

HeartBeats

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands!



From the Director

Isn't it a blessing when God sets up "divine appointments" - sometimes with people you know but haven't seen for awhile? I've had a number of those lately, and each one has been used by God to show me that He loves me. This weekend while shopping at Henry's I ran into someone I've known for YEARS but rarely see. I wasn't having a great day - I was in pain and sick - but I had to go grocery shopping, so I dragged myself up to Henry's and saw Bev. She was SUCH a blessing - she prayed with me (right there in the middle of the store!) - and then bought me a beautiful bouquet of roses "from my Husband/Father." SIGH. I went home still feeling lousy, but knowing that God cares for my every need.

Speaking of pain - please continue to pray for a full recovery. It's been five months since the accident, and I'm still in pain (and still have a bruise!). I'm in physical therapy, and have made some progress - but still have a long way to go. THANKS!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce/Director

Banquet Update

YEAH! We have the airfare for all of our directors to come to San Diego for our Banquet! We're SO excited for them - and we know you'll want to meet them, too! They'll be available to speak to Women's groups, churches, Home Fellowships, etc..

We've had a good response to our request for donations to cover the cost of the banquet - now **we REALLY need Table Hosts!** This is a one of the most important elements of our banquet. We need to expose new people to the ministry of Silent Voices, and the Table Hosts are the people who will make that happen. It won't cost the Hosts OR the guests anything to attend - that's why the banquet is being underwritten. We just need 20 people/couples to host a table and ask 6-7 of their friends to attend the banquet at no charge - it's as easy as that! If you'd like more information about Hosting a table, please call or email the office ASAP. (We still need help with the underwriting, so if you feel led to contribute towards the costs of this event, please let us know!)

We're also looking for volunteers to help with planning the Banquet, and for servers that night - if you're interested, contact Sylvia: casyl56@cox.net.

Miles MacPherson from The Rock/Miles Ahead Ministry will be our guest speaker! You won't have any trouble filling a table if your guests know that Miles will be there - he's an energetic speaker who's sure to bring a powerful message!

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counseling

We hear from women frequently that will never step foot in our offices, but are still ministered to simply by our being available in their time of need. We'd like to share the "diary" of one of these women. "Theresa" completed a webform on our website, and we began corresponding with her immediately:

"I feel horrible. I blame my husband for my abortion. He was 57 then; I was 39. He had a vasectomy but it didn't take and I got pregnant. Up until the abortion I was the happiest person on earth. I had married my prince charming; less than a year later I was pregnant and the fairytale ended. I cry a lot. I get mad easily. I hate myself for what I did. I hate my husband for telling me it was the best thing to do. I want another baby. I'm scared of being pregnant...I want to show God that I am willing to have a child. I'm not a monster but I feel like one. Will God ever forgive me?" T

"Yes, sweet sister in Christ - God will forgive you! If you've repented - admitted to God that you sinned by having the abortion - then the Bible says that He forgives AND forgets. The trick, though, is learning to live the truth and freedom of that - and that's a process that usually requires help. We'd love to find a group for you to attend - if you let me know where you live I can find a center that has a PAS group." SV

"I'm afraid to go to a group. Will there be a lot of women there? They've all had abortions? I've NEVER talked to anyone about this. I cry when I think of what I've done. I'm crying now. The pain is unreal and it has never lessened. Oh what I would do to take it all back! I'm so tired of having such a heavy heart. I sometimes think I can't live another day with the pain. WHERE do all the tears come from? Is there never an end to them?" T

"What you're feeling is NORMAL! Everyone we talk to feels like you do right now. Make the phone call - give them a chance to help you. You'll feel SO much better after a group!" SV

"Guess what? I just got off the phone with a woman at Open Arms and they offer post abortion support, and it's a spiritual thing too! I'm still scared - but I have an appointment to see them next week. Thank you SO much for everything! I honestly believe that God led me to you and your website." T

"Hi - it's me. I went to Open Arms today and talked with one of the nicest women in the world. I cried and she handed me a box of tissue and she said, 'We have lost of tissue. Cry all you need to.' She was so loving!!! I'm still scared, but I'm going to attend the group they offer." T

"I hope you will remember me - you hooked me up with Open Arms. Anyway, I have wonderful news. Last night the Group leader, asked me something that totally changed my ENTIRE outlook on my situation. Today has been a good day. Nothing spectacular has happened, but I feel so different. I swear to you my entire outlook has changed since last night. I was going to try to explain it to you, but it defies explanation.

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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.

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"For the first time in a long, long, long time I am free. And, it feels GOOD. This is what I was looking for when I first e-mailed you about your program. I KNEW I would find it. God is soooooooooooooo good. Oh my gosh, He is so good. I don't have adequate words, I really don't. His mercy defies anything a human being can bestow on another human being. It's so far above anything we have in human form. I'm so excited. It is just plain GOOD to not have that elephant on my back anymore. Thank you so much for answering that first e-mail I sent to you. Thank you for directing me to Open Arms. And more than anything else, thank you for the prayers you've said for me." T

William-Christopher

One of our Bridges moms gave birth prematurely on Friday, May 22nd. She hadn't felt well all week, and was directed by her physician to go to Sharp Mary Birch to be checked - and within 15 minutes of her arrival she was having an emergency c-section to save her life. William-Christopher was born at 31 weeks, and weighed just over two pounds. So far he is doing well - there haven't been any major setbacks - and his mom reports that his little personality is already evident. He has a long way to go before he's going to be able to go home - for now his "home" is an incubator in the NICU.

Please pray for William-Christopher and his family. Everyone wants him to come home soon - but they know it's going to take time for him to gain the weight and strength he'll need to be released.



This little guy fit in the palm of your hand at birth - he's a miracle baby!

Domestic Terrorists?

On April 20, 2009, the ACLJ reported that the Department of Homeland Security had issued an emergency assessment entitled "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment." (The authenticity of this document was verified by the ACLJ, and the DHS stated that "it did in fact issue the document to all law enforcement personnel throughout the United States.") The key finding noted by the Department of Homeland Security is that, although there is "no specific information that domestic right-wing terrorists are currently planning acts of violence . . . right-wing extremists may be gaining new recruits by playing on their fears about several emergent issues." In defining right-wing extremism, the report states "right-wing extremism in the United States can be broadly divided into those groups, movements, and adherents that are primarily hate-oriented . . . and those that are mainly anti-government, rejecting federal authority in favor of state or local authority, or rejecting government authority entirely. **It may include groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as opposition to abortion or immigration(emphasis added).**"

On May 6th, the ACLJ reported that the Department of Homeland Security is "reining in a maverick division of the agency" following criticism of reports that have been issued over the last several months concerning domestic terrorists and extremists.

While we are relieved that we are no longer considered "domestic terrorists" by our own government, we are concerned that this attitude might re-emerge, and will be following the reports from the ACLJ closely.