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Ministry for Abolition of the Abortion Valley

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Dear friend of the Centre,

Here is a note of encouragement about what kind of things are happening at the Centre:

As Canada saw the House of Commons defeating a Liberal motion to include a broader range of family planning programs, including abortion, in a maternal health initiative for developing countries, we were seeing God at work here in Canada on the ground level.

Do you remember the story of Nancy, who came to us three years ago with her pregnant 16 year old daughter? Her daughter was planning for an abortion and we were able to facilitate communication between daughter and mother and the baby was born. Today, Nancy's daughter who had the child tells us that having the baby was the best thing that ever happened to her. (We've never heard any of our clients ever say, "Having my abortion was the best thing that ever happened to me.") Well, today, Nancy volunteers here at the Centre.

A few weeks ago, a Mom came running up the stairs, having seen our sign outside our door as she drove by. Her daughter was pregnant and she wanted help - Now! We were able to listen to her and encourage her. She returned the next week with her young, pregnant daughter and they sat in our counselling room ... across from Nancy who had been sitting in their place not too long ago. That in and of itself is an amazing story of how God is working among us ... but today, the story was expanded. Today, I was at the Centre with Nancy and Deb and Nancy was on the phone. She was talking to that mother of the pregnant girl. When Nancy got off the phone, she told me their amazing story that I hope will encourage you.

This young girl became pregnant, and everyone - friends and relatives - were telling her she was much too young to have a baby and that she should have an abortion. They told her it was embarrassing to have a child, so she should have an abortion. They told her not having an abortion was not a good idea. What "choice" did this young lady have at this point?

Silence - simple "non-judgmental" silence, the kind of silence that doesn't want to influence a person one way or another ... the kind of silence that doesn't share how a person feels or thinks themselves, in fear that they might be to blame for something down the road by influencing a person's decision ... that kind of silence is in fact a deadly influence all by itself ... as this young girl's mother was to learn ...

As Nancy listened to the daughter, she found that the daughter was 90% in favour of having the child and 10% for an abortion, but everyone around her was telling her she "should" have an abortion. Nancy was also listening to the mother. The mother was deeply grieved by the idea of an abortion ... this mother didn't like the idea of ending any life ... not even an insect.

Nancy called them on the phone and found that a few days later they had gone to an ultrasound to determine the age of the baby. The girl's mother had seen the little arms and legs moving and she did not want an abortion. Those were her words to Nancy. The problem was that this mother was conflicted. She was not conflicted in her own heart, but between her heart and what she perceived was the popular opinion of people. This girl's mother knew how negatively she felt about abortion, but she felt that "everyone else" thought abortion was the way to go, so she wondered if her own feelings and thoughts were wrong. She felt so conflicted about her own heart's desire that she did not say anything to her daughter about how she felt about the idea of her daughter having an abortion. She remained silent. She did not want to influence her by her own thoughts and feelings.



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It is important to note that it is right here that the Pregnancy Centre's value and worth shine the most. Our goal is to offer loving, long term support for those facing an unplanned pregnancy. Our goal is to help people slow down long enough to make an informed decision. We want them to think through all their options and know we are here for them long term. This is such a different approach than a clinic where there is so little time to sit down and share hearts and sharing hearts is what Nancy was focusing on.

Nancy's heart was to help the mother and daughter hear each other. She knew that this daughter was only 10% wanting an abortion and the girl's mother didn't want one at all. To Nancy, the "choice" was clear: The mother and daughter needed to talk. Their doctor's appointment was the very next day, so Nancy called the girl's mother who told Nancy that she was planning to sit down and talk with her daughter that evening about how she felt.

Today, Nancy was on the phone with this girl's mother once again. The mother and daughter had talked together that evening as she told Nancy they would. The girl had decided to bring the child to term and give birth to this baby. They had not fully decided what they would do after that, but they would talk more about it. We are so glad for this family and that we were able to help.

In light of this story, it seems so clear that silence, especially in the face of what people perceive to be "popular opinion," can be devastating. People have the right to choose, but in this very loud world, people need even more to have the right to be heard. This not only applies to us here at the Centre, but it applies to you as well. God is at work in the hearts of many people ... some are close to you ... close enough to hear your words of encouragement and care. Thank you for your support. We need you to continue to support us through your prayer, finances, and even more importantly, by your own words and life.

God bless you!



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