

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

*“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is Yours, O Lord, and this is Your kingdom. We adore You as the One who is over all things. Riches and honor come from You alone, for You rule over everything. Power and might are in Your hands, and it is at Your discretion that people are made great and given strength.*

*O our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious Name!”*

I Chronicles 29:11-13

**D**avid’s prayer reveals that all the things we are encouraged to think about in Philippians chapter 4—things true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, anything of virtue, anything praiseworthy—are all from God, not generated from self. Daily, those of us who serve together at Crossroads are vividly aware of our need for His grace, power, love and mercy; this is how any ministry truly functions.

None of us would be able to serve in any capacity without the conviction that it is He who empowers us to do it; because only He who truly knows the paths our clients are traveling is able to transform their hearts and redeem their lives.

The verses above also reveal something of His Sovereignty over His creation. We need to daily remind ourselves of this truth as we see much of society spinning out of control.

I remember a client who faithfully attended parenting classes for many months. We formed a bond and talked often about spiritual things, many times the Gospel was shared. The client was never quite willing to surrender her life to Christ, though the appreciation for the truth was evident. This client was convinced that all of what God required could be accomplished by fleshly determination. So it wasn’t a surprise when I was told that she had returned to her old patterns of behavior. Does it grieve me? Yes. Have I given up hope? No.

I believe God’s promise, that His word does not return void but accomplishes the purpose for which it is sent. In the meantime the burden for my ex-client is given to the Lord, and as my director friend Debbie Jones says, “I pray He continues to use *His cast of thousands to reach her.*” (My emphasis).

Sometimes we're tempted to feel that it's all up to us, when, truth is, God has many servants tucked away in just the right places—links in a spiritual chain if you will—who at just the right time (the Lord's!) reaches out, and the very one you have served and prayed for becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Maranatha, Diane Clark

*With men it is impossible, but not with God;  
for with God all things are possible.*

--Mark 10:27

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## FROM DOUBT TO HOPE

### A RECENT HELPLINE CALL



A few weeks ago, a young woman called the Helpline seeking information about relationship counseling and adoption options. She was full of doubt, knowing she didn't want to abort, but unsure if her relationship with her fiancé was stable enough to raise a baby together. In learning the details of our center, she asked what church we were a part of, and I explained that many churches worked together with the Center. She appreciated that and then asked about my own church. It was a very positive conversation; she took some referrals for professional counseling, but chose not to make an appointment at the CPC.

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I then learned that she had called back the next week asking for me when it wasn't my turn for Helpline. So as I returned her call, I was prepared to try and help again with her possible decision to make an adoption plan. Instead, she started thanking me and surprised me with her testimony of how, following our first phone conversation together, she had started to pray about her circumstances, and watched as the Lord began to change her situation as soon as she asked. The positive changes she's already seen have made her confident that she can now move forward with keeping her baby and having a better relationship with her fiancé. She's also seeing the incredible power of prayer, and how life-changing it can be to pursue a relationship with our Holy God. Her prayer is now to be able to afford to drive into town or get a ride to attend church in Hanford.

She told me her heart was full of HOPE.

I cried, and rejoiced with her, and made sure she understood that this was all the work of the Lord.

Looking back, I know I didn't say or share anything profound or scholarly, I don't remember that we even prayed together. I simply shared our services, our referrals, and that we were there to help her. I also think she was impressed that the Center worked with many churches and not just one.

This was one of those clear examples of the Lord taking the “pieces” we offer, and using His strength to impress a heart to pray, to change a life, to bring hope when we weren't expecting it. Lord help me to expect it more!!!

Please pray He will continue to show her His hand in her life, and that she'll make it to a body of believers that can support her!

*Heather Ward, Helpline Counselor*

## NEWS & NOTES

### Prayer

Father's Day has already been celebrated, but we honor fathers and are grateful for the young dads who have faithfully attended parenting instruction here at the Center and appear to have a growing desire to be godly fathers in these difficult times. Let's keep them in prayer.

Please continue to pray for the following:

- Expanding our client base
- Increasing our volunteer staff
- Opportunities to speak in churches and schools

### Rock-a-bye Baby

Needing to get rid of some extra furniture? In looking forward to the birth of her child, one of our parenting class clients has asked for a **rocking chair**.

### Sarah's Law Update

Most of you know that the California Proposal for Parental Notification on Abortion made the November ballot. It's a good initiative which, for the third time, asks Californians to vote again on this issue. The difference this time is that it allows for any adult in the family, parent or otherwise, to be notified.

Legislation was passed in California last October which requires a minor to bring a parent into a **tanning salon** to sign a consent form because of health risks. In the case of abortion, which poses a far greater hazard, it only makes good sense that some adult in the family be notified prior to an abortion.

This initiative is named for a 15-year-old girl who died just four days after an abortion left her with a torn cervix and fatal infection. The doctors in the case stated that, had an adult family member been aware that she had undergone an abortion, her life likely could have been spared by prompt medical attention.

Sarah's Law will protect young girls and, in addition, prevent sexual predators from hiding behind secret abortions on their minor victims, covering up statutory rape crimes.

"Sarah's Law shows that we don't have to choose between protecting young girls from the dangers of secret abortions and ensuring their safety at home. This is a win-win solution—a progressive law for a progressive state."

(Grace Dulaney, Sarah's Law spokeswoman, reported in LifeNews.com, June 2, 2008)

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WALK FOR LIFE

IS SCHEDULED FOR

SEPTEMBER 20

AT HIDDEN VALLEY PARK



