

Fulfilling Our Kingdom Work by Kathy Gibson

“God was there.” “I appreciated how the issue of abortion was dealt with in a positive ministry way.” “Grown men were moved to tears by the testimonies.” These are just a few of the comments we have heard from some of those who attended the annual “Changing Hearts ~ Touching Lives” banquet. I have to tell you, it was one of the most wonderful events I have ever been a part of.

The evening was full of testimonies from volunteers and clients whose

later came back to participate in the Earn While You Learn program. She said she learned so much about being a mother and what to expect when her daughter arrived. Magdalena also shared that she was on “non-speaking



terms” with God before coming to Hope, and now He is the Lord of her life. Esparanza, Magdalena’s daughter, stole the show as she was held behind her mother.



lives have been touched by Hope Pregnancy Centers. Carie White and Brian Hobbs, both volunteers at Hope, shared how being a volunteer has touched their lives. Carie shared how pregnancy center ministries have changed since she first started 20 years ago. Brian spoke from a man’s point of view and challenged the men in the audience to realize abortion is not just a woman’s issue.

Magdalena shared how she came to the center for a pregnancy test and

The final testimony of the evening was Autumn. Autumn had lived a life that included drugs, sex and an abortion that devastated her life. After finding the Lord, getting married and having two children she came to the pregnancy center to volunteer. She was told in order to volunteer she would need to go through the abortion recovery Bible study offered by Hope. Autumn said she went through the study because she wanted to volunteer but really didn’t think much would happen.

The Lord had forgiven her, and she had been able to get on with her life. She told the audience, “Since the study I am a much better mother, wife, and friend.” Her testimony of forgiveness and redemption touched everyone present. After Autumn’s testimony one of the men present told his table host, “I have always considered myself pro-life, but now I have compassion for the women who have had an abortion.”

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South Center is Up and Running

by Candy Hines, State Director and South Center Director

On August 13th we opened the doors to our new building. We have had an official dedication and open house for the new building and hosted several groups with tours and receptions. It has been an exciting time to see what the Lord has in mind for this new location.

We were concerned when our ultrasound machine arrived, which weighs 250 pounds, and the truck driver said we needed to get our *MEN* to help him unload it. Having only women at the center, we quickly called our neighboring church, Southern Hills, and their staff came and unloaded our new machine. We have



Staff from Southern Hills unload the new ultrasound machine for our south center.

performed 27 ultrasounds since receiving the ultrasound machine in August and have truly witnessed life-changing decisions with our clients. In our first year this center has seen over 300 clients.



Priceless

by Peggy Duncan, North Center Director

This was my 7th banquet to be a part of as the director of Hope Pregnancy Center – North. Each one has been so unique, some more than others with some of the weather elements we have previously experienced or speakers not coming. No matter what happens nature wise or human wise, I am still amazed how God works throughout the evening. But some of you never know just how we see Him continue to work as a result of the banquet evening.

This year, I have already heard of one salvation that has taken place as a result of a woman who attended the evening and began asking questions of her table host friend the next day regarding whether God can really do those things talked about at the banquet. Another woman who was willing to attend our banquet but would never go with her family to church or any church functions heard the message of Jesus and His redemption, grace, and mercy. Seeds were planted. So, although our banquets are fundraisers to help our pregnancy centers financially meet their goals, we never know how we may be affecting eternity that night and after, the “priceless” goal.

Hope Delivered

Third Quarter Ministry Report

- Hope Pregnancy Centers ministered to 552 clients.
- Volunteers and staff shared their testimonies or the Gospel with 140 clients.
- Five clients accepted Christ, and eight clients rededicated their lives.
- We prayed with 279 clients and gave Bibles to 45 clients.
- Our medical clinic provided ultrasounds to 101 clients. Eighty-two of these women chose life.
- The Earn While You Learn program served 267 clients, and 141 clients received educational resources.
- Volunteers gave 1,306 hours of service.
- Hope clients received referrals for counseling, medical care, adoption, financial help, DHS, and housing.

An Answered Prayer and A Life Saved

Sometimes potential clients come here not knowing that we are a pro-life center. They've seen our sign or found us in the phone book and assume that we provide services other than pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, options counseling, and parenting classes. Several times a week we receive calls from people seeking abortions and occasionally someone will walk in asking for an abortion.

Alice was one of these people. She and a friend came in and asked to make an appointment for an abortion. We explained that we don't provide or refer for abortions and offered to make her an appointment for a pregnancy test and ultrasound to verify her pregnancy. Her friend kept saying, "You don't need this" and "This isn't what you need. Let's go." Sadly, she left to find another facility that would provide what she was seeking.

After she left, the ladies at the pregnancy center prayed that something would change her mind. They prayed that the baby's life would be saved and her life would not be wounded by the decision she was getting ready to make.

The Lord was at work in Alice's heart. A few hours later she came back and asked for a pregnancy test



Ultrasounds, witnessing, and prayer all work together to change hearts and save lives.

and ultrasound appointment. When asked why she came back she stated, "Something just kept telling me I needed to come back here."

After her pregnancy test, this young woman was open to discussing things of the Lord and how His plans for her and her child are good. She's returned for an ultrasound and is now planning to carry and parent her child. She thanked us for being here and commented that she would refer us to others.

We see over and over again through clients how God answers prayers. When there is literally nothing left to do, we pray, and He is in control of the results. Because of Hope Pregnancy Centers clients like Alice find out everyday that there is another choice. Life.

Fulfilling Our Kingdom Work continued

The evening also included wonderful music and a live ultrasound. There was a theme that seemed to be present from the first words of prayer of the evening until the last words spoken. We are doing more than helping with a crisis pregnancy or trying to stop abortion. Hope Pregnancy Centers are doing "Kingdom work." By meeting some of the physical and emotional needs of our clients, we are showing them God's love. By loving them, we are able to share God with them and see their lives change. We know God is the only one who can "Change Hearts and Save Lives."

If you missed the banquet this year, you missed a blessing. Please make every effort to join us next year. I can promise you will want to join us in the Kingdom work of changing hearts and saving lives.

Our Mission
Hope Pregnancy Center's mission is to help young men and women have hope and choose life in the midst of an unplanned pregnancy.

Pondering where to send your ministry gift?

We have an idea for you...



Hmmmm. If you could find a ministry that is actually saving the lives of precious children while at the same time sharing the hope of Jesus Christ with moms, dads, and families, how would that sound?

Hope Pregnancy Centers are touching hearts every day. Your gift will expand our outreach, strengthen our effectiveness, and yes, save lives. Are you considering a gift to a ministry or organization? Hope is certainly a ministry worth pondering!

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