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CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER

From the Heart of the Director

One heart at a time...one life at a time

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Sometimes you come across a story that needs to be read more than once. This is one of those stories. When I read Denise's Facebook post of her birthday tribute to her son, I contacted her to ask permission if I could publish it in our newsletter. She graciously agreed. (Thank you, Denise!) Many of you know Denise personally or have heard her testimony. But for our new supporters and subscribers, I'd like to introduce you to Denise Ybarra, a long-time faithful friend of the Center. May your hearts be blessed when you read her beautiful testimony of God's amazing grace.

Kathryn Enloe, Director

*18 yrs. My child is now an adult. Wow! (For all the new moms out there, it really does go by fast!) You know, when these things happen we tend to look back and reflect. Daniel, Jr., turning 18 years old is more than my kid becoming an adult. I look back and see all the things that have happened in my life over the past 18 years. So much life changes. I was 21 and pregnant, then I got saved, I started going to church, I got married...so many things that I thought I would NEVER do. Now, I'm not a real sappy person. I'm not looking back and thinking how sad it is that my firstborn is now an adult. Allow me to tell you how we got to this point. Over 18 years ago, I found myself living with a guy and facing a pregnancy that I didn't want. Heck! I didn't even want to live with my boyfriend (who is now my husband)...but there I was, pregnant and mad at myself for being in that situation. I actually went to the health department and asked about the morning after pill but I was too late. I was past the time frame for when you're supposed to take it. I thought to myself: maybe I'm not really pregnant? My husband's sister-in-law told me about a place where you can take a pregnancy test and if I am, then they would help me with whatever I needed for the baby. Ok cool. I'll take the test and if I'm pregnant I'm getting an abortion. I can't have a baby with this guy! So I called the Crisis Pregnancy Center and made an appointment. Daniel's sister in law gave me the name of a lady that I should talk to. **Kathy Mundy**. I take the test- I'm pregnant. I tell her I can't have this kid! I talk to her about my situation. Kathy seemed more concerned about my life- my heart, my baby. It was so different to hear someone tell you how valuable you are and that the baby that I was carrying is fearfully and wonderfully made. Do you know how huge that is to hear? It made me curious of why this lady was so concerned with my life and not of my current living situation, my status with my family or society...nope. She wanted to tell me that there was a God that was much bigger than my situation. A God that loved me and my baby. For awhile (many years) I denied the existence of God and here Kathy was telling me that He loves me even though I didn't. He valued my life even though it seemed like my parents didn't. He valued my baby's life- my 18 yr old, even though all I wanted to do was to get rid of the pregnancy and move on with my life. Kathy then drew a triangle and labeled the left bottom point- family, myself at the right bottom point, and God up on top. Something about that little drawing made me see that I had been living for the wrong things. Even then, I asked her if God would forgive me if I had this abortion. She explained to me that he was longsuffering meaning that He was patient, not willing that I would die....at that point I kind of stopped listening. Not because I didn't believe her but because it hit me like a ton of bricks that there was indeed a God who loved me and was patient with me. With me?!? He wove this baby inside my womb and I was still trying to deny His existence! It was at that point that I had to leave and STILL, I was unsure of whether or not I was going to keep my baby. My son. My 18 yr old. Kathy asked if she could call me in a week to see how I was doing and maybe if I made a decision then we could talk about it no matter what I decided. Well, here we are...18yrs later. I chose life. I chose God over my situation. So yes, it's a big deal that my oldest is celebrating his 18th birthday today. Wish him a happy birthday! Text him or FaceTime...drop by if you want to. However, I hope though that when you see him, you see a person whose life would have been taken away if I didn't choose life. I hope when you see him that you see how big of a role that Kathy had in his life (I could hear her saying no way it wasn't me man, it was all the Lord! Lol! Nina was so modest, never wanting glory!) I hope that when you see my 18 yr old, you see the work of those counselors at the pregnancy centers. That it reminds you to pray for those girls that walk through those doors that feel invaluable and that they, for the first time in their lives, might hear that they are fearfully and wonderfully made. Pray that they choose life. That they choose God. Pray for the counselors that they don't get discouraged and to keep on serving the Lord. My oldest kid, my baby is 18 yrs old today. He doesn't have his Nina here to celebrate with but he celebrates because of the words she spoke into my life. We love and miss you Kathy so much. But we also celebrate today because of your unwavering love for our God. Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice. Thank you for my baby. My 18 yr old. Happy birthday, Daniel Jr.!*

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. Psalm 139:13-14





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Center Men's Ministry:

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Tim. 2:2)

We are pleased to welcome **Joe Gruchacz** as our new mentor volunteer to our male clients! Joe is a former pastor and lives in Visalia with his wife, Janet. He has over twenty years of counseling experience and has a heart for discipleship. We thank the Lord for His provision and look forward to serving with Joe in this ministry!



Joe Gruchacz and his wife, Janet



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Legislative Update: AB-320 was vetoed by Governor Brown! This bill would have allowed all California state universities to dispense the medical abortion pill, RU-486, from their campuses. We are grateful to the Lord for "turning the hearts of rulers" to veto this bill!