

Meeting God at an Abortion Clinic

How You Reached Terrie in the *Nick of Time!*

Terrie* was waiting for her appointment at the clinic. The reason for her visit was obvious: she wanted an abortion. She already had one child, and caring for two seemed an impossibly heavy burden.

But God had other plans.

Wanting more information about the abortion pill she was considering, Terrie called Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) while she waited. And Terrie's timing wasn't unique! God has used PDL to reach women inside of abortion clinics before, as they look up additional information about their options on their tablets and smartphones. But no two calls to PDL are ever the same.

Struggling financially, Terrie lived in a neighborhood she thought was unsafe and she had a way to go to finish her education. Although she knew abortion was wrong, she justified her choice with the knowledge that God could forgive anything. Overwhelmed and fearful, Terrie believed her best solution was the abortion pill.

The PDL coach carefully listened, and then began to explain Terrie's chosen abortion procedure and how her unborn child was currently developing.

Then the conversation took a turn towards the spiritual. The coach challenged her with a simple—but profound—question: "Could you forgive yourself for the abortion?"

And Terrie hesitated.

A DOOR OPENS

Prepared with specialized training to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, the PDL coach saw that God was opening a clear door for the Good News. She then boldly pressed on, explaining that God didn't create Terrie to go through life alone, but to be in a relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.

What happened next was an absolute miracle! Terrie walked out of the abortion clinic! And as she stood on its doorstep, she felt like she was in the eye of the storm. Even though the circumstances of her life were

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IN THE CHURCH**



**SAVE MORE LIVES...
EVERY MONTH!**

**Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.*

chaotic, God used that time and that place to reach Terrie. Her heart softened towards the truth of who Jesus is and why He came. Recognizing her need for a Savior, Terrie gave her life to Jesus Christ right there!



Too often, our circumstances tempt us to do something we might not do if the situation were somehow different. But Jesus reminds us in John 16:33 when he emphasized a critical truth to His disciples, “...**In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.**”

The life-saving work of ministering to women and men considering abortion is challenging, but no problem is too big for our God. He is in full control of every call to PDL and every visit to one of Care Net’s more than 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers.

And we have evidence of God working through Care Net.

From 2008-2014, 462,089 lives were saved from abortion by the work you make possible through Care Net! Indeed, we serve a good God who is providing for the needs of this ministry everyday through people like you.

In the next thirty days, we need to raise \$395,000 to continue offering a message of truth and hope to parents in desperate need of both, and who are considering abortion.

Your support will extend the reach of this life-saving work. We must reach the next Terrie, women who are being deceived into thinking that abortion is the answer to their problems. Please help us save more lives—both now and for eternity—with your generous support today.

TRANSFORMING HEARTS... TRANSFORMING LIVES!

What the enemy intended for evil that day in Terrie’s life, God meant for good. Abortion clinics are dark places, but Terrie experienced God’s light that day like she never had before. And as a result, her life was transformed!

After the call with PDL, Terrie reached out to the father of her child and explained what happened. As they reflected together, they knew in their hearts what their next step had to be. Rather than choose to end the life of their unborn child with the abortion pill, together they chose life! Abortion was no longer the “solution” they were seeking.

In a follow up call with the same PDL coach, Terrie remarked, “I can never take a life that’s not trying to take mine.” Terrie had come to see the life inside of her as a gift from God to be treasured, not destroyed. She had a new confidence that God had a plan for her family and that He would provide for them.

As we look ahead to the monumental work God has set out for us, we need your prayers and your continued support. Care Net receives no government funding, while Planned Parenthood continues to receive hundreds of million dollars each year from the government. We not only need your support to continue standing for life, we rely on it...

Time is of the essence as we look to reach even more women like Terrie who are literally standing in the very narrow gap between life and death. An abortion takes place every 30 seconds in the United States; we haven’t a moment to lose.

Thank you for generous tax-deductible gift today!

COME TO THE RESCUE EVERY MONTH AS A CARING PARTNER!

We hope you will make a monthly commitment of \$30 or more today as a Caring Partner to save lives and offer compassion, hope, and help to parents. If you are able to give more each month, you’ll make an even greater impact!

As little as \$1 a day can help to save the life of an unborn baby!

Your monthly support as a Caring Partner encourages and empowers parents and those around them through our Pregnancy Decision Line and affiliated pregnancy centers.

If you want to become a *Caring Partner*, just mark your decision on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly gift. You can also visit us online at care-net.org or call us at 1.800.518.7909. If you have any questions, you can also email us at caringpartners@care-net.org. Thank you!



Abortion: Her Only Hope?

How Prayer Changed Minta's Life... and Saved Her Baby!

It was a Thursday when Minta called the Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL). Like so many facing pregnancy decisions, Minta felt alone, desperate, and that abortion was her only option. Hesitantly, she asked for the cost of an abortion.

Every day, clients call PDL for information. Because of your support, dedicated pregnancy decision coaches are waiting to offer compassion, understanding, and life-saving information to women and men in need.

Although she felt like she needed an abortion, Minta was still upset to even be thinking about it. **As a Christian, she knew abortion was wrong and refused an ultrasound for fear she wouldn't be able to follow through with her plan to abort after seeing her child.**

On the call, the PDL coach offered Minta a safe environment to talk and process her feelings. She prayed God would give this mother hope in a seemingly hopeless circumstance. She then encouraged Minta to trust God, talk to her family, and take the weekend to consider her plan.

Reaching vulnerable women right when they need help is critical in this ministry to provide support and save lives. Through Care Net's network of affiliated pregnancy centers and Pregnancy Decision Line, you reach women and men considering abortion with a message of HOPE with your generous support.

On Monday, Minta called back and she sounded completely different!

She had told her mother and her sister about her pregnancy, and they offered her the support she needed to keep the baby. She said that after she prayed with our pregnancy

decision coach, she knew God would sustain her if she trusted in Him.

PDL coaches know that they can't force women choose life. But women connected to God's love and His community will find themselves empowered to



face difficult circumstances like an unexpected—or unexpectedly complicated—pregnancy.

In the next 30 days, we need to raise \$395,000 to keep saving unborn lives. Women like Minta need your help... Need a place to turn when they feel they have exhausted all of their options. Will you help us save unborn babies... like Minta's?

Thank you for your generous support and your ongoing prayers for this ministry!

Our *Caring Partners* will receive some special benefits in the coming year, including:

- A designated Care Net team member to serve you
- A monthly letter with special updates on how your support is saving lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
- Invitations to special partner events
- And, MOST IMPORTANTLY, the knowledge that you are saving lives every month!



Ending Abortion in the Church

A new national survey commissioned by Care Net found **nearly 4 in 10 women who have had abortions were attending church regularly at the time of their abortion.**

Sadly, three things in our culture and within the church have contributed to abortion's prevalence among church-going Christians.

- The politicizing of abortion.
- A lack of broad-scale ministries within the church to specifically help women and men make pregnancy decisions.
- 50 years of our culture devaluing the role and contribution of fathers to child well-being.

The result? Most post-abortive women don't view the church as a place to go for help with a pregnancy decision.

But there is hope!

The women surveyed who are most familiar with the church had the **most positive view of the church's potential to aid those who are at risk for abortion.** The survey also found that regular church-goers were four times more likely than non-church-goers to expect a loving reaction from the church to their unplanned pregnancy.

The church has an enormous opportunity to present expectant mothers and fathers with realistic, life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

To reference Christ's words in Matthew 7:5, abortion is a log in our eye as Christians, compared to a speck in the culture's eye. It's time for us in the pews to get into the log-removal business. Only then can we see clearly to lead the rest of the culture out of the darkness of abortion.

Be sure to check out our new *Making Life Disciples* resource this spring, a curriculum designed to equip churches for effective pro-life ministry at: www.care-net.org/mld.

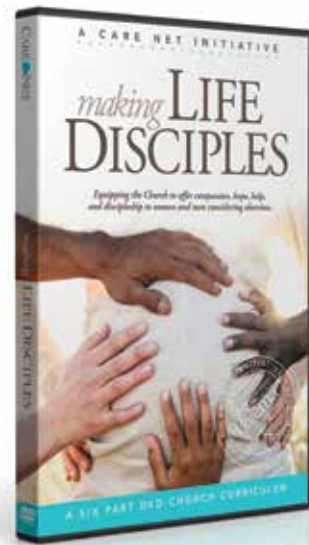


Blessings,

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Vision Statement:

Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are empowered to choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.

