

HeartBeats

Service From the Heart Since 1984

From the Director...

Every year I ask the Lord to give me a specific scripture that we use on our Walk for Life shirts, and this year is no different. What IS different is that it took longer for me to hear what He was trying to tell me - mostly because I've resisted using scriptures that are "over-used." (Just writing that makes me cringe - how can God's word EVER be "over-used?!) But - He kept speaking, and I finally listened - and here's what He said:

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
Proverbs 3:5,6

This is such an appropriate scripture for us this year on so many levels -

- 1) We are PASSIONATE about saving the unborn. Every woman who chooses life - despite the dire circumstances of HER life - has to trust in HIM, and not on her own abilities to provide. We are PASSIONATE about our Bridges to Motherhood moms!
- 2) We are PASSIONATE about bringing hope and healing to women who have had an abortion. Most women after an abortion have their choice and the consequences of that choice very compartmentalized - they've got it "all figured out." They, too, must trust in HIM to show them the truth, and to set them free. They can't rely on their own understanding of what this has done to their lives if they want to experience the abundant life God has promised.
- 3) We are PASSIONATE about teaching Natural Family Planning (NFP). We believe that it is the most God honoring method of family planning available. It requires couples to trust in HIM - and to surrender their own understanding of what their family should look like to the will of God.
- 4) During the last two years we've been stretched financially, and things aren't getting better. The Board has discussed our options, and we're doing everything we can to use the funds God provides wisely - but it's getting harder to make donations stretch to meet our needs and the needs of our international offices. It would be easy to pull in - retreat - cut back on services/support - but God has called us to trust in HIM. We have, however, decided that we will not be traveling to one of our international offices unless God provides for that to happen. We don't see this as a "retreat" - but as a fiscally sound decision. We're still open to going - and we know it would bless our directors in Russia if we did. We're simply waiting on God to provide.

So - we're looking forward to what our graphic artist does with this scripture! And - we're willing to step back and trust HIM to provide and to open doors so that we can do those things that we are passionate about!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce/Director



Walk for Life 2008
Saturday, May 3rd

We're VERY excited about the plans being made for this year's Walk for Life! The date is Saturday, May 3rd, and we'll be using the facilities at Calvary Chapel San Diego for those of you who live in the South Bay, and we're working on lining up a facility in central/north County for those who don't.

The most exciting news, though, is that this year we'll have our Director from Zambia with us! Barbra has been asked to attend the Heartbeat International Conference in mid-April, and we've asked her to come to San Diego so she can meet you at the Walk! (She's still waiting to hear if her Visa has been granted - so keep that in prayer.) Barbra has a beautiful voice, and she will be sharing her testimony as well as her music with us at the Walk! She's such a sweet sister in Christ, and we know she's looking forward to meeting as many of our supporters as she can!

If you would like to help us with the Walk, please let us know now. We'd like to have a Church Representative at each of the churches we have a relationship with - but we need your help to make that happen.



Heartbreaking Email...

We received this email just before Christmas -

"I can't get past this. I was able to figure out my child's due date because I work at a hospital...it would have been 12-25...how can I ever have a Merry Christmas again?"

Our hearts break for this woman. The good news of Christmas is that there is always HOPE for her!

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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What if Silent Voices earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our moms? Well, now it can! GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up! GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall that will donate up to 37 percent of each purchase to Silent Voices! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting us!

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Silent Voices as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!



Bridges

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East Valley Christian Fellowship blessed our moms with a wonderful Christmas party! They came all the way from Alpine to bless our moms - and we appreciate all the effort they put in to making the night special for our moms and their children! Here are some pictures from that special night!



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Moral Relativism

We're seeing more and more that Christian young people - even those raised in good Bible teaching churches - don't *really* believe that God says what He means - and means what He says. The Bible - and the admonition to be "in the world, but not of it" - isn't "relevant" anymore. It's VERY sad to see so many young women coming in for pregnancy tests - considering abortion as an option to their "problem" - and not seeing their behavior as being opposed to God's revealed will.

One client in particular illustrates this trend. She called for information about abortion - she was scheduled to have one at the end of the week. Stephanie spent a lot of time with her on the phone, answering her questions and encouraging her to consider other options. The young woman wanted to meet with Stephanie "face-to-face" before she had the abortion, but couldn't make it to Chula Vista before her Friday appointment because she had a Bible study she wanted to attend on the one night that worked for both of them. She asked if Stephanie could meet her at church before the Bible study - and Stephanie agreed to go.

Stephanie took all of our brochures, as well as the set of models we have that shows the developing baby at various stages of development. Stephanie met with this client in an empty classroom, and spent a lot of time talking to her about God's heart for the unborn - His love for her - His desire that she make the choice that honors His will - and when all was said and done, the woman told Stephanie that she was going to have the abortion, and that she believed that doing so would "bring her closer to God."

We're praying that this young woman comes to her senses soon, and realizes that God really DOES mean what He says. When she does, she knows we'll be here to help her rebuild her life and her relationship with Jesus.