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Victory in the Air

"The personhood movement is growing rapidly, and we expect victory in every state. Personhood USA is in it to end it, and as we continue to see new personhood amendments and legislation, we are witnessing a historical movement to finally end the destruction of human lives and to protect women and children at all stages of life," stated Keith Mason, cofounder of Personhood USA.⁽¹⁾

I agree with Keith! We are in the midst of historical times with victory in the air. Planned Parenthood is being exposed for illegal practices. More than 100 videos have been placed on YouTube by LiveAction⁽²⁾ revealing these illegal practices at multiple Planned Parenthood clinics. In addition, three abortion clinics in PA have closed since the horrific news of abortionist Kermit Gosnel and his "house of horrors" became public.

One of the most significant legal victories for the pro-life movement took place in the federal district court of Judge Marv Garbis. Judge

Garbis ruled that legislation attempted to be enforced by the Baltimore Mayor and City Council was unconstitutional. This attack against pregnancy resource centers (PRCs) is nationwide, spearheaded by pro-choice organizations who identify PRCs as "fake clinics." They want to introduce legislation that regulates PRCs by compelling use of disclaimers (i.e. This center does not provide or refer for abortions) on paperwork generated by the center as well as placing this disclaimer on walls in the center. Further, the legislation sought to dictate font size and location of disclaimers on the wall. What other business is regulated to identify what services they don't provide?

Unplanned, a book by Abby Johnson, was recently released. Abby, a former director of a Planned Parenthood in Texas, walked out of her job and joined the pro-life movement. Abby shares her experiences at Planned Parenthood and reveals the true heart behind the scenes. Also in the news is a newly released study⁽³⁾ which finds that contrary to

popular opinion, a solid majority of U.S. teens would like to be virgins when they marry. Sixty-one percent of America's youth said they would like to not have sex until marriage, and sixty three percent of respondents said they would like to regain or renew their virginity if possible.

This is all encouraging news! Can you feel the victory in the air? What can you do? Make phone calls to legislators, pray for those who are blinded by deception, share the truth with your family, friends and neighbors, and much more.

Cathy Seapy
Executive Director

(1) Christian News Wire
(2) LiveAction.org
(3) "Spiritual State of the Children" by OneHope



Grace Rather Than Judgment

Before coming to LivingWell, the issue of abortion was not something that I had thought much about. My assumption

was that it happened but not that often and never to someone that I knew.

But, when I heard that 46% of women over 40 have had at least one abortion, I was stunned. Suddenly, abortion was no longer just a concept but was now a reality. I realized that potentially I may have come into contact with women who have cho-

sen this as an option but feel that they could never share this "secret" because of what others might think.

My compassion grew for these women when I became aware of the repercussions that may occur after the abortion experience: guilt, depression, denial, drug or alcohol abuse, etc. I realized that it was a decision that had far reaching implications affecting many people: the baby whose life was cut short, and the women and men who have chosen this option and now suffer silently.

As our staff meets regularly to pray for our clients, I find myself crying on their behalf. Many of our clients have difficult challenges in their lives with relationships, finances, living

situations, etc. I continue to uplift them in prayer that they will have a change of heart towards life, that they will choose to carry their baby to term, and that God will speak into their lives and draw them to Himself.

I would encourage you to offer grace rather than judgment to anyone you meet who has gone through with an abortion decision, and to join us in praying for the clients who come to LivingWell.

Elizabeth White
Development Director

Twenty Years Ago...



Last week I met an amazing woman, Rachael. In a short time we were sharing personal life stories. Both of us are passionate about serving our Lord Jesus and about family.

Family has many different meanings depending on your own life experiences. For me, family are those who love one another deeply and live abandoned to Christ. For Rachael, family is her sons, parents and grandparents. I noticed in our conversation Rachael never spoke of her husband or the father of her sons. On the table where we sat was a photo of Rachael and two handsome young boys, Shane age 12 and Gary age 8. I inquired in an appropriate moment about their father sensing she wanted to talk about him but was hesitant.

A very emotional and intimate conversation came from that inquiry. Rachael shared she was no longer with their father, and he was not a healthy role

model for her boys. She wants them to know their father, so with many boundaries placed on time spent with dad, they share custody.

Rachael then said she also had a twenty year old son that she doesn't typically talk about with everyone. Twenty-one years ago she had an unplanned pregnancy. Rachael was a 16 year old determined to have her child. Her parents and grandparents were not supportive of her decision. They forced her to move out on her own.

Rachael found LivingWell. "They were so loving and kind to me. I had nowhere to turn but knew I could not abort my baby. I just needed someone to help me work out my life and that is exactly what LivingWell did. They gave me clothing, furniture, a stroller, and I can't remember everything, but I lacked nothing I needed to set up my little apartment. They helped me get financial assistance, medical care, all that I needed. I finished high school and went on to beauty college so I could provide for my son. I owe it all to LivingWell."

I listened to her story in amazement. Rachael shared a few more details of her story with me, then suddenly looked at me and said "I have no idea why I just told you all that." Just moments before I was a complete stranger. She did not know that I was connected with LivingWell.

My meeting Rachael was a divine appointment. She had been set up by Jehovah sneaky (I haven't found this name in the Bible, but it sure has been a true character of God revealed to me in my life)! In celebration of our 25th anniversary, we asked the Lord to connect us with some of the women who have been blessed by the Lord through LivingWell so we can share their stories.

Who do you know that has been blessed by the Lord through LivingWell? I encourage you to ask for divine appointments. When you encounter one, share it with us!

Cathy Seapy
Executive Director

The client's name has been changed to protect her identity, and the photo is not Rachael or her son.

...not alone
in her time
of need...

"no one is
conceived
without
God's
life-giving
force
involved"



Here I was, a retired RN after 27 years of working in an acute care hospital with the last 13 years working with mothers and babies in the newborn nursery, NICU and as a lactation consultant. I had a real heart for mothers and babies and felt strongly that the mother baby bond was God's design and critical to raising a healthy human being and yet, never really gave the abortion issue much thought. (I did sometimes shake my head at how we would spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to save a baby 21 weeks gestation and elsewhere the same age baby was being aborted.)

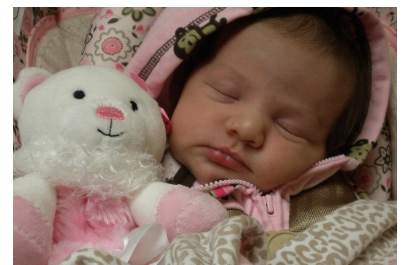
Shortly after coming to Nevada County from the Bay Area, God led me to LivingWell Medical Clinic. It

was when I responded to that call that I grew to learn how superficial my understanding of abortion and the abortion issue was. I began to see baby after baby, these little human beings in their earliest stages of growth, on ultrasound. I began to hear the stories of the young women who were the mothers of these little ones. And, I began to see, as Abby Johnson said in her book Unplanned, "... a stark contrast between the Coalition for Life's (or in my case, LivingWell's) mind-set of life-nurturing, long-range solutions versus Planned Parenthood's (and our culture's politically correct) immediate focus on solving short-term crises. Pregnancy and STD's were problems to be "solved" by abortion and medication – even though those solutions often left the root problems in place and exposed women to great risk."

Unexpected Revelation

I have come to see this cause, this ministry of LivingWell as foundational to honoring and respecting our Lord, the author of life. I have come to see that no one is conceived without God's life-giving force involved. I thank all of you who participate with us with prayers, financial gifts and I pray that all who sense God's nudge to engage more intimately in this cause will respond. It will be life changing for you and those you touch!

Julia deLisser, RN
Assistant Nurse Manager





Truth in Education

What a month we have had, LivingWell Family! God has showered us with so many blessings, used us for His glory and covered us with gracious protection.

We did things a little differently this year at Nevada Union with our trainings spread out over six weeks, because of snow days and holidays. The beauty of these weather delays and power outages was that we got to build more of a teacher relationship with the students rather than the students reacting to me as a speaker. The kids really opened up and took what was taught to heart. Not everyone was on board at first, but by week six even the sullen kids had to agree with the TRUTH!

On the last day of the trainings, we separated the boys and the girls. When asked to evaluate the presentation and share what was the most valuable thing these 14 and 15 year old

boys learned, I was very excited and impressed with what I read:

"That my decision to not have sex is good."

"Before marriage, abstinence is the best choice."

"Married sex is better sex!!!"

"That I want to be a man."

There were light bulbs going off all over the place with the girls as well. These are just a few of the great observations the 14 & 15 year old girls made:

"It's better to be a virgin and happy and to have people respect you for who you really are..."

"That if you can keep your sexual self-control you won't get pregnant, get STDs and STIs."

"TV and magazines advertise sex as 'natural' and 'unharmful' but there are so many risks and diseases."

Here are results from our student survey at Nevada Union High School:

50 girls and 44 boys stated that after hearing

LivingWell's presentation, they have made a decision to stay abstinent until they find their "life partner" (aka spouse).

6 girls and 5 boys made a decision for "Renewed Virginity." These are minors that have been sexually active and are now making a commitment to sexual self-control (aka abstinence).

20 girls and 26 boys stated that the presentation helped them make safer choices for the future. This is the group that also stated sex was a part of their lives, but because of the presentation, they will make healthier choices in the future.

Please pray for these kids, everything in their lives is dragging them in the opposite direction. Our 3 hours with them can only do so much, please pray that the truth they heard would stay with them and draw them toward wanting more TRUTH.

Ashley
Community Education Director

I Can Do All Things Through Christ

The day I took a step of faith and applied to volunteer at LivingWell Medical Clinic as a Client Advocate was the day my life, my faith and my walk with God changed in amazing ways....

I've been at LivingWell for over 5 years and am currently a staff person. When I look back at the day I came to volunteer and all that has taken place in my life since, I can clearly see the hand of God in my life. I realize now that getting out of my house and out of myself was when the healing in my life began.

I giggle when I think of my motivation when I decided to begin this journey. I was passionate about helping people! Little did I know how God wanted to care for and grow me. When I arrived for the scheduled Advocate training I was the only one who showed up. The trainer and I just looked at each other like, now what? I assumed she would advise me of the next training date when she just sat and talked with me for awhile. She said she wanted to go ahead and train only me, and so it began.

After the training, I was overwhelmed and began to doubt if I had what it took to be an

Advocate. I was fearful but decided to just show up for my 4 hour shift. I remember how exhausted I felt after my shift. I continued to doubt but felt compelled to continue to show up every week. Every client was so different, each with their own unique set of circumstances, fears, and strengths. Going into the counseling room with each new person was scary because you don't know what you are going to experience and of course the most challenging are the very abortion minded clients.

I began to build wonderful relationships with the other volunteers and staff. I think it was those relationships that kept me coming back. I was learning so much about abortion, fetal development, adoption, sexual integrity, healthy relationships, and my own sexual past. I had no idea how much would be stirred up in my own heart, mind and spirit. It was becoming so clear that the only way I could continue to do this work would be to truly trust God when I walked into that room.

I began to receive healing from my own past, and an understanding of the amazing power of God in my life. I believe God has used this ministry to reveal Himself to me and to

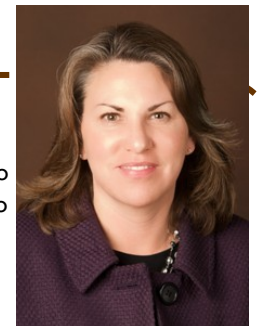
teach me that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. So instead of feeling responsible for people, their problems and choices they make, I have been freed to simply listen and speak the truth in love.

The skills of how to effectively connect and communicate have helped me in every area of my life. I'm so thankful I continued to just show up, to persevere and push through the fear. I would never have the peace, joy and beautiful relationships I have now.

This ministry is His heart, His plan and He is the one who makes amazing things happen here. My trust in Him has grown, my faith has grown and I am honored and deeply blessed to serve at LivingWell Medical Clinic.

What do think God wants to do in you? I encourage you to press through any fears and take action in this amazing cause.

Char Andrews
Client Services Director



Unexpected but not Unplanned

Even if you haven't personally experienced an unplanned pregnancy, chances are you know of someone who has. But have you considered that no pregnancy is unplanned by God?

The Psalmist writes, "For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb... for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... My frame was not hidden from Thee when I was made..." Psalm 139:13-15

Daily as we meet with clients, we have the opportunity to share with them that their baby is unique and is being formed from conception to birth. As you partner with us, you are caring about what God cares about: that every life has value and was planned by Him.

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward"
(Psalm 127:3)



On Friday, May 6, the Silver Ring Thing comes to Grass Valley, CA with a new and exciting tour. The High Stakes Tour is 'calling the world's bluff' as we uncover the lies of the culture and discover the truth about God's plan for purity.

If you're a leader, check out the event info and consider bringing your group. If you're a student, think about that friend who would really benefit from hearing this message!! If you're a parent, please take this opportunity to reinforce and inspire the best values and morals in your home.

To get more info on this event, download event posters, purchase tickets, or view promo videos, go to:
<http://www.silverringthing.com/registrationdisplay.asp?regID=428>

You Are Making a Difference

When you...

Pray for the women and men who come to LivingWell that they will see the value of life for their preborn baby

Participate with us in the 40 Days for Life as we peacefully pray outside the local women's health clinic

Volunteer your time as an advocate

Vote for pro-life representation, legislators, and pray for pro-life judges

Share at your local workplace, school campus, or at home with your own children

Speak with others that you value life

Encourage those who are facing an unplanned pregnancy

Educate yourself on what is happening in the pro-life movement

Give financially so that more women & men in Nevada County will be reached

Offer Grace to those who have gone through an abortion experience so that they might begin to heal

Walk For Life ~ May 14, 2011

Spring is here and time again for our annual **Walk for Life** event. Because we desire to convey a visual message to the city of Grass Valley that we stand for life, we are changing things a bit from years past. This year the Walk will begin at Condon Park in Grass Valley on Saturday, May 14 and continue on Church St. and Mill St. before returning to Condon Park.

As you obtain sponsorships and walk with us, **you** are reaching each woman who comes to LivingWell as she explores alternatives to abortion. This easy 2 mile walk is designed for both the young and the young at heart so everyone can participate. If you are not able to join us at Condon Park, you can still walk in your own neighborhood (or even on the treadmill at your gym).

So, put on your walking shoes and show your support of the preborn and the celebration of the gift of life as we walk down the streets of Grass Valley. Information and sponsorship forms may be obtained at your local church or by contacting LivingWell directly. We look forward to walking with **you** on May 14 at Condon Park.

**Saturday,
May 14, 2011
8:30-11:00 a.m.
Condon Park
660 Minnie St.
Grass Valley
Register Now!**



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