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Prayer Spotlight Focused Prayer

Even a pinch of salt can be the difference between a good dish and an excellent one!

Anonymous



Give Today in Honor/Memory of Someone You Love

A Life Story

She had been referred to DPC last fall. Sick with extreme morning sickness and diagnosed with COVID-19, her job was put on hold and her resources were running dry. We stepped in with assistance towards rent. Now, over nine months later, having weathered a difficult pregnancy, her baby had been born prematurely and required oxygen. Job, relationships, goals were collapsing around her. No infant care was available, especially for an infant on oxygen. No one seemed ready or willing to assist.

I drove out to her house. Sitting on her porch on a hot June afternoon I listened to what had transpired between last fall and this summer. Her story had not improved, with the exception that she now cradled what held her complete, focused attention, her baby.

When I walked away that afternoon, with the promise that DPC would cover some of her accumulating bills, I asked the frequent question in my life as I work in this ministry - Where are the pro-life people after the baby is born?

It is my business to know about abortion. Our mailbox is stuffed with materials from anti-abortion groups. Not a single piece of information or literature addresses our responsibility *after* the baby is born. It is easy to be anti-abortion. It is challenging, demanding, inconvenient, messy to be *for* life. To be involved without an agenda. To commit to caring for an infant so a single mom can get back to work. To opening one's home for housing without worrying about their "history." To pay bills without expecting something in return. To avoid giving advice that has not been asked for. To not think about "being used." To be fully present. To walk along side, experiencing life from a different perspective. To trust that God is at work; you are merely a conduit.

Walking beside our clients I have learned what it means to be courageous, resilient, determined, weak, sorrowful, joyful, thankful. Have I had disappointments? Yes! But the amazing moments have far outranked them. I am FOR LIFE because life begins at conception and keeps on going until death and companions are needed along the way.

Last week our young mom called with excitement that doors were opening to clean houses and she was going to start her own business. DPC will probably assist with some of those expenses because if we want a woman to "keep a life" then it follows that we are required to help that same woman "have a life" for she and her baby.



From the Executive Director

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything . . . Matthew 5:13







