



# LIFE LETTER

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## BOWLING FOR BABIES

by Karen Bach



It's here! Gather your friends and plan to come out for a fun afternoon of bowling, pizza and prizes. TLC Pregnancy Services will be hosting their **15th annual "Bowling for Babies" fundraiser on February 18, 2017 at Streamwood Lanes from noon to 3:00 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to join in – no matter if you're an alley champ or a complete novice.

What do you need to do to participate? **Each bowler is asked to collect a minimum of \$50.00 in pledges.** The more sponsors you have and the more money you raise, the better! The top pledge collectors will be awarded special prizes. Bowlers will get 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, pop and an entry ticket for the door prize drawing. You can sign up as an individual or bring a whole team of family and friends.

Registration the day of the event starts at 11:30 a.m. Please call TLC at (847) 622-1235 for a pledge sheet or download one from our website at [TLC Pregnancy Services.com](http://TLC Pregnancy Services.com).

### What **YOUR** support can do

**\$2,000**

**Can Save 3 Babies!**

**\$1,200**

**Can Save 2 Babies!**

**\$750**

**(Can provide 3 Women with Mobile  
Ultrasound Unit Services!)**

**\$500**

**(Can provide Free Ultrasounds, Life Coaching,  
and Support Services for 1 Mom for a Year!)**

**\$200**

**(Can provide a Free Pregnancy test &  
Life Coaching for 1 Mom!)**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Pastors' Gathering & Luncheon

Thursday, January 19

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

At: TLC Pregnancy Services  
825 Dundee Ave.  
Elgin, IL 60120

### Sanctity of Life Sunday Sunday, January 15 or 22

*What will your church do?*

(Call TLC for speakers,  
resources or fundraising ideas  
to save babies!)

### Bowling for Babies

Saturday, Feb. 18

Noon - 3 p.m.

At: Streamwood Bowl  
1232 E. Irving Park Rd.,  
Streamwood, IL

### Spring Banquet

Thursday, April 27

Speaker: Scott Klusendorf,  
Pro-Life Speaker & Debater  
Program begins at 7 pm

At: The Seville  
700 S. Barrington Rd.  
Streamwood, IL 60107



## Thoughts from the Director

by Vivian Maly,  
Executive Director



*Merry Christmas!*

Christmastime is here once again, surrounding us with glitz and sparkle at every turn. The time flies by as we shop at our favorite stores to find the perfect gift for friends and loved ones, and spend hours in the kitchen preparing favorite holiday treats! It is so easy to wear ourselves down planning and preparing for the perfect Christmas. Yet, despite all of our efforts, most of us “miss the mark” when it comes to celebrating the real meaning of this spectacular event.

What occurred to me last week during my devotional time was the paradox of this all! This great and awesome Savior—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords - showed himself to be glorious not because of any glitz and glamor he was born into as King, but because of the humility of his birth and his life. He came not to be served, but to serve, and “to seek and to save the lost”(Luke 19:10); “...He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death, even death on the cross!” (Phil. 2:8). The devotional goes on to read, **“He showed himself to be Lordly not through powerful armies and a gleaming throne, but through the beautiful dignity of ‘self-giving love’”** (even forgiving His torturers when He was being crucified), instead of “self-serving love”- a concept saturating our world today. **The Son of God gave up His throne in heaven so that he could serve mankind and save them through his agonizing, sacrificial death on the cross.** He was this amazing King who only did what his father told him to do.

**At TLC/ Life Choices Medical, we are not here to soak up glory for ourselves, but to serve the hurting, lost and lonely. We are here to follow in the footsteps of our Lord, to be His hands and feet.** Many times I end our prayer times with our staff with, **“Thank you Lord; it’s a privilege and honor to serve the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords!”** All of this we need to ponder as we humble ourselves and prepare our hearts for our coming King this Christmas.



*A bright star led the shepherds and wise men to the lowly trough in the stable where the animals fed. The heavenly hosts were singing “Glory to God in the highest and peace, good will toward men!” (Luke 2:14)*

## Medical Corner

### Doctors Know Best. Really???

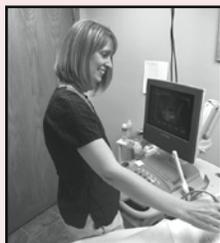
by Ruth Feldmann, R.D.M.S.



This story is about a client, sharing her pregnancy story with a friend. Our client is part of the Life Choices client family and had her initial pregnancy test and ultrasound done on our mobile unit. As always, we discussed a healthy lifestyle in pregnancy, and also had the chance to share the Gospel with her and give her a Bible. She was very moved by our attractive little brochure, “Father’s Love Letter”, which details some of the many promises in the Bible of God’s love and tender care for His children.

We lost track of this young lady for many months as she didn’t respond to our calls. But she did attend our moms’ classes and I was finally able to catch up with her again just a few months ago when she came in to pick up her baby’s pictures that were taken by Vivian. She told me that at 5 months she was told the baby had some very severe abnormalities. Her doctor and the specialists all encouraged her to have an abortion. She refused and continued on with the pregnancy. Again at 7 months pregnant, she was offered the “opportunity” to abort, and again she refused.

And now she has an adorable baby son. My client said she met up with a friend one day and her friend talked about a mutual acquaintance that was pregnant with a baby with the same disabilities. However, this young lady listened to the doctors and had the abortion. My client said that she showed off her baby to her friend and said, “I am content, and we are dealing with his needs.”



### Touching Generations for Christ

by Michelle Benson, R.N. (Schaumburg location)

Last week I had the privilege of talking to a client who came to our clinic to determine if she was pregnant. She shared with me that she was married and had 2 other children, but was so overwhelmed right now with her children and her life, that she didn’t think she could have another baby right now. I encouraged and counseled the client about her options and the pros and cons of each of her choices. We were able to have a good discussion on the differences between adoption and abortion and the positives of adoption. I was also able to help the client think about all the support she had in her life from her parents, her husband, who was willing to help her, and some friends.

The client allowed me to share the Gospel with her and I had the opportunity to let her know that Jesus loved her. One of the things that I gave to her was a Wordless Book Bracelet and a pamphlet that clearly presented the Gospel and explained what each of the colors on the bracelet meant. The client left that appointment encouraged, but still unsure of what decision she was going to make about the pregnancy.

She returned a week later for an ultrasound and brought her husband and 6-year-old daughter with her. She informed me with a big smile on her face that she and her husband had decided to keep and parent the baby. She then had her 6-year-old come over and show me what was on her wrist. I was so surprised and excited when she pulled up her sleeve and there was the Wordless Bracelet. Her Mom then told me that she had given it to her and had read her the story about what it meant, and that her daughter had worn it every day since then!

## A Client Story

by Cathy Robertson

A woman came to the Elgin clinic with her fiancé and their son to request a pregnancy test. She said she wasn't sure what she would decide if the test were positive. The pregnancy test was performed and positive results were explained to the couple. She allowed me to share information about the development of the baby and about maintaining a healthy lifestyle during pregnancy. She asked questions about abortion and we provided brochures detailing accurate medical information about abortion procedures, side effects, and the importance of making a well-informed decision.

An ultrasound was offered at the same visit. They welcomed the ultrasound and we were able to show them their baby and their baby's beating heart! Afterwards, with their permission, I shared the Gospel and offered a Bible. They accepted the Bible saying, "We need all the help we can get."

Follow-up phone calls were made, but we were unable to reach them. After a few weeks, she contacted us through our text message system. A second ultrasound was performed to confirm the viability of the pregnancy and we watched a very active baby during the ultrasound. The gift of life had clearly been chosen for this unborn baby!

Each and every life is so important to us and to God. We are thankful for the answered prayer for the life of this unborn baby.



Ruth, TLC sonographer (on left) and Cathy, staff RN at work!

## Memorials

A gift has been given to TLC Pregnancy Services in honor of the following individuals:

In memory of Freida Afrens

Given by:

John & Sharon Piepmeier

Leo E. Severson

Lois August

Gerald & Cathleen Pelletier

Ida Millard

Pastor Phil & Cathy Carter

Don & Barb Birchfield

Judith A. Sharkey

Lawrence & Marjorie Toelle

Carol Sue M. Nett

Gregg & Laurie Johnson

Kurt & Barbara Schwingle

Raymond H. Carter

Vivian Maly

4 Anonymous Donors



In memory of Nancy Franklin

Given by:

Stu & Kathy Eckhaus

Dave Topolewski's Co-Workers on the Aegis Modernization Team

Vivian Maly

Anonymous Donor

## Moving On With Our Mobile Unit

*By Jan DeFily, R.D.M.S.*

We see people from all walks of life. Although their stories are different, their needs are the same - to love and to be loved. Most need to know the love of the Father. That is what we are doing here at TLC, showing the love of the Father. Without judgment we tell them about God and His plan for their lives. We tell them how important they are to Him, and how much He loves their unborn child.



This particular client was one of the fortunate ones. She was with her boyfriend and they were so excited about having a baby. The first appointment was typical; we did a pregnancy test and an ultrasound. Unfortunately she was too early in her pregnancy to see a heartbeat. They were a little concerned, but I assured them that it would be unusual this early in their pregnancy to see the heartbeat. They were still concerned.

A couple of weeks later they came back for their second ultrasound. How overjoyed they were when they saw their baby's beating heart. He kissed her forehead as they saw their unborn baby for the first time! (What a privilege.) They stated they plan on getting married and will have to move to a bigger place.

About a month later, I received a beautiful letter. The letter thanked my advocate and me for being so loving and caring. She said we made them feel like family. We are making a difference out there. Letting people see and know the love of the Father.

## TLC PREGNANCY SERVICES WISH LIST

### GIFTS FOR GREATEST IMPACT:

- Sam's gift cards for gas for the mobile ultrasound unit
- Meijer & Jewel gift cards for supplies for the center
- Large packages of paper towels or toilet paper

### OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- New outfits, sleepers, or onesies, 0-3 months, boys or girls
- Neutral colored baby blankets (yellow, mint green, white, etc.)
- Baby wash
- Diapers - especially sizes 1, 3 & 4
- Diaper bags



### OPPORTUNITIES TO OFFER GIFTS & TALENTS:

- Volunteers to help with remodeling interior of Mobile Unit – flooring, countertops, etc.
- Volunteers for mailings

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Meeting with Jesus

*By Vivian Maly*

Shortly after Thanksgiving, I took a short-term mission trip to the Dominican Republic along with several other pregnancy resource center directors from around the country. This country located next to Haiti, has a serious problem with abortion along with human trafficking.

The trip was led by Mike Williams of "Cups of Cold Water Ministries" who has been serving the poor of the Dominican Republic for years through connections with an orphanage, a pregnancy resource center and a feeding program there. Through the generosity of dear friends who helped to make this trip possible, I experienced a moving time visiting the pregnancy center that operates under the leadership of missionary family Jose and Coralla Bohorquez. The couple not only provide free pregnancy service, but also job skills training for the very poor clients they serve. We were introduced to the pregnancy center's work and met with and heard testimonies by the staff and one of the clients. I, along with other pregnancy center representatives, brought various supplies and resources to this center.

Later we visited a poor, remote village that had suffered severe rain damage. We ministered to these impoverished people by bringing small bags of food and praying for them. We also visited the men, women and children who were living in a garbage dump, and prayed for them and brought the tangible love of Christ by means of food and water. Our last night was spent praying and ministering to the women and children being trafficked along a strip of bars.

Wherever we went, we met Jesus in the faces of the poor and many times hopeless (trafficked) women and children, remembering Jesus' words, "...inasmuch as you did to the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40).



*The Directors from the U.S. hearing about the Dominican Pregnancy Center.*



*Vivian with Jose & Coralla of the Dominican Pregnancy Center.*



*The staff at the Dominican Pregnancy Center.*



*Through the generosity of supporters, we were able to provide Thanksgiving dinners for some of our moms and their families.*



*Vivian had an opportunity to pray with this woman and her family in the flooded, remote village.*



## Prayer Needed!



As was mentioned in our last newsletter, Illinois SB1564 was signed by Governor Bruce Rauner on July 29th of this year. **This bill would require all medical professionals and pregnancy resource centers providing even limited medical services (such as ours) in the state of Illinois to violate their conscience and refer their patients for abortion and discuss the “benefits” of abortion. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2017. We are praying for a possible injunction which would stop the state from enforcing this bill until the trial verdict has been made.**

Noel Sterett of the Chicago law firm, Mauck & Baker along with ADF (Alliance Defending Freedom) of which they are an affiliate, is representing TLC/Life Choices Medical and other pregnancy centers around northern Illinois to oppose this very oppressive bill. SB1564 is a violation of our rights as citizens which are protected by the Free Exercise of Religion Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and also violates the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

**Please pray for this case and that the above bill would be stopped, also please pray for wisdom, protection, and favor for our attorney, Noel Sterett,** our “knight in shining armor”, as I have called him in the past. God gave us the victory a few years ago with Noel and Mauck & Baker’s help, when we were fighting for our right to freely operate our mobile unit in the City of Elgin. We know that God is with us now and will again give us the victory in this case!

*“He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise against me”. (Psalm 18:48)*



## Leave a Legacy for Life



Have you ever considered including stocks, bonds and other securities or property for TLC Pregnancy Services in your estate planning? **Estate planning is the way to continue your life’s work. You can leave a “Legacy of Life” by designating “TLC Pregnancy Services” as a beneficiary.** In this way, the giving will be caring about children and the future of children; you can remember them in your will or trust with estate planning.

Or TLC can be a beneficiary of an IRA or retirement account. This type of giving would come to our ministry tax-free.

Gifts of appreciated assets, like stocks, make a wonderful gift to TLC. **You pay no capital gains tax when you transfer the stock and you receive an income tax deduction for its full market value.**

Don’t cancel life insurance that you no longer need. By naming TLC Pregnancy Services as the beneficiary, you will provide financial support and may qualify for a tax deduction. Contact your insurance agent.

Does your employer match gifts? Many do! Ask your employer if they have a matching gift program.

If you have some extra time and would like to help out with our mobile unit or at our Schaumburg location please consider the following needs:

- ◆ Female volunteer on Mobile Unit (MU) every other Wednesday morning 9-1
- ◆ Nurse to do ultrasounds in our Schaumburg office Fridays 9-1 (after training at our Elgin location)
- ◆ Back-up drivers male or female who are comfortable driving our MU (no special license required)
- ◆ Male or female who is mechanically minded to help keep our MU in good running condition

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Anyone interested in assisting in these time slots, please call Ruth Feldmann at our Life Choices clinic (847) 289-1245 for more information.



*“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”  
(Isaiah 9:6)*

*The staff of TLC Pregnancy Services wishes you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Not pictured: Cathy Robertson, RN, Michelle Benson, RN, Jan DeFily, RDMS and Rose Sweeton*

# God's Gifts in 2016

*(Some of the babies born to moms who visited our clinic)*

Leo	Parker	Fabian	Christian	Aribella
Josiah	Kabrey	Naline	Arja	
Elena	Lorelei	Addison	Dayline	Everly Rose
Nana	Jax	Ismael	Julie	Eaton
Aitana	Michelle	Melanie	Mozar	Aiden
Kiyah	Xander		Godric	Sophia
Tamara	Elizabeth Gail			

Dario	Diana	La'Naya	Myla	Leonardo
Greyson	Sofia	Tyler	Jaylin	Easton
Leo	Crystal	Haniz	Azaira	Eliana
Abigail	Alexander	Brandon	Emilo	Kalani
Everret	Melanie	Dennis	Natalia	Jamari
Jahnyla	Sophia	Morgan	Paul	Ivan
Aileen	Serenity	Lea	Adrian	Christian
Liam	Giovanni	Isabella	Natalia	Alexander
Giovanni	Noah	Giovanni	Grace	Isabella
Sofia	Joden	Joanna	Tyra	Jorge Luis
Angel	Angelica	Aribella	Ariana	Remy
Jaquis	Chloe	Nalani	Adam	Liliana
Xavier	Ezequiel	Dahmoni	Mateo	Dominick
Connor	Dillan	Jayden	Alder	Ava Rose
Emanuel	Isabella	Stevia	Melanie	Cain
Andres	Elijah	Zeban	Aliyah	Adan
Uliver	Jonathan	Aviana	Emelia	Jaycaim
Keiri	Joanna	Omega	Alison	Hadassah
Alexis	Briana	Emma	Quelia	Leonardo
	Christan	Grace	Diana	