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MARK 10:27
“Purpose in the Possibilities.” That statement reflects the hope God infuses into every human being. Each new birth encapsulates both possibilities and divine purpose. As parents and grandparents it is one of life’s great delights to watch these two concepts unfold in the little ones God has placed in our care. Recently while flying across the United States I was privileged to observe the joy of choosing life and parenting. One dad had left a conference early so that he could join his 16 year old daughter on her spring break. His voice was filled with anticipation as he talked about their plans to “hang out” over the upcoming week. The woman next to him was both anxious and excited as she talked about her 18 year old’s upcoming mission trip to the other side of the globe. Her pride in her child’s accomplishments was obvious. On my next flight I sat beside a young man returning home after a three day business trip. He could hardly wait to get back to his 15 month old daughter. I heard all about the pregnancy, her arrival and this toddler’s newest accomplishments. And yes, there were pictures. All of these parents talked about the dreams, potential and plans for their children. What they were living was the reward of having chosen life. Whether a child is natural born or chosen by adoption, there is joy in watching God’s purpose unfold for each individual.

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For the Preborn and their Families
To the glory of God alone
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2016 was a year of fruition and breakthrough for the board and staff at Care Net. We have had the privilege of watching words spoken and visions cast in prior years appear before our eyes in 2016. God has moved mightily to bring on new donors, facilitate maturity and growth in many of our programs, and open new doors of opportunity for our organization. The biggest blessing and breakthrough this year came through our new Medical Mobile Unit. With the help and generosity of our donors at all levels, we can now travel in larger circles to help our surrounding community more than ever before. We can confidently and efficiently go to our patients in more areas and demonstrate the love of Christ to many more women and families. Our staff is strong and vibrant. Some have moved on but others have filled their place in God’s perfect timing. Our board is excited to see what God has in store for 2017. We are already seeing God’s favor and provision in the few short months of the new year. We pray that as we endeavor to administer God’s resources to the best of our ability, that He will continue to amaze us with His plan for Care Net.

I humbly thank each and every one of our donors and volunteers for your continued support, as it is your stewardship and faithfulness that makes Care Net a shining example of God’s kingdom here on earth. Here is looking forward to a tremendous and fruitful 2017!
Adoption

Fatherhood and the Family Tree

CareNet CEO Roland C. Warren uses an analogy which paints a perfect picture of the importance of the father in families. Let me summarize. The giant redwood trees of Northern California survive violent winds and coastal storms because of the close-knit colonies in which they grow. They do not have deep roots, as one might suppose, rather their strength comes from roots that intertwine forming a strong mat with all the trees around them. Individual trees are not vulnerable, because they all support each other. In addition, the giant trees provide a canopy which protects the saplings from overexposure and wind. Like the storms which pound the redwoods, life can throw many difficulties at families. People and particularly children who lack familial support are particularly vulnerable. Many of the clients who come to CareNet lack the connection and protection of the whole family unit.

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Robert McLaughlin, CareNet Fatherhood Coordinator and his son Shelby:

- Are twice as likely to repeat a grade in school
- At CareNet we are working to engage men in preparation for fatherhood by involving them in conversation to see where they stand (life/abortion), offering to meet with them in either case, letting them know we care about them, and sharing the facts. Between 400 and 700 men visit our centers every year, providing a perfect atmosphere to encourage participation in critical decision making during an unplanned pregnancy.
- Roland closes his article with this statement: “I challenge you to be inspired and guided by the timeless lesson of the mighty redwoods: Strong families do not grow on trees, but strong trees do grow best in families. And so too, do children.”
- Therefore, I must close with a challenge for Christian men in our communities:

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Northeast Albuquerque Center

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She shared her frustrations with a staff member at Care Net. She realized the reason she had been upset was that she had justified abortion in her own heart. Now seeing answered prayer, she had hope. Today, Mike and Lydia are learning how to parent together. Their two little ones are already in love with the baby whom Mike and Lydia are learning how to parent together. Their two little ones are already in love with the baby whom they have not yet met. They can hardly wait until August!

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What Care Net Means to Me
by Danielle Rawlins

Care Net is like another family to me. This place is here to help a variety of people in many different situations. They do not judge any situation but show God's love through everything they do.

Here are wonderful mentoring women who are open, gentle and kind. There are some mentoring men here as well that can help with men's side of things, whatever it entails.

If you need prayer, if you need to vent, if you need to cry they are here to listen and to help you. I love Care Net so much.

They were my support and prayer warriors throughout my pregnancy and after my son was born they prayed for me and for my family. The women don't just help with the children's needs; they help with the family's needs. Many of the women's life experiences have helped me so much. I am very grateful for the mother, wife, and friend I have become because of the guidance and teachings.
We finished our third year of mobile ministry with tragedy and excitement just as our new bus was arriving. The tragedy was not ours but our fellow Pregnancy Center, Project Defending Life (PDL). An arsonist had targeted them and their building suffered severe damage from the fire. We were preparing to winterize the RV when we received the news, and without hesitation the board approved for us to loan it to them so they could continue serving at risk women near the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Their loss was everyone’s loss, so we were grateful we had it to loan.

The new “stork” bus arrived on December 12, 2016 after a year of fundraising and five months of customization. The bright green unit is hard to miss. Lisa O’Brien, the new Medical Mobile Unit director, spent the rest of December setting up the electronics (which include eight remotes) and driving the bus to unveiling ceremonies.

In January, we began doing live ultrasounds on the bus. We traveled to all the centers, and took the bus to the New Mexico Health Fair. It was the first time Care Net had been allowed to participate, and it was a hit. We did four ultrasounds, pregnancy and STI testing and received a referral for our CPR program at this fair. In January we did a total of 10 ultrasounds. A youth group leader requested the bus and over 50 students plus leaders observed a live ultrasound.

To promote the bus and help other communities who would otherwise not have medical services, we have taken the bus to Pregnancy Resource Center leaders’ meetings, church groups, and most recently to Mountainair. Currently the bus travels to Origins Pregnancy Center in Rio Rancho once a month for ultrasounds

In April, we began services to centers in Moriarty and Los Alamos along with several CNM campuses performing STI and pregnancy testing. We are working with PDL and Sidewalk Advocates to bring the bus to the late term abortion clinics for ultrasounds.

The month of May promises to take us to Gallup, Mountainair, and possibly Socorro, as we continue to provide service to our centers in Rio Rancho, Moriarty, and an affiliate in Los Alamos. We are already scheduled at health fairs, and CNM is welcoming us back for the fall semester.

Mobility allows us to take the Pregnancy Center to those who need it most. The future looks bright for at risk women and their families, thanks to the new Medical Mobile Unit. We cannot wait to see where God takes us next.
2016 Financial Report

Once again, we at the Care Net Pregnancy Centers of the Albuquerque area stand in awe of the provision of God for His work. People from all walks of life joined in supporting the four centers, the medical team, the fatherhood program, the sexual integrity outreaches, our clothing closets and the mobile ministry. But most of all, donors supported our clients. Throughout this magazine you find short little snapshots of people who were impacted because those of you in our communities care. Thanks to you, our centers had the most income ever. The accompanying graph shows the way that funds come into the ministry.

More important is what we do with the funds which donors so faithfully contribute. Here are just some of the 2016 numbers. Center Support Services (which includes client program personnel, fatherhood, sexual integrity education, volunteer and staff training, public relations, advertising, medical services, administration and fundraising) cost $312,000 last year. Over $117,000 of this was designated gifts for specific events or programs. The Northeast Albuquerque Center is our busiest center, averaging over 250 client visits per month. Their direct 2016 expenses were over $98,000 (amount does not include Center Support Services). The center with the second largest number of clients is the Valencia County office seeing well over 100 clients a month. Their direct expenses were $70,500. Our Rio Rancho office clientele has more than doubled this year. Thanks to the fact that there is no rent on this facility, our 2016 costs here are lower, at $47,000 per year. The East Mountain Center in Moriarty has also seen an increase in clients. Their direct costs were $52,000.

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2016 Walk for Life

On what began as a warm, sunny, Saturday on the 27th of August, hundreds of walkers gathered in their “Imagine More-Walk for Life” t-shirts and comfy walking shoes at one of four walk locations in the greater Albuquerque area to support the ministry of Care Net. Walkers ranged in age from newborn to 80s, 90s, and every age in between. Every year we celebrate life and demonstrate our support for the lives of the unborn at this family-friendly event. Nearly 700 walkers solicited pledges from friends, family, and co-workers to help raise much needed funds to allow us to meet the needs in each of our center locations as well as those served by our Medical Mobile ministry. In 2016, nearly $88,000 was raised in gifts and pledges! Morning walks were held in Rio Rancho, Edgewood, and Northeast Albuquerque, while Valencia County hosted a late afternoon event. Due to inclement weather, the walk was moved inside and became a praise and worship time for all ages. We are now looking forward to the last Saturday of August, 2017 as we will “Pursue the Possibilities” and Walk for Life. Hope to see you there.
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Teens and parents show off their commitment bracelets.

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Making Life Disciples Curriculum

Creating Positive Relationships

“I changed my opinion on what it means to be a Christian.”

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Mourning to Joy

“How could God forgive me for this?” A common question asked by so many of our post-abortive clients. Our response is God can forgive and He does.

With the increase in awareness of abortion, there is also an increase in women contacting us for post-abortion healing. Publicity on abortion related issues helps them realize their need. Many come to us with symptoms such as depression they can’t shake, anger, fear, guilt, or a life that is out of control.

In Matthew 5:34 Jesus said, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.” This is so profound because instead of judging, the suffering receive mercy and find healing for the pain they have been experiencing, and are freed from their past. For a repentant, hurting man to hear Father God call him son, brings him home, accepted in the family. The most beautiful thing a wound ed woman can hear is the kindly spoken word “daughter.” It means she has been restored to her rightful place in the Lord. She is finally able to accept forgiveness so freely given by our Savior.

In 2016 we were privileged to have Cindy Rose become our workshop facilitator. She and a team of volunteers gracefully minister to the needs of hurting women who come desperately seeking forgiveness and wholeness.

Our Mourning to Joy (MTJ) weekend workshops are being sought out on a regular basis, and many are being referred. They come in tears, covered in a shroud of guilt and shame, and leave with heads held high realizing that God loves them, and does not hold this sin against them. Mourning to Joy workshops are held at least five times a year. We also have other peer taught groups for either men or women struggling with an abortion loss in their past. Once a year we train Post Abortion Leaders so they can assist with these groups. In 2017 we will hold the leader training (called PACE) throughout the week of June 5 to 10. To sign up for either MTJ or PACE call our Administrative office at 505-880-8373.

On January 22, 1967, Karl and Gloria Saltzman became husband and wife and began their life together. They recently celebrated their Golden Anniversary with family and friends surrounding them. They have three children and nine beautiful grandchildren. It’s obvious from a visit to their home that it is a kid-friendly place to be. The grandchildren grew up knowing about the “penny jug,” a five-gallon glass jug just for stray pennies. For over forty years, pennies continued to creep up the side of the jar gaining inches each year. It even became home to a toy soldier, chalk, and a few silk flower petals—the kind of thing a toddler might contribute to the project. Finally, it was full nearly overflowing, with pennies. It was time to find a new home for the pennies. But not just any home; a home where the pennies could make a difference in someone’s life. Karl and Gloria, longtime supporters of Care Net, decided that the change should be used to help save the lives of the unborn.

So, whose life will it change? It may be your neighbor or co-worker, a young girl in your church, a grandchild, a sister, or a best friend. By helping in this way, you are helping to make it possible for Care Net to be available to them, no matter what the situation.

We are so grateful to the Saltzman family for seeing the possibilities and helping Care Net to continue our ministry to young men and women facing unplanned pregnancies.
What a Blessing

Care Net Pregnancy Centers received a grant in 2015 from Focus on the Family which enabled the Northeast Center to purchase a new ultrasound machine. This grant also provided the funds in 2016 to train three registered nurses to provide limited obstetric ultrasounds plus give a refresher course for three more RN’s. All six nurses are actively providing limited obstetric ultrasound to our clients in all four centers and the medical mobile unit.

This May we’ll be providing another ultrasound training for 4-5 registered nurses. A refresher course is also planned for three more nurses.

The Care Net facilities are always in need of nurses to perform pregnancy tests and answer pregnancy questions for our clients in addition to providing limited obstetric ultrasounds.

If you are a nurse and this area of nursing sounds interesting, please give Care Net Northeast Center a call—we’d love to speak with you. You may volunteer as little as or as much as you’d like. Serving at Care Net as a nurse using your expertise is one of the most rewarding experiences you’ll ever have.

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Building Great Businesses
For A Greater Purpose

Care Net would like to thank the following media organizations for their support in 2016.

2017 Calendar of Events

Center Tours
Call your nearest center for an appointment.

Volunteer Peer Advocate Training
May 9 – June 1 East Mountain
July 6 – August 3 Valencia County
September 11 – October 9 Admin Office
Call for times and locations.

Post Abortion Counselor Education (PACE)
June 5–10 Call for information.

Care Net Open House Events
Valencia County June 3, 9:30am–11:30am
Rio Rancho June 5, 4–7pm
Northeast Albuquerque July 18, 4–6pm
East Mountain/Moriarty July 29, 10am–Noon

Walk for Life Rally June 23–24
Walk for Life August 26
Visit our website www.carenetabq.org for times and locations.

Laugh for Life
Date, time and location to be determined.

Care Net 101-Pastor/Liaison Workshop
October 7, 9:00am
Call for location.

Mourning to Joy Weekend Workshop
June 16–18
August 18–20
October 27–29
Call for information.

Sanctity of Human Life Week
January 21–27, 2018

Care Net Staff and Volunteers wish to express our thanks to our faithful donors.
An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached and dying after a storm. A child was picking them up and flinging them back into the ocean.

“Why do you bother?” the old man scoffed.

“You’re not saving enough to make a difference.”

The child picked up another starfish and sent it spinning back to the water.

“I made a difference to that one,” she said.

The purpose of Care Net is to rescue every unborn child, parent and family we can, giving possibility to lives far more precious than starfish.