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The Unexpected

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Saturday September 14, 2013 began just like any other Saturday. It was my day to volunteer again in the Maternity Resource Center based at Immanuel Baptist Church. Each opportunity I have to volunteer, I pray that God will give me the words to say and the help I need to best meet the needs of the clients. Little did I know that I would see one of my favorite verses, Ephesians 3:20 come to life in many different ways for the client and me.

A mentor to the ladies in Maryhaven Rehabilitation Centers brings clients in to the MRC often and today was not any different until I met a new mother with a 3-week-old daughter, who she was unsure she wanted to keep. I didn't know her story, but knew she was shy, quiet, and withdrawn. She had nothing for her daughter's newborn needs and needed help. I began our usual paperwork, guidelines and general information about the Center and then asked her what large item, if any, she needed. She was very quick to say, "A diaper bag is the only large item I need." I kind of laughed inside and replied, "No, I mean like a bassinet or pack n play." I explained how diaper bags are normal items that we receive to give away and are not considered large. I told her that we may not even have a diaper bag today, but have many other items and she only re-emphasized that she needed a diaper bag.

Before going into the center, I had the opportunity to share my salvation testimony with her and without much eye contact she mentioned her past church experience. Not knowing much of her story, I explained how we were alike in many ways and sin every day and that God is not mad at you, but mad about you. He loves you more than you will ever know. We prayed together and headed into the center.

She found a few items for her daughter, but not a diaper bag. She did take a Bible that I previously offered her, we hugged and she went on her way. I could not stop thinking about my daughter Sara, and how blessed she was just a few short years ago with the birth of her son. I ended up sharing the client's story with Sara and she would have loved to give up some of her diaper bags if only she knew beforehand. How could one person receive so much and one person have nothing?

The next day as I was sitting in church, I was led to text Sara, my daughter, (and yes text in church!) and asked her if she wanted to visit the client in Maryhaven and take some items to her. Sara, given the gift of mercy, replied "yes." Our visit to Maryhaven was sweet and an abundant blessing for all three of us. And we left the client with a diaper bag and many matching accessories to be able to take care of her daughter. My daughter, Sara and I left with a restored relationship that had been rocky and difficult the previous year. This experience was truly a gift from God. I can only imagine what is to come.

Maternity Resource
Center Statistics
JAN-OCT 2013

God continually brings many
clients to the
Maternity Resource Center

- New Clients- 309
- Returning Visits- 473
- Total Client Visits- 782
- Large Items Given-121
- Salvation Decisions-21



Prayer and Praise

The one thing everyone can do is pray. Please reference the requests below as your remember us when you pray.

- PRAISE that there have been 21 salvations this year
- PRAISE for the amount of donations we have received for the MRC
- PRAISE that the Appreciation Breakfast was a success and a blessing
- Pray for the upcoming colder months for our clients in the MRC
- Pray for the board as we plan for the year 2014 and changes that need to be made
- Pray for the finances of BFLCO so that we can still minister to our community



Billboard Ministry

Congratulations Kaylie Mullins!



The Billboard pictured at the left was the winning billboard, created by Kaylie Mullen during Baptist for Life's Billboard Contest. This was one of many ideas that Kaylie created. There were so many excellent ideas that we had to vote and unfortunately could only pick one. However, we will keep the others in mind for the future. Thank you, Kaylie.



Kaylie Mullen is a 10th grade student at Grove City High School. While in school she loves her French class and enjoys drawing, free writing and taking pictures. In her time away from school she volunteers at the Franklin County Dog Shelter and loves every minute of it. She also spends time babysitting. She is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church Youth Group and has a passion for teen girls. She hopes someday to be a youth leader or a counselor to show and teach them how important it is to just be yourself. She is very

creative and designed the above billboard for one reason only. She wanted teens to know that there are other options to abortion. Many teens are unable to take care of their unplanned child and she wanted them to realize that adoption can provide the baby with a loving family and a prepared home.

The billboard was up for a month starting October 21st. Keep your eyes peeled for future billboards to be displayed in Columbus.

Maternity Resource Center

Acknowledging the wonderful men and women who volunteer!

On Saturday, November 2nd, Baptist for Life hosted the annual Maternity Resource Center Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. Several of our volunteers gathered together for a time of fellowship and training. The morning started with a delicious breakfast all cooked and baked by the BFLCO board members. Then the volunteers enjoyed time connecting and sharing stories of personal life and experiences in the MRC. Following fellowship, a panel of three workers informed the rest of the volunteers how they share their hearts and Christ with the clients that enter into the center. Several techniques and verses were shared to encourage the

volunteers to love the clients as Christ loves each of them. Everyone is commanded to share Christ and each volunteer was reminded of how important it is for Christ's love to be displayed. And Christ's love has been displayed each week that the clients walk through the door. So far this year there have been 21 salvation decisions. Pray that the volunteers are able to follow-up with the clients and encourage them. The breakfast ended with gifts for each volunteer, a group photo and prayer. Thank you again to all our faithful volunteers!



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Sanctity of Human Life Sunday



Since 1983, Americans have observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday as a day to celebrate ALL human life. This upcoming year, 2014 will be no different. Each January SOHLS falls on the Sunday closest to the day when Roe V. Wade was passed on January 22, 1973. This year we will recognize SOHLS January 19th. What a great opportunity for all of US to get involved. How can you do just that?

1. Pray
2. Promote Life ALL year long
3. Volunteer in the Maternity Resource Center
4. Give money to help support the MRC
5. Find areas in your community to promote life
6. Encourage your church to hold a special service
7. Hold a baby bottle drive
8. Use facebook or other networking to promote life and encourage others to do so as well.
9. Volunteer in a nursing home
10. Spend time with the homeless
11. Volunteer at a soup kitchen
12. Hold a canned food drive

There are so many opportunities to promote life. Just remember that the Sanctity of Human Life should be celebrated all year long. Pray that others will as well.

Community Rewards

Want to help in a simple way? Do you shop at Kroger or Meijer? If so, you can!

Request a Meijer1 card or link your Kroger Plus Card to have a portion of what you spend given to BFLCO.

Go to the following Websites to apply:

KROGER-Enroll using # 91595
http://www.kroger.com/community/Pages/community_rewards.aspx

MEIJER-Enroll using # 697030
http://www.meijer.com/mcr/choose_card.jsp

How Can You Help?

The monthly partner program allows you to provide funds that will be used to purchase items for mothers and their children

_____ \$15.00 a month can purchase needed items for one baby

_____ \$25.00 a month can provide needed items for an expectant mother & her baby

_____ \$50.00 provides furniture for babies

_____ \$100.00 monthly meets clothing and furniture needs for an entire family

_____ I can help with a one time donation of \$ _____

Yes! I can make a difference by giving each month.

Name _____

Address _____

Please make all checks payable to BFLCO and mail to
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For questions about donating clothing, blankets or other baby items contact

Email - give@bflco.org

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