

## Face of God

*-Audrey Messia*

*Audrey is a client from Africa. She has rededicated her life to Jesus and attends church with Dawn, a former volunteer with Pregnancy Resources. This is her experience.*

First of all I thank our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. Infinitely thank you to God who always works the secret to put us on good behavior, on the right path He wants to be. He is a God of love, and mercy.

**Despite what we are (sinners), He never lets us down, especially when we cry out to him.** He still takes us by the hand through wonderful people to meet us in front of difficult situations.

And I am pleased today to have known God before, and He allowed me to meet special people in my distress.

In fact, I made the acquaintance of a man that made me believe he was free. So he wants me to get married. When I discovered he has another woman in his life, I decided to leave...

**One week later, I discover that I am pregnant and**

**it was matter of abortion.**

This is how God in His goodness will lead us in the center called Pregnancy Resources. And my desires to keep the child and encouragement of staff of this center (which has the fear of God) allowed me today to have my son, Christ



Panuel (the name means Face of God). **And for me, it's as if I saw the face of God, because I am fallen and God has reached out across all support (spiritual, moral, material and physical) of Pregnancy Resources staff.** How can I say thank you again to all those who have treated me and continue to treat me like a family member. I would like to say thank you especially to Dawn and her family for their love to my respect.

Thank you very much and God blesses all of you and fills your heart with the benefit of love and remembers you in His enormous grace.

## From Ministry to Marriage

*-Sara Calcote, Development Assistant*

Looking back 2 ½ years ago, I never imaged what working at Pregnancy Resources would mean to me. It wasn't just another job; it was so much more than that.

**Working for a ministry was never part of my plan, but it was part of God's plan.** God has blessed my time at Pregnancy Resources. I have done more than most 23 year olds: from being able to share my thoughts on Moody radio, to promoting the ministry on KWQC News, to being able to help plan major fundraisers.

**The thing that I appreciate the most about this ministry is the love:** not just the ordinary emotion, but Christ like love, where you truly feel like they care about you. I have seen it in the way our staff and volunteers interact with our clients and I have felt it personally.

I have gone through a lot since being a part of this ministry from family emergencies to getting engaged, and I have felt so covered in prayer and support from all the ladies here.



*Sara and her fiancé Brandon*

**It is a bittersweet feeling as I leave this ministry to get married on May 16th to an amazing man of God.**

I will miss all of you dearly, but I am excited to see where God will lead me next. Please pray for me as I seek a new job and begin my marriage; I will continue to pray for this ministry to help further God's kingdom by reaching women and men in this community with Christ's love. Wishing Pregnancy Resources another 25 years!



## The Blessing was All Mine!

-Kathy Nagle, Administrative Assistant

Starting with Orange Julius when I was 16, I have had numerous jobs over my working career. And I have left every one of them. But this is the first time I have retired. When CJ Payne first approached me about joining the Pregnancy Resources staff 10 years ago, I had plenty of apprehension. This was not “an answer to prayer” or my “dream job”. I was not unhappy where I was working, so I sat and made a list of pros and cons to coming to work here. **But if God is calling you to something, can you even do that?!** I came to the realization that I probably had 10 more years to work and at Pregnancy Resources, I could do work that made a difference in peoples’ lives. Of course, as God would have it, **the person whose life was most impacted was me.**

The first day on the job, I was nervous and wondered how I could possibly have thought I could do this. But as I read my devotional that morning, the scripture came from Colossians 1 and the end of verse 27 jumped out at me: *Christ in me, the hope of glory.* That’s how this would be done, by Christ in me! Thank God for that! My first day at the center was in Davenport and I went to the Moline center the next day. They had a little flip calendar on the desk there that had a scripture for each day. Guess what the verse was for that day? Yes, Colossians 1:27! God just kept reminding me who was in charge! After almost 10 years of employment at Pregnancy

Resources. I am retiring but, my involvement with Pregnancy Resources did not start 10 years ago and it won’t end with retirement. In 1991 God provided me with the opportunity to work part-time and I was able to volunteer at the center. I was privileged to serve in the post-abortion healing ministry from the beginning. An incredible blessing that I am still involved with today! **In 24 years, I have seen God work in many wonderful ways in healing women who regret choosing abortion.**

And in the centers, I have had the privilege of seeing clients choose life and avoid that sorrow and regret. It is incredible, what happens here! What will I miss? Everything! Praying with the wonderful women I work with each morning before we begin our day. Hearing the “rest of the story” about our clients choosing life after seeing their ultrasound. Talking with our donors when they drop off diapers or change-filled baby bottles, and hearing of their passion for the work we do. God is at work at Pregnancy Resources and I am honored to have been counted worthy to serve Him here. **The blessing was all mine!** As I said, my involvement won’t end with retirement. I plan to continue volunteering a shift each week and facilitating the post-abortion recovery program as long as God allows. I read once that if you’re still breathing, God isn’t done using you. I pray that Christ in me still has work to do in this next chapter of my life!

## Introducing Our New Staff...



Jasmine Bozeman, Executive Assistant  
Succeeding Kathy Nagle

Liz Ryan, Outreach and Events  
Succeeding Sara Calcote



## Never Too Far Gone...

-Hollie (A testimony from baby bottles)

**Twenty-five years ago I chose to have an abortion.** *I cannot tell you how or why I made this decision that has afflicted me in so many ways spiritually, emotionally and mentally.* I wasn't equipped to handle this type of life decision and I was immature, selfish and careless. This decision of not having my baby became the "I'm too far gone" foundation that led to an aftermath of a self-destructive lifestyle of alcoholism and much more.

### **How do I help convince someone from making this same decision?**

Today, I am sober, married to a wonderful man, and I have a 20-year old daughter that I gave birth to at the age of 25, unplanned and alone. *I prayed that God would help me and asked for forgiveness for that decision that I have regretted every day.*



And because of the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am blessed to enjoy my beautiful daughter that I love so much.

What grace and mercy He has shown me throughout my life! I am so grateful. **Today, I know there is no such thing as "I'm too far gone" with God.** One of my favorite verses is *Psalm 103: 2-4, "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion."*

**Thank you Pregnancy Resources** for all you do. When they offered the baby bottles at church, I knew that I wanted to return the bottle with a donation, and *I pray that this helps someone as much as it helped me.*

### **Save the Date!**

#### **Walk for life 2015**

**Saturday, September 19, 2015, 9:00 am**

**Ben Butterworth Parkway in Moline & Veterans Memorial Park in Bettendorf**



## The Birdies are Chirping!

When you give through Birdies for Charity, we get 100% of your gift and we get an additional 5% from John Deere in bonus bucks!

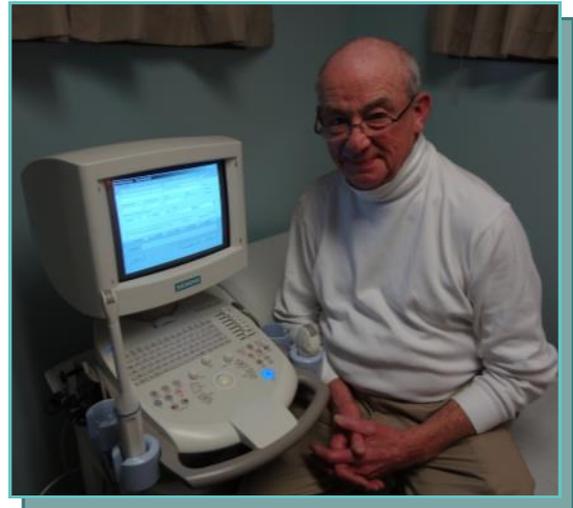


Sometimes they award even more.-It just depends on how much money the John Deere Golf Classic makes.

It's easy to get involved:

- ◆ Guess the number of birdies that will be made at this year's golf tournament.
- ◆ Pick your gift amount. You can make a "per birdie" pledge or you can make a flat donation. You even get entered to win great prizes just for entering!
- ◆ Just use the enclosed pledge card and send it to John Deere's address on the back.

Last year we were able to raise over \$16,478, thanks to those who donated through Birdies for Charity!



### **The 2015 Annual C. J. Payne Outstanding Volunteer Award goes to Dr. Paul McDevitt**

Congratulations to Dr. Paul McDevitt! Thank you for your many years of service on our Board of Directors and your involvement with our ultrasound program since 2001!

## From My Heart to Yours—Together for Life!

- Susan Skoglund, Executive Director

Thank You all who invest in “Life and Life Abundant” in Jesus name! Our vision is to continue to reach more women and men who are at risk for abortion. **80% of women say that they abort because of coercion or lack of support from their partner.** As God brings our income up, we want to hire a men’s services director. Only then can we really minister effectively to the male partners who come through our doors as she is coming for a pregnancy test or ultrasound.

As I shared before, **our “Big Dream” is the mobile unit,** where we can reach many more with pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, as we go to them in various locations—near college and university campuses locally and to smaller towns in the Quad City area.

I am so thankful for my Board of Directors who share these visions. As we planned strategically for 2015 and these next three years, we know **the Lord will make it possible,**



**thanks to you who catch the vision and partner with us!**

*“The thief comes only to kill, steal, and destroy, but I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”*

~John 10:10

**Contact us if you wish to become a 10:10 monthly partner.**



**Susan and our Board (from left to right)**

Tim Truesdell, Luana Stoltenberg, Jeanette Peutz, Melissa Traman, Sandy Cline, and Jon Yarian

### In Honor and Memory

Thank you, Richard and Barbara Arnold, for your donation in Memory of Barb Daniel.

Thank you, East Moline School District 37, for your donation in Memory of Darlene Stroup.

### Save These Dates in 2015

<b>Birdies For Charity</b> <i>(John Deere Classic, July 9-15 )</i>	Pledge Now-July 10th
<b>Walk 2015</b>	Saturday, September 19, 9:00am Ben Butterworth Parkway, Moline, IL Veterans Memorial Park, Bettendorf, IA
<b>Fall Volunteer Training</b> <i>Davenport Center</i>	October 26-30th, Monday-Friday 8:30am– 12pm

### Bella’s Closet Needs

Boy size: 18, 24 Mo., 2T  
Spring /Summer Clothing

Girl size: 18, 24 Mo., 2T  
Spring/Summer Clothing

Diapers sizes: Newborn & 2-5,  
Bottles, Pacifiers, Body wash, Lotion,  
Baby towels with hood, Baby wash clothes,  
Receiving blankets