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“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to tear down and a time to build.”

Ecc. 3:1&3

Always be prepared...

Many clients come to us at a time of crisis in their lives; an unplanned pregnancy or a sexually transmitted infection. They are often in distress and want things to be “fixed” but what they really need is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ allowing Him to be Savior and **LORD** of their lives.

One such young man walked through our doors recently; his girlfriend had just informed him that she thought she was pregnant. He saw his future going down the drain and felt that abortion was the “best” solution. However, he was obviously very distressed about the situation. I was able to answer many of his medical questions but felt that he was searching for something more.

I believe this was a divine appointment as he was just driving around trying to find Planned Parenthood to get some answers, saw our street sign, pulled into our parking lot and walked through our doors. Certain things he said made me realize that some spiritual seeds had already been planted in his life and the Holy Spirit now had him prepared to take his “head knowledge” and put it into “heart knowledge”. He admitted that he had never made a personal commitment to Christ but felt he needed to “get his life right with God”. I was able to share the gospel with him and pray with him to accept Christ as his Savior and Lord. When we finished praying he had tears in his eyes and his stress was much relieved. He gave me a big bear hug before he left and promised to call his grandparents to let them know the good news as they have been praying for him and were obviously some of the people who had been planting those seeds in his life.

You never know when the opportunity to share the gospel will come along but Scripture instructs us to *always* be prepared to do so; there is nothing more exciting than to be God’s tool in bringing someone to Himself!

*Charlotte Brewer RN
Nurse Manager*



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Delores Wolterstorff
Executive Director

Our Mission Statement

To affirm and promote the value of human life to our community through a network of care with the love of Jesus Christ

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A Moment with the Director

A workman approved by God...

Recently in my quiet time, I was led to 2 Timothy 2:15, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of *truth*.” (*emphasis mine*) As I reflected on what this meant in my life I was impressed with the importance of *truth*. God is *Truth*. He is the Author of *truth*. I am His workman; therefore, I am required to handle His *truth* correctly. And in doing so, I don’t need to be ashamed.

We are in a cosmic battle between *truth* and the lie. How important that as God’s workmen we are ready to defend the *truth* about life to our youth, our clients, or whoever enters our doors. Each of them has been created in the image of God including the baby in the womb, no exceptions. They deserve to know the *truth* even though they may be living the lie.

In doing so, we must meet them at their level of understanding which may be contrary to the *truth*: pre-marital sex is permissible, co-habitation is acceptable, abortion is a convenient way out.

Paul ends chapter 2 with these words: “And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the *truth*, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will (the lie).”

MPC is building bridges of *truth* to our community – work that we are not ashamed of but are thankful that we are called to be one of His workmen.

Delores Wolterstorff
Executive Director

From PACE - Post-Abortion Recovery/Statistics/ New Volunteers...

The Abortion Recovery group will be starting this spring. If you or someone you know has experienced an abortion and are having a hard time dealing with the emotional pain, please contact Rose @ 526-1734. All phone calls are confidential.

Here are a few statistics recorded in January and February:

- 369 clients came to the Center
- 97 Pregnancy Tests - 72 were positive pregnancy tests
- 6 changed minds from abortion to parent
- 70 ultrasounds performed
- 5 STD tests (3 female, 2 male)
- 75% of them claim to have spiritual beliefs
- 64 Spiritual discussions with our clients
- 14 that heard the Gospel, 2 made a profession of faith
- 30 School Presentations to 991 students

We just finished our current volunteer training and once again it was a unique time of connecting with the new volunteers. Each one has an area of interest that they are planning to pursue. Some of their comments were: “I didn’t realize the depth of information that you share through the community education, this is truly impacting.” “All the speakers and trainers show so much love, compassion and mercy, it’s contagious.” We are looking forward to working with them and are excited about their passion for the Center.

Rose Jurado
Client Services Director



Wanted: passionate people to speak ...

The spring semester is upon us and I am truly in awe of the opportunities that lie ahead. This month alone we are scheduled for nearly 80 presentations! Multiply that by 30 students per presentation and we're looking at 2,400 chances to speak truth into the lives of our young people; 2,400 chances to impact the youth in our own community!

This is Community Education's busiest month to date and that does two things for me: 1) It excites me like nothing else to know that our program is thriving, doors are opening, and students are being impacted; and 2) It opens my eyes to seen the incredible need we have for Community Education speakers!

I'm not looking for the next Billy Graham or Luis Palau, I'm simply looking for people passionate and excited to speak truth into the lives our young people. God has blessed each of us with something priceless to share and I am continually overwhelmed by what God can do through someone that is willing to answer His call, someone that is willing to say "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in talking to students about abstinence, sexually transmitted diseases, or fetal development, contact me at katied@modestopc.org. I would love to hear your heart and passion!

*Katie Den Brave
Community Education Director*

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Our new staff person ... Avis Van Vliet

My journey to Modesto Pregnancy Center began in 2007. I was a volunteer peer counselor and helped answer phones in the front office for a year. In November of last year I received an e-mail from Delores because I was a church rep, stating their need at the Center to hire a Development Coordinator. I sent Delores a note asking a few questions about the job and a friend e-mailed me and said "Avis, I think this job has your name on it."

Well, our life took a sudden detour. My husband Marion was having some health issues and we needed to focus on that. Thoughts about the job were put on the back burner. Marion ended up having a stent put in and his recovery was quick and we were back to the routine of life.

In January we were on vacation with our family and I prayed to the Lord and said "Lord, did I miss the boat with that job at the Pregnancy Center? And if I did, would you just let me know somehow." Later that same day

I was checking my e-mail and I found another note from Delores to the church reps stating the job position hadn't been filled. Quickly I responded to her an e-mail and told her I would fill out an application and come and see her when I got home.

I've been at the Center since January 24. The staff and volunteers are amazing. Each aspect of the ministry is Christ-centered and the value of human life is promoted on a daily basis.



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MODESTO PREGNANCY CENTER

20th Annual Walk for Life

AND

2nd Annual 5k Run

Saturday, May 5, 2012

8:00 A.M. - Registration

8:30 A.M. - 5K Run

8:45 A.M. – Walk for Life

**Tuolumne River
Regional Park
1200 Tioga Drive
Modesto**

Participants who register by **April 2** will receive a t-shirt. Prizes awarded to those raising the top sponsorship money. Cost: Walk only: \$5.00 includes a cotton t-shirt

5K Run: \$25 includes a synthetic running shirt and bib

All other registration fees must be turned in by May 4 @ 2 p.m.

Registration and sponsor forms are online @ www.modestopc.org or call 526-1734.