

What's Happening in Chambersburg

by Deb MacAskill, Chbg. Client Services



Our year is off to a busy start! God has certainly placed PMI in this place for such a time as this because we are receiving many contacts from abortion-minded women who are feeling that abortion is the only answer for their unplanned pregnancy. We pray that these women will have a change of heart and decide to make an appointment to come in for a pregnancy test and a limited ultrasound to see the life that is being knit together in each of their wombs. In addition to the "Before You Decide" magazine, we now have an iPad and app from CareNet that can be used with clients to explain the options of abortion, adoption, and parenting. Our desire is to broaden the client's thinking about options and to explain the many ways we can help them through the Earn While You Learn Program. We have two new client advocates who have recently been trained so that our office can provide even more appointment times for the convenience of our clients.

What's Happening in Waynesboro

by Mary Clark, Waynesboro Center Director



Greetings from the Waynesboro Center! I am excited for all the opportunities that will come our way this year. Having a little more than 4 months on staff, I am getting into the groove of our Ministry thanks to the help of Becki Schuurman, Ruth Schuler and our wonderful staff of dedicated volunteers!

Our year has started off well with six new clients who tested positive signing up for Earn While You Learn! We give thanks for our clients who choose to continue to come for prenatal and parenting education and pray this will bring positive change into their lives and those of their children. You can join us in prayer as we ask the Lord to bring us more clients in need of our services.

I was recently contacted by the counselor of a local middle school about our services. She indicated that a student had talked with her about a possible pregnancy and was interested in having me come to the school for a meeting with the student and school personnel. Originally she asked that I come prepared to perform a pregnancy test, however, the student had already been to a doctor before the meeting and a pregnancy was confirmed. I was able to present our mission and share numerous brochures concerning our services here at the Waynesboro Center. At some point during the meeting I asked them if their intention was to carry and parent this baby. I was thankful to learn they do intend to carry and parent with the help of their parents. It was interesting to me that the mother of the young man involved had given birth to him when she was 14 and now he is 14 having a baby.

I am grateful for the doors this opportunity will open within our school system and look forward to working with them in the future.

What's Happening in Shippensburg

by Robin Kell, Center Director



Looking back on 2017, I am amazed at all God has done at the Ship center. We asked you to pray and God heard our prayers. Rejoice with me as we see all that God has done.

We saw an increase of women considering abortion. In fact, 51% of the women seeking a pregnancy test were considering abortion. The one that really impacted us was a young lady calling us about her abortion options. She and her boyfriend came into the center and after speaking with a Client Advocate they chose life for their baby.

Several individuals asked questions about God and what we believed in. What an opportunity to share God's amazing love and saving grace with them. As a result, a young lady committed her life to Christ.

Men and women seeking out STI testing were thankful for the education we provided them. That is the most common comment made on an exit survey of those receiving STI testing. Several individuals committed to abstinence.

These are just a few of the many things God has done at Shippensburg. We praise God for all he has done and we thank you for your prayers. They really do make a difference.

What's Happening in Greencastle

by Cindy Rotz, Center Director



For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Greencastle center has been busy so far this year, we have seen new pregnancies and we have an STI test scheduled for this week. We had a few babies born last year and a few more due this year. It is so nice to see the girls come in with their new baby and tell us all about the labor and delivery. I am always willing to hear their stories. This helps us to get to know them better so we can share the love of God with an understanding of where they are in life.

We have had a few calls about abortion and wanting information on the subject. This is when I am glad we have the "Before you Decide" magazine. This magazine is a quick reference for us to share the side effects of an abortion and the long term effects about which they may not be informed other places. Positive options of parenting and adoption are also explored in the publication.

We are trying to make the space we have work better for us. So I am in the process of reorganizing our clothing and baby items. We could use your help if you would like to give us a few hours. Thank you for all your support!

Glimpses Around the Ministry



A Little Knowledge

By Cindy Booher
Nurse Manager

It's called *Softouch*; the non-medical, quick, natural procedure used to perform an abortion in minutes, virtually removing all the burdens of more conventional abortion methods. Advertisers compare the procedure to a PAP test and the results to a miscarriage. This "procedure" is done by inserting a tube and applying pressure that simply releases a late period.....a natural release.

Where do I start? First of all anytime a tube is inserted anywhere and pressure applied *is* considered invasive. It is done in the comfort of your doctor's exam room with a supportive companion versus a maybe not so nice room and a loud suction machine. According to what I have read many women are to be able to leave the office feeling ready to resume their normal activities with no restrictions. Only one visit versus three with the abortion pill.

This was invented by a Harvard-trained doctor and being marketed as a part of mainstream primary abortion care.

The way I see it, nothing has changed. Words are being used to make the procedure seem *natural*like being treated for the flu. When the girl leaves the office the result is still the same, a baby has lost his or her life. The consequences still need to be dealt with at some point in time ... and that doesn't feel so soft.

Pray with us that hearts and eyes will be open to the truth. It doesn't matter how "soft", convenient, quick or easy it may seem, the reality of abortion is still the same.

Did you Know?

The 2018 Gerber Baby is
Lucas Warren.

Lucas is the first baby with Down syndrome to receive this honor.

See his sweet picture at
<http://news.gerber.com/news>



InsideOut Dad

A curriculum designed specifically for incarcerated fathers, the goal is to connect inmate fathers to their families and develop pro-fathering attitudes.

InsideOut Dad, a series of sessions on parenting for incarcerated fathers, is held every other Saturday at the Franklin Country Jail. The leaders, Jason Baker and Larry Rutter, have been encouraged by the attendance.

A total of 118 jail residents attended at least one session. Seven men completed the entire curriculum. Others came for two to

six of the classes. Although the seven who completed are only 6% of the total attendees, it should be noted that, being a county jail, inmates frequently become eligible for work release, are released or moved to other facilities.

Our prayer is that each one would be touched in some way even if they only attended one session.



On January 27, about 150 of our PMI family came together for our fourth annual women's conference at Otterbein Ministry Center, Waynesboro. Guest speaker, Laura Acuna shared an inspiring message: Be Brave—growing up & moving on. It was a fun day with our friends—old & new. Check out the photo slideshow here: <https://youtu.be/ZgyziUkTRBg>

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