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SHARING LIFE STORIES OF COMPASSION, HOPE, & HELP

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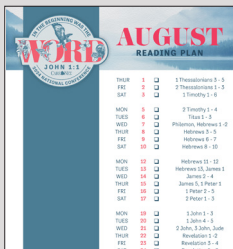
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## Saving a Life...Saving a Marriage!

Your support changed the course of Benita and Carlos' lives.

Family can be messy . . . especially when the pressure is high.

When Benita\* called *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL), Care Net's national hotline, she was feeling the pressure. Desiring to pursue her career, she was already at odds with her fiancé Carlos\*, who wanted her to stay at home while he provided for their family. They had been arguing for weeks, but still couldn't agree.

This was a red flag for Benita. If they couldn't agree on how to handle things when their baby wasn't born yet, she just had to wonder. . . . What would it be like if they were married? **This baby was making Benita rethink everything.**

### You Made a Life-Changing Phone Call Possible

As soon as Harleen\* picked up the phone at PDL, she heard Benita's anger when she said she was seriously thinking about ending her pregnancy. The PDL coach

took a deep breath, knowing her next words could mean life or death. She gently reminded Benita of the precious life growing inside her, and that both Benita and her baby's lives mattered to God. After a bit of back and forth, Harleen gave her the address of a pregnancy center near their apartment. Before she ended their call, Harleen suggested Benita should try to have a heart-to-heart talk with Carlos after she'd had some time to think.

Harleen hung up from the call but wasn't sure if her conversation did any good. Knowing that the best place for the situation was in God's hands, she shared her prayer request with Care Net's team of intercessors, and within minutes hundreds of prayer warriors were praying for Benita, her fiancé, and their baby.

### Your Compassion Saved a Life

A few weeks later Benita called the hotline back and asked for Harleen by name. Benita said she'd thought a lot about what Harleen had said since their last call. She and Carlos ended up visiting the pregnancy center and were surprised to learn about all the things they provide for parents in their situation, *free of charge*. On the way home, they started talking it over.

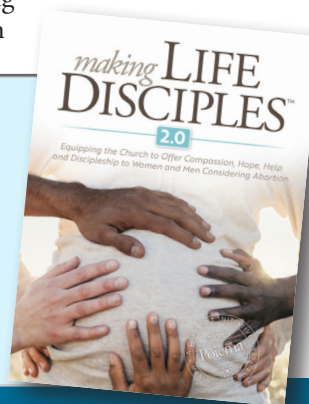
When they talked, Carlos surprised Benita.

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

# Living out the Great Commandment, Fulfilling the Great Commission

As you may know, a central part of Care Net's strategy is to mobilize the church to provide compassion, hope, and help to women and men at risk for choosing abortion.

Many solid biblical reasons point to why this approach must be at the heart of Pro Abundant Life ministry. Over the last several months, God helped me focus our message on the two great pillars of our Christian faith, the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

As Christians, we must align our lives to these two great tenets. Our pro-life work should therefore help us and the people we serve live out the **Great Commandment** (love God and love our neighbors as ourselves), so we can fulfill the **Great Commission** (make disciples of all the nations and teach them everything Christ has taught us).

As Care Net has helped women and men choose life for their unborn babies and abundant life for their families, I realized we can't live out those two pillars ourselves, nor help people we serve live them out, without the Church! Only this institution that Christ established on earth enables us to love God, love our neighbors as ourselves, and make disciples for Him.

By helping a woman choose life for her unborn baby, we help her do all those things! If her baby is made in the image of God and is her closest neighbor, she can't express her love for God and neighbor by aborting her child. Neither can she teach that baby to be a disciple. The same is true for the men we serve.

Care Net's *Making Life Disciples* program equips churches to provide compassion, hope, and help for women and men as they face unplanned pregnancies. With it churches can better help people live out the Great Commandment so that they can fulfill the Great Commission.

Learn how to bring *Making Life Disciples* to your church at [makinglifedisciples.com](http://makinglifedisciples.com). I hope you'll take this bigger step into Pro ABUNDANT Life ministry with us!



Blessings,

Roland C. Warren  
Care Net President & CEO

Hear more from Roland on the Care Net blog!  
[www.care-net.org/blogs](http://www.care-net.org/blogs)



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He said he would support her pursuit of her career.

Harleen praised God for His hand in resolving the tension between Benita and her fiancé and giving them the support they needed to choose life.

Thank you for giving Benita and Carlos the chance to receive compassion, hope, and help through the voice of Harleen and their local pregnancy center. Your support provided a chance to hear about realistic alternatives to abortion, share about the struggles they were facing, and connect them to the life-affirming support that was waiting for them in their own community. You helped them avoid the regret and hurt that would follow them for their whole lives . . . and, most importantly, you saved the life of their precious unborn baby! Not only that, but now that baby will have the loving care of both a mother and father, united in marriage. Thank you for being the hands and voice of Jesus for Benita, Carlos, and so many others.

## Bring the Compassion, Hope, and Help Parents Need!

*Your gift today will save even more babies' lives and share the message of ABUNDANT life in Christ*



Your support makes it possible for more parents considering abortion to know the hope available to them through the gospel of Jesus Christ . . . and empowers them to choose life for their unborn children and ABUNDANT life for their families.

Because of you, desperate moms and dads receive compassion, hope, and help through our expanded national hotline, 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers, and our growing network of churches. With your next gift, more lives can be transformed and more unborn babies' lives can be saved!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP!**



# 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 and becoming a *Caring Partner*! **And, until June 30th, your first monthly gift will be matched DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR through our Fiscal Year End Matching Challenge!**

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

- Invitations to special partner events
- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
- Invitations to special partner events and ministry updates

### 3 EASY WAYS TO ENROLL AS A CARING PARTNER:

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2. Visit us online at: [care-net.org/give-monthly](http://care-net.org/give-monthly)
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Questions?

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## Standing in the Gap

**You gave Kayla the support she needed to choose life for her baby!**

Angry and overwhelmed, Kayla\* had an abortion already scheduled. With no idea how she could possibly handle a baby during such a difficult season in her life, abortion seemed like the only way forward.

The father of Kayla's baby was not at all supportive of her pregnancy, and was pressuring Kayla to have an abortion. She couldn't bear the thought of bringing a child into their broken relationship.

Her boyfriend became verbally abusive when he found out she was pregnant, and he threatened to leave her if she didn't have an abortion. How could she raise a baby all on her own? She needed his financial support, even if she received nothing else from him. The situation felt impossible. So reluctantly Kayla made an appointment at the abortion clinic.

**The day of the abortion, Kayla was convicted.** The Holy Spirit was pricking at her heart to find another way. Searching online, Kayla found Care Net's national hotline.

The coach who answered the phone was kind and listened to all her concerns. She told her coach that she actually prayed to conceive her baby, but because of the heartbreaking situation she found herself in, she didn't know if she could go through with it. She felt more conflicted than she'd ever felt in her life!

Her coach explained the abortion procedures and risks, and

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You can connect a parent with an unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancy with the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose LIFE for the unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their family!

### Steps to Help Save a Life

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told her about the local pregnancy center near her where she could find needed material and spiritual support to keep her baby if she decided to do that. She quietly asked Kayla, “Are you going to let God turn this into a blessing, or are you going to keep writing your own story?”

After hanging up, Kayla’s coach brought her situation to Care Net’s team of intercessors and prayers started going up for this precious mother soon after.

## Your Support Made a Life-Saving Difference!

Praise God! A week later when her coach called back, Kayla was eager to tell her that *she had canceled her abortion appointment and had decided she’d have the baby*. The Holy Spirit used the PDL coach to speak truth into Kayla’s life and help her choose life. What a big God we have!

Your generous support continues to do miracles in the lives of so many women and men through Care Net’s national hotline, *Pregnancy Decision Line*! Thanks to your generosity, over 1 million babies have been saved, and many lives have surrendered to Christ. Thank you for ensuring that another life can be saved and another life moved closer to Jesus through your giving!

## The (Not-So) Rhetorical Question

August is Make-a-Will month. What if you could be remembered by making a gift to Care Net? You won’t be remembered by a monument or building, but by a baby. YOUR LEGACY WILL BE LIVES SAVED.

Did you know that you can get a totally free will AND make a gift to Care Net? Best of all, it costs you nothing now. Just follow this link to learn more and get started: <https://carenet.plannedgiving.org>.



If you need help please email [plannedgiving@care-net.org](mailto:plannedgiving@care-net.org).

## Join Us in Reading the Word

Over the five months leading up to the 2024 Care Net Conference in Colorado Care Net national staff, Care Net affiliated pregnancy centers and others have been going through the New Testament with a Bible Reading Plan.

Will you join us in reading God’s Word for the month of August?



You can download a free pdf of the reading plan for August here: [www.care-net.org/august-bible-reading](http://www.care-net.org/august-bible-reading)

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