

SPECIAL DELIVERY

FOR YOU CREATED MY INMOST BEING; YOU KNIT ME TOGETHER IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB. PSALM 139: 13 NIV

Hey Dad!

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 24 million children in the United States, or one out of every three, live in biological father-absent homes.

In a study by University of Pennsylvania's Frank Furstenberg and Kathleen Harris, the following was concluded:

***Children who feel close to their fathers are:
twice as likely to enter college or find
stable jobs***

75% less likely to have a teen birth

80% less likely to spend time in jail
(Fatherneed, Kyle Pruett)



It is with research such as this that PMI embarked several years ago to minister to the Dads of our clients' babies. A Steering Committee has been working since January of 2013 to revise and revamp the existing program.

The Mission: To challenge, encourage and equip men to succeed in their God-given role as Fathers.

The first initial group sessions were held in November. Curriculum from the National Fatherhood Initiative called "The 7 Habits of a 24/7 Dad" forms the basis for the four week, 8 lesson sessions. As mentors are available, participants in the classes are

able to have one assigned to work alongside them in fathering skills for a set period of time.

The Vision: The long-term vision is to have a paid, part-time Director. Currently, Joe George is serving as a volunteer Director. We envision four facilitators for the classes in each of our center areas - Chambersburg, Waynesboro, Shippensburg and Greencastle - with the class sessions being offered once each quarter at a time determined by the facilitator and registered participants. An additional goal would be to have enough mentors available for any new Dad who would desire one.

The Program Needs: Mature Christian Men are needed for group facilitators (a minimum of 1 for each center area) and mentors. Volunteers will be afforded a great opportunity to share Christ with new Dads as they develop relationships.

Funds are needed for group materials and for a paid, part-time Director.

A church or churches are needed to host the workshops for each class session.

If you, your church, Sunday School Class or other group is interested in being involved in some way, please contact us at 717-267-3738. If you know a young man who could benefit from this program, pass this information on to him.



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Pure Grace

by Ruth Schuler

I answered my Pure Grace phone and a coworker told me her client was struggling with a past abortion and wanted to talk to me. When the client got on the phone I began to ask her some questions in an effort to understand her circumstances. She told me she had come to the center that day to have an ultrasound to confirm her pregnancy. I could hardly understand her because she was crying. It is likely that seeing the image of the baby developing in her womb was a difficult reminder of her past decision to abort.

Most women regret their abortions because it was a choice that they didn't want to have to make. The choice to abort is likened to an animal caught in a trap and gnaws its own limb off in order to survive. When the abortion is over there is some relief to no longer be pregnant but it comes with a series of emotions that make it difficult to continue as the same person. Often experiences in the world around them trigger unpleasant memories and feelings. Some of the emotions may be: guilt, shame, regret, self hatred, suicidal thoughts, an inability to be forgiven and many more. If these emotions go unaddressed they lead to poor and sometimes dangerous decisions. Pure Grace 101 wants to help women address this emotional trauma in a safe, confidential way. We provide peer counseling and support groups where hope and freedom from a painful past is made possible.

How will this young woman respond to this new pregnancy? She will be influenced by her past trauma. PMI and Pure Grace work together to provide women with education and information as well as comfort from God's Word.

The next support group is being scheduled for March 2014. Registrations are being taken now. For confidential support and information call (717-372-2845) or email Ruth at puregrace101@gmail.com

You Want Me To Do What?

By Cindy Booher, Nurse Manager

How much do you know about the history of abortion in this country? Do you know how, over the years, the abortion industry has changed this moral, hot-button topic we hear so much about? I knew nothing about this before I started working at PMI. Since I have become aware of the history and what is going on, I have become passionate about this.

The early 80's brought the beginning of what we know as "Crisis Pregnancy Centers". The work of these centers changed everything in this battle...and I believe because of these centers we are changing the minds of women.

We are making a difference; I see it with my own eyes. The statistics say that around 90% of women change their minds when they see their babies on ultrasound. I also encourage the fathers to come along to these appointments as not many of them know much about fetal development. What better way to show God's "handiwork". No one can deny what is seen on the monitor. I hear all kinds of comments like, "I had no idea"....."It really looks like a baby"....."I knew if I saw the heartbeat I couldn't go through with it". Many are moved to tears. I feel so strongly about explaining that life begins at conception and clear up other misguided ideas and lies that our culture promotes with scientific data to back up what I teach. Can't argue with that.

So I want to ask, does any of this tug at your heart? Maybe you know the panic girls feel when they come in because you've been there. We need mentors to come along side these girls to encourage them to choose "life". Nothing makes a stronger impression than one who has walked that road. If this issue is important to you, you have something to give. You don't have to have had an abortion to help. You're feeling that "stirring" for a reason.

It's been 41 years since abortion has been legalized. Opinions and ways of thinking are changing. It takes everyone working together, each doing what they have been called to do, to break down the lies of the culture and protect women and babies. What is your part going to be?

Thank you to our 2013 Banquet Sponsors

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Mortgage Update

Current mortgage balance on the
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Special gifts to reduce the mortgage
principle may be sent to PMI at
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Chambersburg, PA 17201

Center News

Chambersburg Center

By Laura Lopez

As I write this I am at home and not at the Center because of a snowstorm. This is the third day we have missed work due to weather so far this year.

I want to give a big thank you to: St. Lukes Lutheran Church (Chambersburg): We received over 4,000 diapers from their congregation. This is a tremendous help and supplies us with the smaller sizes throughout the year. Thank you again!

A new group of mom's and grade school girls wrapped our Center's Christmas gifts for us. These gifts are given to the Moms and babies who come to the center during the month of December.

Keystone Health: Once again, the staff at Keystone Health were Christmas Angels for twenty children and clients. We are very grateful for this outreach. One client stated that she could not afford Christmas gifts and the gifts she

Chambersburg Center

By Joan Lindenmuth

The Chambersburg Center has been seeing more clients that want to go through an adoption plan than in the past. We praise God that mothers are choosing life over terminating their pregnancy and that God is the one who will be given the glory for this!

With more birthmothers open to looking at an adoption, it is also important for them to understand what happens when the baby is born and how to handle the grief that exists in the adoption process. Our volunteers take extra special care with the birthparents as each case is sensitive and unique. We seek to work hand in hand with the adoption agency or other legal entity to ensure the process is a positive experience for our client.

In 2013, we had a total of 912 appointments. We have been busy! In order to minister most effectively, we are in need of Peer Counselors and Receptionists. Tuesday morning and evenings are especially "needy" times when we could use volunteers, but we can work with your schedule to find a suitable time for a weekly or every other week time slot. If you feel God calling you in this direction, please contact Joan or Laura at 717-267-3738.

Shippensburg Center

By Robin Kell

Each person that walks through our door is a unique individual. We never know just how God is already working in their life to draw them closer to Him. This is one such instance from our center:

A young lady came into our office with a possible pregnancy. If positive, she had said she would abort. She read a negative test that day. But through the seeds that were planted that day, she has continued to come in for ei-

ther Sexual Integrity or Spiritual Growth Classes. Through each session she began to realize her worth and value in Christ. She regrets the situation she was in, yet was thankful that she had PMI to turn too. She has looked to PMI as a positive place where she can come to learn and grow in her walk with God. In a note to her peer counselor, she thanked her for being a positive and spiritual role model in her life.

This is just one of the many young women that have come into our center. One thing that I continually see is the need for someone to mentor these young women. They need someone to offer them encouragement and point them in the right direction. With that in mind, perhaps God is calling you to help at our center? If so, call Robin at 532-4446. We would love for you to be part of this growing ministry.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV)

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart, And lean not unto thine own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct thy paths."

Waynesboro Center

By Beverly Hannah

Greetings from blustery Waynesboro. As we have begun 2014, we are "scratching our heads" and wondering what's up with the weather. Nevertheless, we praise the Lord for what He is accomplishing when we are open. We have already had several positive pregnancy tests and three new babies born since the beginning of the year.

2013 ended as one of the busiest years we have ever had with nearly 90 pregnancy tests and better than 75% of clients committed to labor/delivery/parenting classes. The highlight of the past year was that several of our women trusted Christ as their personal Savior; we rejoice in their decisions!

A precious young woman with three abortions in her background will joyfully birth her baby within the next few days. Her pregnancy has been difficult because her body is so compromised from past decisions, yet she is rejoicing in the Lord and anxiously awaiting her little girl's arrival!

Thank you for your prayers and various expressions of giving. We honor you for your faithfulness to PMI and say a resounding "To God be the glory!" May God richly bless you!

Greencastle

By Tina Nunemaker

This New Year has already brought us news of rejoicing, as well as reason to go to our knees in prayer for the lives of unborn babies and their mothers. We heard from a woman for whom we were concerned she had chosen to abort her unborn child. A call came from her recently and --- she excitedly spoke about her baby girl! Nothing brings more joy to a pregnancy center staff or volunteer heart than hearing that a life has been saved.

Then there is the young woman who came to our center for a pregnancy test and STI testing. She read a positive pregnancy test and indicated in every way that she intended to carry this baby to term and parent. However, as we have had follow-up opportunities to

connect with her, we are suspecting from our conversation that her family is urging her to abort. Join with us as we pray for her during this crucial time of decision that will affect her life, the life of her baby, and the family that surrounds both of them.

We never know what a new day is going to bring us at the pregnancy center, but God does. We are thankful that he holds all of these things in his heart and hands. Thank you, as supporters of the ministry, for being the backbone and prayer warriors that allow us to continue to share the truth of Christ with the men, women, and children who come to our centers. Pray that the Lord would continue to give us wisdom, discernment, and courage as we speak the truth of Christ in love to those who seek our services.

Connections Abstinence Program

by Joan Lindenmuth

Our abstinence program is changing and I am very excited about what is happening! First, there is a name change. **A+ for Abstinence** is now **Connections-Linking Youth to Healthy Choices!** In December, a youth presentation with our new format was given to the Salem United Brethren Church Youth Group. Forty-eight young people came to the presentation. It was a great opportunity to explain why abstinence before marriage is so important.

After attending a workshop in Oct, I met with another PMI Volunteer who was very interested in creating a group for teen girls. From that meeting, "Pure Connections" was conceived. The vision is to coordinate a group for HS and college age girls 14 to 23 that empowers girls to walk in the beauty of God's design for their sexuality. This program is in its earliest stages but we hope to have our first group this coming summer. Our goal is to reach young women and guide them in making better choices in the area of sexual integrity and enriching their lives for Christ. Pray with us as we work in getting this facet of the abstinence program started.

I am looking toward putting a Steering Committee together to revise and revamp the public school presentations. If you have a heart for reaching young men and women with this message, I am looking for individuals who could be a part of this committee. The goal is to seek ways to reach the youth of our community with the message of healthy relationships and sexual integrity.

If you would like to join us in this committee, please contact Joan Lindenmuth at 717-267-3738 and leave your name and number.

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

College outreach
Abortion minded women to choose life
Pray for those clients who are struggling with the decision of how to handle this new pregnancy
Pray for those men and women in our community who are in need of our services
Pray that our staff and volunteers would be able to share the truth of Christ with courage and boldness

For Pure Connections:

1. Preparations for Pure Connections
2. Establishment of the Steering Committee
3. Scheduling presentations in public and private schools and youth groups
4. That my faith might not rest on my wisdom, but, on God's power.

CLIENT NEEDS

Small bottles of hand lotion and/or hand sanitizer
Person(s) to sponsor bus ad (call Shippensburg for Details)

OFFICE NEEDS

Locking 4 Drawer File cabinet
New Computer

MINISTRY NEEDS

Someone to clean our office on a biweekly basis
Hygiene items (baby, women's, men's)
8 oz. bottles of any kind
Playtex bottle nipples
Cribs (manufactured after June 2011)
Pack n' Plays



Job Opening

Event/Fundraiser Coordinator

Duties include organizing and oversight of fundraising and events for the ministry.

Call at 267-3738 or e-mail to lbpmi@pa.net for application packet.

Check Us Out!

Check out our new Supporter Website at www.pregnancyministries.org and visit our Facebook page and "Like Us" for up-to-date news and postings.

Events to Anticipate

(More details to come)

Walk/5K Run for Life,
Saturday, June 7 at Norlo
Park



Annual Banquet, October 16 at
Antrim BIC