christ-centered support through our life-affirming network of pregnancy centers, churches, organizations, and individuals.



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