

HeartBeats

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From the Director

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe 2008 is already gone, and we're starting a new year - I guess what they say is true - "Time flies when you're having fun!" Well...maybe "fun's" not the right word - there have been fun times, but there have also been times when it was hard work to get through the day. BUT - through it all, God has shown Himself to be faithful, and we rejoice in that!

Later this year we'll be celebrating 25 years of ministry - that's something that should be fun! It's hard to believe that it's been that long! I'm really hopeful that we'll be able to reconnect with some of the people we've helped over the past 25 years - I'm looking forward to seeing some of our "babies" now that they're all grown up!

I hope the New Year brings you the best of God's blessings - Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness and Self-Control!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce

Some Thoughts on the Election...

Now that the election is over, and we are faced with the reality of the most pro-abortion President (elect) that we've ever had, we have some choices to make. Our first choice came the morning after the election - we had an event to attend at Point Loma Nazarene University - and we could either give in to discouragement, or go knowing that God is still in control, and committing ourselves to taking every opportunity given to us to speak the truth into the darkness of this great evil. We chose - and will continue to choose - to stand boldly for life.

Please continue to pray with us that God would mitigate the amount of damage President-Elect Obama is able to cause because of his staunch pro-abortion position. We don't know what the future holds for the pro-life movement - but for as long as we can, we will speak for truth.

"They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul." Psalm 105:13-15

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." Romans 13:1

Thanks to The Rock...

We want to give a big "THANKS" to members of The Rock Home Fellowship that has adopted Silent Voices as their "mission." They've been coming in to volunteer with the Bridges to Motherhood program, and they also had a painting party one Saturday - they put a fresh coat of paint on our walls. After 13 years the walls were pretty sad - it was a blessing to come in on Monday morning and see everything looking fresh and clean!



Painting Day



Repairs were made, too!

Silent Voices believes that God is the Author of life, that all human life is valuable - born and preborn - and that abortion is never the answer to an unplanned, "crisis" pregnancy. We are dedicated to giving compassionate, practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, providing accurate information about the realities and possible consequences of abortion, and offering help, hope and healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to women already struggling with the trauma of abortion.

Local Abortionist Sentenced...

A woman who owned six health clinics across Southern California faces up to nine years in prison for performing abortions while posing as a doctor in Chula Vista.

Bertha Bugarin, 48, pleaded guilty in San Diego Superior Court to nine felony counts of practicing medicine without a license and one felony count of grand theft. Her plea on Wednesday came two days after she pleaded no contest to seven similar charges in Los Angeles County.

Bugarin was arrested in June after a year-long investigation by Chula Vista police and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Bugarin advertised on Spanish-language television and "preyed on women in the Hispanic community," San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie M. Dumanis said. "By passing herself off as a doctor, she put these women's lives in serious danger."

Prosecutors said Bugarin owned Clinica Medica de la Mujere in Chula Vista, where she performed abortions and gave patients prescription drugs.

One of Bugarin's patients suffered complications from a procedure and had to be hospitalized twice, prosecutors said. She eventually delivered a baby who died three hours later.

Another patient paid \$500 for an abortion, but had to come back for a second procedure because the first was unsuccessful.

Bugarin faces up to 10 years in state prison for the Los Angeles charges when she is sentenced Jan. 20, and up to nine years when she is sentenced Feb. 6 in San Diego. It was not clear which sentence would take precedence.

San Diego Union-Tribune, December 4, 2008

Where Are They Now?

Have you been helped by Silent Voices? Do you know someone who has? We'd REALLY like to hear from anyone who has been helped by us during the past 25 years. We'd love to put together a scrap book of pictures and testimonies of as many of our former clients as possible, and we'd also like to invite them to share at the banquet we have planned in May. SO - if you know someone - or if YOU have been helped - please let us know! If you wish to remain anonymous, we'll honor that, and not use your name in the scrapbook.

Do you love to scrap? If so, we could use your help for this momentous project!

Christian Values Network...

There's a new way to support Silent Voices - the "Christian Values Network." If you make your online purchase through their website, (www.cvn.org) we will receive a donation. You can choose from a TON of stores/online services - so if you do a lot of internet shopping, sign up with us as the non-profit, and support us while you shop!

GoodSearch.com is another website that generates support for us. When you use GoodSearch.com to find stuff on the internet, we get a donation for each search. You can also shop through their website and we receive a donation from them, too!

Speaking to Children at Risk...

We've had several opportunities to work with young adults who are in the juvenile justice system - and it's been a blessing! We've had an information table at outreaches offered to these kids, and we've been able to talk to many - and it's been sad to hear how many of these young people are already mothers or fathers. One young man (who is currently in an honor camp in the County) boasted that his girlfriend was expecting his fourth baby - and he's only 17 years old!

One of the outreaches took place on the girls' side of Juvenile Hall, and we were able to have an hour with each "pod" of girls being held. We talked about the ministry - what services are offered at pregnancy centers all over the County - and we spent time answering their questions. Many of the girls have already had children - or had lost a baby to miscarriage or stillbirth. In one "pod" many of the girls were openly "gay." They said that they'd made the decision to be gay because they knew they could "have sex and not have to take birth control or worry about getting pregnant."

It was interesting to hear the girls talk about abortion - most of them believe that it's wrong! SO - the pro-life message is being heard! The only person who was adamantly in favor of "choice" - who said that "the Bible doesn't say abortion is wrong" - was the teacher who had been assigned to sit in on the class. It was very sad to hear her get so angry and defensive.

We're hoping we'll continue to have these opportunities - we'd love to do more with this group of kids. Please pray with us that more doors of open for us!

Albertson's Community Partners...

As many of you know, we have been earning much needed funding through the Albertson's Community Partners Program. We need your help to continue earning funds. **Even if you have linked your Preferred Savings Card to our organization in the past, you need to re-link your card number in order for us to continue earning funds. Link (or re-link) your Albertson's Preferred Savings card to our organization now at:**

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Thank you for your support!

We also receive funds through eScrip - and they require that you re-link your Vons card every year, too. If you haven't done so already, please take a few minutes to do it now - it's an easy way to support Silent Voices every time you shop! To renew your Vons card with eScrip, visit www.escrip.com and click on "Yes! Renew," then follow the easy instructions.

If you don't use the internet, and would like us to re-link your cards for you, just give us a call - we'll be happy to take care of it for you!

Planned Parenthood Gift Certificates...

Nothing says "Merry Christmas" like a gift certificate from Planned Parenthood for "reproductive services" - or at least that's what Planned Parenthood in Indiana thought. Wouldn't you just love getting a gift card for free birth control - or free STD testing - or a free abortion? No word on how many they've sold.



Ice Cream Social Update...

The Ice Cream Social was one of those "fun" days - we had a great turn out, and we couldn't have asked for a more generous audience! Jack Jung, our auctioneer, did an outstanding job, despite the obvious pain he was in (he had hip replacement surgery just a few weeks after our event).

We had donations from so many people and businesses - it was a bit overwhelming when we started going through everything. Here's a list of donors (we know we're going to miss someone - please know that we're very grateful to every donor - but we're human, and we're bound to leave someone off the list!):

Individual Donors

Roland and Brenda Ashurst, Vivian Butler, Richard and Sylvia Cates, Wendy Delmoral, Carol Filippini, Tim and Christine Flannery, Joan Davis, The Gamboa Family, David and Marcia Gwin, Margie Levesque, Dorothy McMahan, Suzanne Morgan, Maryellen Munyon, Stephanie O'Connor, The Pearce Family, Mel and April Presley, Roger and Dottie Sandoval, Robert and Donna Wooten

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A HUGE Thank You to our Board - they worked really hard to generate so many good donations!

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25th Anniversary in 2009

Next year will be Silent Voices' 25th Anniversary, and we're already making plans to celebrate! It is our hearts desire to bring all of our international Directors to San Diego for the banquet we are planning. We're looking for people to sponsor a Director - if you'd be interested in helping us make this dream a reality, please let us know.

We'll also be looking for Corporate Sponsors - businesses that would contribute towards the costs of this event. We will be asking everyone who comes to consider supporting the ministry, but we don't want there to be any cost to attend the banquet. If you have a business that would sponsor this event, please let us know soon!

Ding-Dong, Avon Calling ...

Sharon's an eRepresentative with Avon, and can now sell to anyone in the country. If you enjoy Avon products, and would like to order from Sharon, you can go to her website at:

www.youravon.com/sharonpearce and place your order online. Sharon will be tithing to Silent Voices from her profits.



Christmas Blessings...

Thanks to everyone who gave our Bridges moms gift cards for Christmas! A special "Thank You" to EJ - a young man who saves his change all year and uses it to buy gift cards for our moms!

Bridges Wedding...

We had a great response to our request for help with the wedding for one of our Bridges moms and dads! We've had to change the date to late March, as the mom is due to deliver her baby on February 6th - too close to Valentine's Day for that date to work. They're both VERY excited - as are we!

Please Keep us in Your Prayers...

The last year has been very challenging for us financially. As the economy worsened, our funding started to decline. We understand why - we're all struggling as individuals, too - but we're asking you to commit to praying that our financial needs are met. We KNOW that God is in control, and we're not living in fear. Would you please stand with us in prayer?
THANKS!

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