Equipped to Save Lives

Your support of one Gospel initiative changed a life forever.

Lynda was one of twenty-five “Life Disciples” who participated in a Making Life Disciples course at her church in Virginia. The class held a “commissioning” party on a Friday evening to celebrate all they learned. Thanks to friends like you that helped put Making Life Disciples in churches around the country, they were ready to begin reaching out to women and men considering abortion in their church and community.

On Monday, Lynda ran into a young woman she knew, named Olivia*. Olivia seemed tense and worried. Lynda asked her if she could help. She told Lynda everything ... that she was pregnant, and had an abortion appointment scheduled for Thursday ... just three days later! Olivia didn’t see how she could graduate from college if she had a baby. Abortion, she thought, was her only choice.

Because of Making Life Disciples™, Lynda was ready to help

Lynda, drawing on the training she had just received, was ready! She spoke to Olivia with compassion, showing her that she truly cared about her situation and began gently discussing her options. After their heartfelt discussion, Olivia said, “I’m still not sure what I’m going to do, but I am going to sincerely consider placing my baby for adoption.” Lynda gave Olivia her number and offered to connect Olivia with a pregnancy center and other supportive people in her church if she wished.

Because of Lynda’s ministry to this young woman, Olivia’s baby has a greater chance to live. Isn’t that incredible? On Friday, Lynda was commissioned and, two days later, she introduced a woman considering abortion to the hope that defies the lies of the abortion industry.

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

As Christians, we understand the importance of discipleship. Christ's last words to his disciples, as recorded in Matthew 28:19, were, “therefore go and make disciples of all nations…” This Great Commission drives us as followers of Jesus Christ—to be disciples who make disciples.

Moreover, we understand that our drive to make disciples is woven into everything we do to love and serve our neighbors. As we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and give water to the thirsty, we see these good works as opportunities to share the Gospel and make disciples. In other words, everything we do as Christians “equals” discipleship because we know that only through discipleship does true and lasting transformation happen.

But do we always think this way?

Do you think of the life issue and the crisis of abortion as a pathway to discipleship?

When you see a woman facing an unplanned pregnancy, do you think to yourself, “That woman needs to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, her unborn child needs to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, and the father of her child needs to become a disciple of Jesus Christ”?

“Crisis pregnancies,” just like periods of deep grief or times of financial distress, are opportunities to reach out to people to serve their emotional and material needs, to share Christ’s love and his Good News, and to make disciples for Him. Unfortunately, many of us have stopped at serving their immediate needs or maybe sharing the Good News when someone is considering abortion.

But discipleship—the thing that differentiates us as followers of Jesus Christ—is a long-term process that can’t be done without a committed body of Christians through the Church. That is why Care Net created Making Life Disciples™. It equips the local church to become winsomely engaged in the life issue, to compassionately minister to those considering abortion, to build bridges to local pregnancy centers, and to make disciples for Christ.

My hope and prayer is that you will begin to see the abortion crisis as a discipleship issue and you will be inspired to get your own church involved in helping the abortion vulnerable in your community become disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Equipped to share ABUNDANT life in Christ

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Lynda’s goal wasn’t just to “get” Olivia to choose life. She wanted to introduce Olivia to an abundant life in Christ. She wanted to unite her to the life-affirming people connections—the body of Christ—that would continue long after her baby is born.

Empowered by her Making Life Disciples™ training, Lynda became the hands and feet of Jesus in that moment, offering tangible, Christ-centered support to this desperate woman who felt she had no choices.

Four out of ten women who have had an abortion were attending church at the time of their first abortion. That statistic is mind-boggling. But when people like Lynda are able to take action, because of your support of Making Life Disciples™, the church can begin to overturn Roe v. Wade in the pews.

Please keep Lynda and the growing number of Life Disciples around the country in prayer, as they minister to women like Olivia in need of the transforming power of the Gospel that will allow them to choose life for their unborn children. (Learn how to bring MLD to your church! See backpage)

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Bring Compassion, Hope, and Help to More Families!

This month we need to raise $448,000 for our August Emergency Fund in order to expand the network of churches equipped to with our Making Life Disciples™ curriculum, as well as keeping our Pregnancy Decision Line open and answering calls, and providing our 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers with the best, most compelling resources and training...so that, together, we can share the Good News to more women and men in need of the transformational work of Jesus that will allow them to choose life for their unborn children and ABUNDANT life for their families!

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I invite you to sign up to bring Making Life Disciples™ to your church at makinglifedisciples.com.

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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Hear more from Roland on Twitter! @RolandCWarren
God’s Love Changed Everything!
How you showed one mother that it’s never too late to make a different choice.

The most powerful force in this world is the love of God. From Genesis to Revelation, we read the story of God’s relentless pursuit of His fallen creation and His undying commitment to redemption, reconciliation, and restoration. When women and men encounter this transformational love, it changes everything.

Just ask Kelley.*

Kelley had three kids and what could best be described as a failed marriage. Though she had given her all to her relationship with her husband, things went from bad to worse. Heartbroken, Kelley sought love in another man ... but found an unplanned pregnancy instead. Her partner was emotionally unstable and did not want her to keep the child.

Kelley was caught between a failed marriage, a failed relationship with her baby’s father, and the uncertain future of a baby she hadn’t planned for. Abortion seemed like the only way out—until she encountered God’s love.

One Call Saved a Life

When Kelley called the number for Pregnancy Decision Line, she found a coach ready to remind her of the love of God. A love not based on her circumstances, not hindered by her mistakes and poor choices, but rooted in His unchanging nature. The Coach listened as Kelley shared her belief that God existed, but that abortion may be necessary in this circumstance.

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Our Caring Partners: Heroes Saving Lives Every Month!

Every month, parents considering abortion find Care Net’s Pregnancy Decision Line, one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or a life-affirming church equipped with MLD. You can help ensure that they continue to find compassion, hope, and help as one of our Caring Partners!

As a Caring Partner, you will also receive special benefits, including:

- A designated Care Net team member to serve you
- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
- Invitations to special partner events

3 Easy Ways to Enroll as a Caring Partner:

1. Select “Make My Gift Monthly” on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly gift. (Make sure to fill out the back!)
2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/donate-cp
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions? Email us at caringpartners@care-net.org

Thank you!

You never know when you can point someone to hope, to life, and to Christ! Pregnancy Decision Line is saving and transforming lives, and with these two cards you can connect a parent facing a pregnancy decision with the compassion, help, and hope they need to choose LIFE for their unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their families!

Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision

Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) is the nation’s only hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

We are here for you at 877-791-5475 or pregnancydecisionline.org
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As the coach probed deeper, Kelley realized that she didn't really believe God wanted her to abort her baby. The more she talked with her coach, the more she realized that she needed to take a step of obedience and faith in God's love for her and her baby.

She decided she would not have an abortion!

Every day, thousands of women and men face unexpected—or unexpectedly complicated—pregnancies and the debilitating shame that often accompanies them. Like Kelley, they are desperate to encounter a tangible presentation of God's love. Through your generous support of Care Net and Pregnancy Decision Line, you are introducing them to the love of God in the nick of time.

God's love brings not just salvation, but transformation. Enabling women like Kelley to find more than life for their unborn children, but also abundant life for their families.

Does your church have a pro-life ministry?

Care Net has created a 6-step process to help you start one at your church.

See website for 6-step process.

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