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Baby Saved by a Picture; Family Thankful

On a Wednesday afternoon at 12:20 pm, on February 7, 2007, KCFL volunteers, Donna Lampkin and Rick Moss were on-site at the Tiller abortion facility, when a young couple in a brown van with Kansas "Temporary" tags approached Tiller's driveway from the north, intending to go into Tiller's parking lot.

Rick was at the driveway holding a sign directing abortion-bound clients toward the proLife Choices Medical Clinic next door; and the van was successfully redirected there.

However after parking, instead of going into Choices Medical Clinic, the young couple began walking back toward Tiller's building, intending to go in for an early-term abortion. The lady was seven weeks pregnant.

While walking the short distance between Choices Medical Clinic, and Tiller's parking lot, the couple stopped on the sidewalk to look at the large aborted-baby picture on the side of the Truth-truck.



Dale Weldy and the Truth-truck, as seen from the vantage point of the couple who were so shocked that they did not enter the Tiller abortion facility.

The young couple was reported to be visibly moved by the picture. They stopped walking just to view it. As they conversed with each other, they intermittently looked at the Truth-truck with obvious concern.

Donna approached them, and engaged them in conversation. She was able to talk them into going to Choices Medical Clinic *"...to check them out, before going to Tiller's"*.

In her conversation with them, Donna learned that this couple already has four children, and that they were being pressured, or actually "forced" into having an abortion by extended family members. It all had to do with their financial situation. The gentleman had been out of work for a long time due to an injury; however, he is now back at work, but is seriously behind on bills.

Donna escorted the young couple into Choices Medical Clinic, where they both stayed inside for over an hour.

Dale Weldy was the next scheduled on-site volunteer. Shortly after 2:pm, the young man, James, came out of Choices Medical Clinic and talked at length with Dale, while his wife, Francisca, remained inside viewing a video and talking with a counselor.

James told Dale that there was no fetal medical problem, and that they wanted this child. However, they were about to be evicted from their duplex, because they were behind on paying their rent.

Francisca's Mom had money to help, but she was unwilling to do so, unless Francisca had an abortion first. Furthermore, she would pay for the abortion.

In other words, the Grandmother of the unborn child was going to pay Tiller to kill her own grandchild, (*against the Mother's will*), as a pre-condition to helping her daughter's family pay their rent.

Donna, Richard and Dale each called, me, Mark Gietzen, urging KCFL to offer direct financial help in this case. In fact Donna, not knowing what the KCFL financial situation was at that time, had already told Francisca that we would help them with money. However, it was the right thing to say.

<< UPDATE 2007-Feb-8; Thursday AM >>



I had an interesting hour-long phone conversation with Francisca.

The first thing that I learned was that we need more signs on the Truth-truck, front and back, because Francisca and James did not even notice the Truth-truck until they were walking on the sidewalk between Choices Medical Clinic and Tillers.

"When we first noticed that abortion picture on that truck, we were shocked!" Francisca said.

Both Francisca and James were raised Catholic, and both attended Catholic grade schools in Wichita, but are now attending a Protestant church ...one that is NOT ProLife.

From their Catholic upbringing, they are both basically against abortion, but faced with an ultimatum from the grandmother, they went along with her demands, and were about to kill the youngest member of their family, for lack of a suitable alternative plan.

Francisca was left with two choices: (a) Keep the baby and have her family out on the street or in a public shelter, OR, (b) have the abortion now, and her Mom would help pay the rent so that they would not face eviction from their home.

Francisca considered abortion to be the lesser of two bad choices for her family ...but that was before she saw the picture of the aborted baby on the side of the Truth-truck.

Neither Francisca nor James had ever seen a photo of an aborted baby before, in their entire life!

Francisca said; *"When I saw that picture, I knew immediately that I could not go through with an abortion!"*

She also said that when Donna held out the possibility of financial help *"...that it really made a difference in my decision not to go into the abortion place."* She said that everything that she learned at Choices Medical Clinic only reinforced her decision NOT to go through with the abortion, once Donna had offered to help with the rent. She was glad that I had called to follow-up.

Francisca was also very thankful and appreciative that the volunteers and the Truth-truck were there on-site. She had kind words for the people inside Choices Medical Clinic, particularly the one named, Tammy.

Even though she is a mother of four other children, ages 9, 8, 6, and 1, Francisca said that she had no idea that an abortion kills a baby that is already formed and alive!

"I am so glad that we found out about it BEFORE we went through with it!" Francisca said.

She added; *"I kept thinking last night; what would I have done if I found out about this AFTER I already had the abortion?"*



Francisca said that on the Sunday before last, she wanted to make an announcement in her Church, to tell the congregation that she was pregnant. She was hoping to get some emotional support, encouragement, and maybe, by some chance, some financial help from her friends at church.

Unfortunately, she was prevented from making the announcement in the way that she wanted, and the news of her pregnancy was taken very negatively by most of the people in her church. Instead of being happy about her pregnancy, she was told that she was being irresponsible, by having another child when they were having difficulty taking care of the ones that they already have.

Francisca said that it was not only her Mom who insisted that she have an abortion, but everyone around her, except for her husband, James. James never thought that an abortion was a good idea, and when he saw the Truth-truck he was even more opposed to it.

In that phone conversation, Francisca would not stop saying, "THANK YOU!"

Every KCFL volunteer, and every Choices Medical Clinic volunteer, should know that they have been severely thanked by this young mother!

Although KCFL did not immediately have the money to cover their rent, I promised Francisca that we would raise the money, and that we would simply not let her family be evicted from their home.

Furthermore, I told Francisca that our offer of help is "long-term". It extends to beyond the day that the baby is born, and ends only when our help is no longer needed, even if that is 18 years from now!

NOTE: When KCFL offers direct financial assistance, we do so in a prudent and non-bureaucratic manner. We are very careful not to fund bad habits, substance abuse, or laziness. We offer help that is truly needed in those situations where other social services do not reach.

<< UPDATE 2007-Feb-9; Friday Morning >>
Francisca called at about 11:00 am, just wanting re-assurance that we had not forgotten about her situation. Their landlord needs \$595, by Sunday afternoon, or they face eviction on Monday morning. I told her that we are trying to raise the money, and that one way or another; we will do it!

It was suggested by some people whom I called asking for a donation, that "CENTER OF HOPE" would help in a situation like this.

I had already contacted CENTER OF HOPE on Thursday but could only leave a recorded message. I was not able to talk to anyone in-person.

On Friday afternoon, George, of CENTER OF HOPE called, and was sympathetic to the problems that Francisca's family is facing. Unfortunately, they will not be able to help immediately. They have an application process which includes paperwork and an interview, and it takes a few days or weeks to arrange for help.

CENTER OF HOPE may be able to help us long-term, but the immediate need for help remains.

Unfortunately, because everyone, including myself, thought that CENTER OF HOPE was coming to the rescue, all KCFL direct fundraising efforts came to a stand-still yesterday. So far, only \$150 has been raised to help Francisca and her family avoid eviction.



<<UPDATE 2007-Feb-10; Saturday-Noon >>
Francisca had to go to the hospital yesterday, but everything checked out fine. She heard the heart-beat of her baby on a monitor at Wesley Hospital. She is still nervous about her rent situation, and is counting on us to come through with the money. I assured her again that we would.

<< UPDATE 2007-Feb-11; Sunday >>
Knowing that James & Francisca had no intention of returning to the church that had encouraged them to kill their youngest child, I invited them to come to Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church, in South Wichita, with me this morning. They gladly accepted.

My intention was to introduce them to Rev. Father Stuchlik, one of two KCFL Spiritual Advisors, before Mass, such that he could give them advice and encouragement about keeping their unborn child.

However, due to being held up by a slow train on Pawnee Street on their way to church, James, Francisca and the children arrived just as Mass was beginning. Father Stuchlik was already at the altar, and had no idea that they were present in the congregation. This led to a very delicate occurrence.

After the Homily, Father Stuchlik told the congregation about this "Confirmed Save", at the Tiller's abortion facility, having read the above Incident Report on the Internet. Then, without knowing that James and Francisca were sitting five pews in front of him, he made some very bold comments about the situation and about abortion in general.

Fortunately, James & Francisca agreed with every word that Father said, even though it was not flattering commentary. In fact, they appreciated his strong proLife stand.

During Mass, I slipped a note to Father, and at the end of Mass, Father announced that James and Francisca were present. He invited anyone who cared to do so, to make a financial contribution directly to them. Several people did.

Then, after Mass, Father talked directly to James and Francisca. Holding Francisca's hand, Father told her that he knows that God has a special plan for her unborn child; *"...or all this that has happened this week would not have occurred!"* He urged them to take special care of this baby because not only will this child bring them much joy and pleasure, but this child is destined to be a very important person in the lives of many people in the future, so much so, Father said; *"that the world would not be the same without THIS precious child and future adult!"*

Father Stuchlik has a way of putting a lump in the throat, and a tear in the eye, of his listeners. He left Francisca feeling like her responsibility for the next seven months has a lot in common with the job that God once gave the Blessed Virgin Mary ...who was also short of money.

After the meeting with Father, I gave James the check for their rent, and invited him and his family out for a meal at Pizza Hut.

We had a nice conversation, and I told them about the above Incident Report. After the meal, we came to my home, where James and Francisca proof-read the above Incident Report.



James, Francisca and their wonderful family with me at Pizza Hut.

Two corrections, incorporated herein, were made, and are noted in the more detailed report on the Internet at: www.kcfl.net.

They noted that the vehicle they are driving has a temporary tag because it is a borrowed vehicle. Their van has a transmission problem that is going to cost \$2,400 to repair.

<< UPDATE 2007-Feb-15; Thursday PM >>
KCFL volunteer, Carolyn Moshier, who takes a morning shift at Tiller's gate, donated a beautiful couch and love seat to James and Francisca. This evening, my son, Greg and I delivered the furniture to them in the Truth-truck. They have a fine home in West Wichita, and the addition of this beautiful furniture set is a perfect addition to an already nice home.

<< UPDATE 2007-Mar-24; Saturday AM >>
Francisca had her sonogram this week as scheduled. The baby, now 13 weeks old, is growing fine, and has a strong heartbeat.

Some KCFL volunteers have asked about doing a baby shower for Francisca. In fact, one is currently being planned.

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