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# The Story of Sage Elizabeth

**Sage Elizabeth is one of over 100 babies saved from abortion during the first year of Project LPPPA.**

Project Love Prayer and Persistent Political Action is now on its second year. During its first year, over 100 babies were saved from abortion thru the efforts of those who are willing to spend time at the gate of the Tiller Abortion Chamber in Wichita, Kansas. This is a story of one of the babies who was saved.

When Sage Elizabeth was an unborn child, about four months gestation, her mother's doctor, in Hutchinson, Kansas, found a blood clot in her umbilical cord.

The medical solution amounted to a death warrant for little Sage Elizabeth. The doctor referred Sage's mother, Andrea, to Abortionist Tiller in Wichita.



On December 2, 2004, in the early afternoon, Andrea showed up at the Tiller Abortion Chamber for the scheduled abortion. However, when she arrived at the gate, she was greeted by two KCFL volunteers, Terry Read and Anna Wood. They tried to talk Andrea out of having the abortion.



Anna Wood, at the gate of the Tiller abortion facility during the winter of 2004-5, praying, and offering help to abortion-bound clients.

Andrea lied to Terry and Anna, telling them that she was only there to have a blood clot removed, and then went inside the abortion chamber.

However, before going in, Andrea noticed the little white crosses that were placed around the building. She knew that these crosses represented babies that were killed at this facility, and that made her feel uneasy.

Nevertheless, Andrea proceeded in through security and completed the paperwork in preparation for an abortion.

Outside of the fortress-like abortion chamber, the ProLife volunteers prayed for a miracle, as they do every day.

Andrea had come to Wichita with two girl friends, but neither of them were aware that Andrea was here for an abortion. As they waited for Andrea, they began talking with the ProLife volunteers. Terry gave them a booklet which showed some revolting images of what goes on inside of the Tiller Abortion Chamber.

When Andrea's friends discovered that she was here for an abortion, one of them, Billie, tried to go inside, in an attempt to coax Andrea out. However, Tiller's security guard, Carl Sweeny, would not let her see or talk to Andrea.

Upset that Andrea had mis-stated her reasons for coming to Wichita, Billie and Andrea's other friend went back to Hutchinson without Andrea, because neither of them wanted anything to do with an abortion.

But while waiting to have her abortion, Andrea was having second thoughts. She knew that in a matter of minutes, that it would be her turn; and that once her baby was dead, that there would be no changing her mind. She came to the realization that if she stayed in the abortion chamber, that one of the little white Crosses would represent her child. Andrea said that she could not bear the thought of that.

Andrea reports that she asked herself; *"What am I doing here?"* She wanted to leave, but she did not expect what happened next.

As she tried to leave, Tiller's security guard, Carl Sweeny, forced her to stay.

He spoke angrily to her, and forced her to go back and sit down again. He would not let her leave the building no matter what she said! He conferred with the office Manager, JoAnn Armentrout, but neither she nor Carl would give Andrea permission to leave.



Abortionist Tiller's Security Guard, Carl Sweeny, is washing sidewalk chalk off of the public sidewalk where ProLife volunteers often leave chalk messages for would-be clients of the Tiller abortion facility. The application of sidewalk chalk is NOT against City of Wichita ordinances.

For over thirty minutes, Andrea was detained against her will in the Tiller Abortion Chamber. Finally, seeing that she was firm in her decision not to have the abortion, Andrea was required to sign some forms that forbade her from speaking to anyone at the gate, and from revealing anything that she had seen inside of the Abortion Chamber to anyone on the outside.

To gain her freedom, Andrea signed the papers only to find that her friends had already left for Hutchinson without her.

Seeking help, Andrea approached Terry Read, who took her to a courtesy phone at a nearby car dealership. There, Andrea called her boyfriend.

Andrea's boyfriend, Nick, however, refused to come and get her, unless she went back into Tiller's and had the abortion. At that point, Terry called me, Mark Gietzen, and asked me to come and get Andrea.

By the time I got there at 3:05 pm Andrea was emotionally distraught, but she was still trying to reason with her boyfriend on the telephone.

She had no success, and "Yes, please" she needed a ride to Hutchinson.

## **Never Blame the Mother.**

As we drove to Hutchinson, not a word was said about the events of the afternoon. Soon, Andrea settled down and shared a bit of her life with me.

To start with, when Andrea was three years old, her mother was murdered in Tulsa, Oklahoma on the day that her mother graduated from college. The case has never been solved.

Andrea had met her father only four or five times in her entire life, and he died in 2002, with Alcohol and Drugs being contributing factors.

Her mother's mother raised Andrea in the small town of Cushing, Oklahoma. Andrea moved to Hutchinson some years ago, but was very alone in this world. She was dependent on her fiancé, Nick, with no close family members to turn to for support.

Andrea was living with Nick and Nick's mother. Money was in short supply.

When I dropped her off in Hutchinson, I told Andrea that we would do anything on earth to help her, and that she should not consider abortion, as it would only lead to a life of regret. She said that she understood, and she thanked me for helping her.

The next morning, to my surprise, Andrea's friend, Billie, called to thank me for bringing Andrea home, and she explained Andrea's difficult situation in more detail. Over the next few months Billie did everything that she could to help Andrea keep her baby.

Because of pressures from people around her, Andrea agreed to put her baby up for adoption. A nice couple from Topeka was selected to be the adoptive parents. However, as the time grew near for Sage to be born, Andrea knew that she would not be able to let her baby go.

On April 5, 2005, at 7:55 am, Sage was born. She weighed only five pounds, due in part to the blood clot in her umbilical cord, but also due to being born early. However, little Sage is perfectly formed and perfectly healthy. No problems whatsoever!

On June 17, 2005, Billie and Andrea invited me to come to Hutchinson to meet the baby, and to take pictures to share with all of the volunteers who work at Tiller's gate.

This invitation was a surprise to me, because most women who change their mind about having an abortion are very private about their story. In many cases family members, co-workers and friends may not even be aware that an abortion was ever being considered.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day, I met little Sage Elizabeth, and the experience was awesome. All of the work on Project LPPPA of the past year and a half suddenly seemed to be the best investment in time and resources that I had ever made in my life.



Like the Biblical one-in-ten that comes back to say *"Thank You"*, Andrea wants everyone who is involved in volunteer work at Tiller's gate, to know that she appreciates their efforts. This photo was taken by Billie, in a park in Hutchinson.

Nick, who in December demanded that Andrea have an abortion, now has taken a shine to his daughter. In fact, now it is hard for anyone to imagine that only a few months ago, Sage was scheduled for a painful death.

It was God who saved Sage Elizabeth, not any person or group. However, it is only when we allow God to work through us that great things happen.

If Sage was the only save, Project LPPPA would be well worth it; but she is one of over 100 babies saved. Anyone interested in Project LPPPA should call Mark, 316-522-8866. ###