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In the midst of her crisis... you provided a voice that helped Alice choose life!

Alice* was pregnant and that was ok. She wanted to carry her baby to term. She knew that some women in her position would choose abortion, but that didn't seem necessary to her. She had a stable source of income and she believed she could make this unplanned pregnancy work.

And then the pandemic happened.

What had started out as a news story from the opposite side of the world, became a reality in her own city. As her state began shutting down non-essential businesses, Alice's financial prospects became uncertain. New doubts crept into her heart.

"Can I really afford this baby?"

"Is it wise to be pregnant during a pandemic?"

As her fears grew, Alice became desperate to find out if it was "too late" for an abortion. She was already well into her second trimester. If she went into labor now her baby could survive with medical assistance.

She went online to find out.

You Were a Voice for the Voiceless

Thanks to your generous support, Alice found the phone number for Care Net's national

hotline, *Pregnancy Decision Line*. Because of you, a coach was ready and waiting for her call.

The first thing Alice asked was, "Am I too late to get an abortion?" While her baby had reached the point of viability, Alice could still undergo a tragic late-term abortion.

As the coach compassionately answered her questions and truthfully shared the risks of abortion, it became clear that *Alice never really wanted an abortion*. Her first plan had been to carry her baby to term, but the fear and isolation of the coronavirus pandemic had driven her to consider a choice that had been unthinkable before.

As Alice spoke with her coach, a peace came over her. She realized that *she could keep this baby*. Her fears rising from the effects of the pandemic didn't mean that her baby had to die.

Because of you, Alice recommitted to her choice for life!

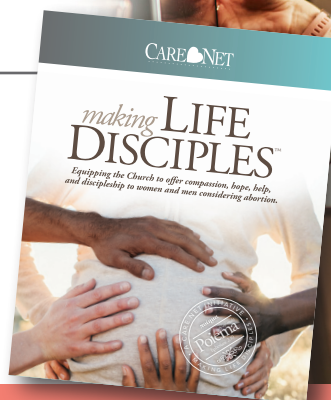
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Take our user-friendly, exclusive online course to transform the way your church responds to women and men in need of compassion, hope, and help.

Access your **FREE Making Life Disciples Online** program at carenetu.org

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

Serving Others During the Pandemic

As I am writing this column, parts of our nation are still in “lockdown mode” as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, while others are slowly trying to safely reopen. It has certainly been interesting watching how my coworkers, friends, and family have dealt with being at home in their own unique ways. Some have used the time to learn new skills or take on those lingering home improvement projects; some have caught up on their reading, and some have just tried to survive with their sanity intact.

Whichever route you take, there are things you can learn from Christ himself about how to handle yourself during a time of crisis. By modeling our behavior on Jesus, we can exchange fear for faith, hoarding for sharing, and isolation for engagement. In short, we can use this time to serve others!

Indeed, while we should observe “physical distancing” rules during a time of pandemic, we should never “socially distance” ourselves as Christians. We are called to love and serve others, especially in challenging times.

During this time of isolation, we can grow by learning how to serve women and men considering abortion. After all, this time of isolation and fear has produced an increased demand for and desperation around abortion. But how does one approach such a sensitive issue?

Care Net took our decades of experience in walking women and men through tough pregnancy decisions and created an online course just for you. It's called *Making Life Disciples*, and it is designed to teach you these skills, take them to your church, and turn it into a beacon of hope in your community.

Normally, we charge a nominal fee for the course, but we wanted to make it available to you for free to help you spend your extra time at home in service of the Kingdom.

To access the free course, go to carenetu.org, click on *Making Life Disciples Self-Paced Course*, click on “Take Course,” and use the code **MLDFREE20 at checkout.**

Already, hundreds of people have taken advantage of this opportunity, and I pray and hope that you will, too. I promise it will enrich you, fill you with the Spirit, and motivate you to do what you can (even just the little things!) to provide compassion, hope, and help to those who are vulnerable to the lies of abortion.

And may God bless you daily as you serve him faithfully... even in times of crisis!

Blessings to you,



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Care Net President & CEO



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In the midst of her crisis...

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Abortion thrives in isolation and fear. Thanks to the coronavirus pandemic, millions of women and men are at risk of experiencing the same crisis as Alice. When they see that positive pregnancy test, they will need the calm, professional, and compassionate voice of a Pro Abundant Life coach to empower them to choose life for their unborn babies.

Already, Planned Parenthood has said their abortion demand is increasing. Because of you, *Pregnancy Decision Line*, our network of affiliated pregnancy centers, and our church partners are able to reach these parents in the nick of time to save their children.

Thank you for ensuring that this pandemic doesn't shut down our hotline. Thank you for making hope possible for Alice and all those like her.

Bring the Compassion, Hope, and Help Parents Need!



Your help will save even more babies' lives...and share the message of ABUNDANT life in Christ!

Your support will make it possible for more parents 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.

Your gifts and prayers make it possible for us to reach out to desperate moms and dads 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 GENEROUS 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

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2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/give-monthly
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions?

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Closing the Gaps to Save Lives!

Your support is making Life Disciples

Gina* had butterflies in her stomach. This was her first week as a Life Mentor, and she was eager for things to get rolling. It seemed like only yesterday that the Pastor was announcing the start of the *Making Life Disciples* course at her church.

This was a great opportunity to speak the truth in a way that could have a life-changing impact. More than that, the conversations they'd be having could make an eternal difference. Now that everything was in place, Gina was wondering the same thing as everyone else: when were they going to meet that first mom who needed their help?

As it turned out, she didn't have long to wait.

Making Connections that Save Lives

At her local pregnancy center, Gina was introduced to a young woman named Monica*. Gina made every effort to ensure that Monica felt safe. When she was comfortable, Monica confessed that she had scheduled an abortion for

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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
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision



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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

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Discover the pro-choice case for pregnancy centers and more in our brand new eBook *4 Reasons Pregnancy Centers are Irreplaceable*. This free eBook will equip you with the facts about pregnancy centers, enabling you to better promote their work in your community and save lives from abortion.

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next week. It was startling to hear, but because of her MLD training Gina was prepared to calmly talk through the implications of an abortion with Monica.

Monica explained that when she set her appointment **she was alone, and didn't have anyone to turn to for help**. Gina remembered that fear was one of the biggest factors that caused mothers to make a quick, yet costly, decision to choose abortion for their unborn children.

Building Life-Changing, Life-Saving Connections

After talking for a while Gina could tell that Monica was still unsure about her decision. Gina reassured her that she and her church were there to help Monica get the long-term support she needed. She explained that they were here for her now, they would help her get through her pregnancy, but more than that, they would be there for her for as long as she needed. Monica was overwhelmed by this information. **She had no idea there were people right in her community who would care for her like this.**

By the time their session was over, Gina and Monica had traded cell numbers and were already talking about getting together next week. **They had made a connection!**

Thanks to your generous support, more and more churches have been trained to come alongside frightened women like Monica to offer compassion, hope, and help. Please pray for God to bring even more churches and individuals into Care Net's life-affirming network to help close the gaps... to be there long-term to love and support parents and families in their choices for life.

If you or your church are interested in taking our *Making Life Disciples* course online, now is the time. You can take the course for free and be ready to support women like Monica with the code MLDFREE20!

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