

# HeartBeats

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## From the Director...

Most anniversaries are times of joy and celebration - but I know for all of us, the anniversary of September 11 will be anything BUT joyful. Tears will be very near the surface, and hearts that were broken that day will again be heavy with sorrow as those who lost their lives are remembered and honored.

The events of September 11 changed all of us - including me. While I have always seen our ministry as one of saving souls as well as saving lives, I have had a deeper burden, and greater boldness to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our clients. September 11 reminded all of us that our time here is short - and that no one knows what tomorrow holds.

I will never forget those who lost their lives that day - nor will I forget the 4,000 preborn children who have been lost to abortion every day since January 22, 1973. I hope that as you watch - or participate in - the memorial services held on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of September 11, that you will remember with me those precious lives our country chooses to ignore, and that you will grieve with me for their loss.

In Him,

Sharon Pearce/Director

## Week at a Glance...



These are just a few of the people we talked with during the week of August 21-25 (names have been changed to protect our client's privacy):

Monday, August, 21 - "Mimi" is 17, and came in for another pregnancy test - this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we've seen her in the last year. She's a Christian, but until this year has not understood why she should not be having sex outside of marriage. She is struggling with abstinence, and had a "close call" recently that had her worried. Her test was negative - she's very relieved. Linda shared with her - again - how important it is to honor God in every area of her life.

Linda got a call from the family of Fabiola - one of our "Bridges to Motherhood" moms - that she's in the hospital in a coma, and that the baby was delivered yesterday. Fabiola had been rushed to the hospital with eclampsia and complications from gestational diabetes.

Tuesday, August 22 - "Delilah" is 17, and has a 5 month old son. She has decided on abortion because it's "just too hard to have a baby" - but she's not using any birth control to prevent another pregnancy! When Sharon asked her why, she just shrugged her shoulders. She was obviously overwhelmed with her life - and not making wise decisions. She was willing to take a lot of information about abortion - Sharon encouraged her to look it all over and really think about her options. She also encouraged her to reconsider her choice to be sexually active. Her test was negative.

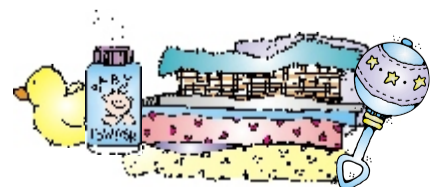
Wednesday, August 23 - "Betty" is 33 - and married! While she and her husband weren't trying to have another baby, she was clearly happy when the test was positive. It's SO nice to have someone who WANTS their baby!

"Roni" is 20, and is attending a Junior College and working. She stopped using birth control in May. She was overwhelmed when her test was positive, and was apprehensive about telling her parents, but she plans to have the baby.

Thursday, August 24 - "Barbie" is 17 - this is her 4<sup>th</sup> visit this year. She was using Depo Provero for birth control, but didn't go back for another injection because she didn't like the way it made her feel (weight gain and nausea), so she's not using anything now to prevent pregnancy. Fortunately, she would not consider an abortion if she's pregnant. Her test was negative.

"Amber" is 19, and had called several times this week. She is 16 weeks pregnant, and finally came in with her fiancé - who immediately told us that he's a Muslim. (Why?!) They met on the internet, and he asked her to marry him three weeks later. She had a prescription for birth control pills, but decided to take a pill every other day to make them last longer! She knows that we don't do abortions or make referrals - but told her fiancé that we are an abortion provider because that's what he wants her to do, and she wants him to hear what we have to say. He seemed to be moved by the videos he watched. He told Kaye that his sister has recently converted to Christianity, and that she has tried to tell him that abortion is not a good thing. "Amber" and her fiancé sat and talked with Kaye for a long time - asking lots of questions. When they left, he asked for a New Testament - and said that he has a lot to think about.

Friday, August 25 - "Tina" is 21 years old, and the mother of a 6 year old. She had an abortion last year - and 3 days later, her 5 month old son died from SIDS. She has felt terribly guilty for that abortion - and believes that God "took" her son to punish her. She is not using birth control - and knows it's irresponsible. Her test was positive - and she plans to have another abortion. Sharon talked to her for a long time about how much God loves her AND her baby - how He longs to forgive her and set her free from the guilt she's carrying. "Tina" left still feeling that abortion is her best option, but said she'd come back to talk again.



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.

