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“An educational group for pro-life nurses”

Clinic Confirmed Baby Survived Abortion, Offered to Kill Her Again. Her Mom Refused: “God Preserved Her”

By Gayle Irwin

When “Lisa,” a 25-year-old woman, called Crossroads Care Center in Auburn Hills, Michigan, in the fall of 2015, she felt like she was out of time, out of options, and destined to endure the remaining stages of an abortion she already regretted.

A week earlier at a nearby abortion business, Lisa had ingested mifepristone—the first of two pills in the chemical “abortion pill” regimen, meant to end the life of her preborn child. She had even taken the second pill in the regimen (misoprostol) to induce labor, but the contractions never came.

Lisa felt something was going drastically wrong.

In a follow-up appointment at the abortion business, Lisa told the clinic staff about her symptoms, and they confirmed via ultrasound that the chemical abortion had failed and her baby was still alive.

From there, abortion workers gave Lisa two “options”: they could finish the abortion via surgery or make another attempt at a chemical abortion.

“She chose neither of those,” Tracey Fish, a physician assistant who works with Crossroads Care Center, said. “She wanted to keep her child, but they didn’t offer her that option. So, she called us, wondering if we could help her.”

Calling during off-hours, Lisa—who’d been to Crossroads while she was still trying to decide whether or not to keep her baby—reached Tim Stickel, the center’s executive director, who happened to be in the office.

Crossroads then connected Lisa with a high-risk ob-gyn for emergency treatment, and for care during the rest of her pregnancy. In the meantime, Stickel, Fish and others spent precious hours in prayer, mentorship and biblical counseling with Lisa and the father of her baby—both during and after pregnancy.

In the spring of 2016, Lisa gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

“It was God who preserved her,” Stickel said. “We’ve never cried more and prayed more for somebody. It was an emotional roller coaster. There was a huge time investment, but it was only after God had done His work of preserving this child.”

As Stickel and his team at Crossroads—which serves over 200 clients each month—watched Lisa change her mind and successfully rescue her baby from an in-progress abortion, they began exploring new ways to help women like her.

Starting this March, Crossroads is joining the Abortion Pill Reversal Network—over 350 medical providers that are equipped to rescue babies from abortion with the Abortion Pill Reversal protocol.

Well over 400 mothers have successfully rescued their babies through Abortion Pill Reversal since 2007, when two doctors pioneered the life-saving treatment—an emergency injection and follow-up schedule of progesterone treatments that have been used to prevent miscarriage since the 1950s. For Stickel, as well as Fish, the decision to join the network has been an easy one, especially after watching Lisa rescue her child.

“We want to open up opportunities for women to have options if they change their mind,” Fish said.

Note: Gayle Irwin writes for *PregnancyHelpNews*.

—Excerpt from *LifeNews.com*, January 11, 2018



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Our Purpose:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development

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From the President

Dear Colleagues

As you can see from the copy of our newsletter that you hold in your hand, we are changing the frequency of delivery. We hope that we will be able to report items of interest in a more timely fashion by increasing the frequency of the newsletter, even if the content is a little less. We will also try to address a variety of current, pro-life nursing-related articles in upcoming newsletters.

Our goal is to continue to be a source of information and support for the pro-life nurse. We realize that many of our members are retired from active nursing, but as I have frequently said, a nurse is never not a nurse. We have a desire to help where we can and keep up-to-date on new issues in nursing.

One thing we would like to mention is that area pregnancy help centers are always in need of volunteers who can help explain the wonderful experiences of pregnancy and delivery to their clients. Some centers actually go into school communities and offer classes on human sexuality. One in particular, Crossroads Care Center, offers such classes and also offers STD testing and is beginning to explore abortion-reversal to interested clients. Our knowledge and expertise in these areas is always welcome.

If you need a list of centers where your abilities would be welcomed, either call the MNFL office, **248-816-8489**, or go to **MNFL.org** to our website or the website for the Educational Center for Life, **edcenterforlife.org** or the website for Right to Life - LIFESPAN, **milifespan.org**. All three of these organizations have great information to share.

We know that health care professionals are still being required to assist with abortions or euthanasia or face job loss. President Trump promised the American people that his administration would vigorously uphold the rights of conscience and religious freedom. That promise is being kept. On the eve of the March for Life, January 18, the administration took steps to end the war on conscience rights. HHS announced a new Conscience and Religious Freedom Division in HHS's Office of Civil Rights (OCR). There, the government will work to protect Americans' beliefs, not punish them. Don't misconstrue this statement as partisan politics. It is simply a matter of social justice.

Most people become nurses because of an underlying desire to help others. We hope that this newsletter will serve as a means of helping you be a clear, steady and unremitting voice for women in distress, their babies and those facing difficult decisions at the end of life.

Love Life!
Diane Trombley



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE!

If you haven't remitted,
please do so now.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Meet Giselle, the Latest Baby Rescued by Abortion Pill Reversal



By the time Giselle entered the world in early December, she arrived fully equipped with her own protective detail of three older brothers. They're old enough to know their sister is a precious addition to their family, but they're years away from understanding just how priceless she is.

What Giselle's brothers will learn in time was that their mother, Samantha, was left high and dry by Giselle's father and turned to a chemical abortion pill as what she felt was her only way forward.

Then, almost as soon as Samantha had taken the first of two chemical abortion pills—which ends a baby's life in utero ahead of the second and final pill, inducing labor—she changed her mind and reached out to the Abortion Pill Reversal hotline (1-877-558-0333) for help.

Through the hotline, Samantha was connected to one of 350 providers in the nationwide Abortion Pill Reversal network trained in a life-saving protocol that starts with an emergency injection of progesterone used since the 1950s to prevent miscarriages.

Samantha's daughter, Giselle, was born December 1, 2017—an event celebrated all month by Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Attleboro, Massachusetts, where Samantha had learned about the life-saving option before going in for her abortion appointment.

"For those who have been following along with the story of Sam, and the miracle of Abortion Pill Reversal, we are so excited to introduce her little girl, Giselle," the pregnancy center posted in early December. "Born Friday, December 1st at 2:00 p.m. 6 lb 3oz, 18-3/4 in. Both mom and baby are in perfect health and doing wonderfully. And her three older brothers are completely smitten with their new sister. Please send this beautiful family prayers as they begin their journey with a new bundle of joy!"

—Excerpt from *Pregnancy Help News*, December 28, 2017
<https://pregnancyhelpnews.com/meet-giselle-the-latest-baby-rescued-by-abortion-pill-reversal>

Protocol for Abortion Pill Reversal

Dr. George Delgado, MD, FAAFP established a protocol for the use of progesterone as an inhibitor of the effects of mifepristone, to be used when a woman changes her mind about a medical abortion that has been started.

Delgado reports that as of December 2014, the method used by him and his associates has a 57% success rate. Of the 223 women who have used his method, 157 succeed in carrying their children to term, are awaiting delivery or were those "lost to contact" after 20 weeks in the study.

The fact sheet noted that all of the babies were "normal at birth."

Frequently Asked Questions

What Do I Need To Do?

Call our hotline: **877-558-0333**. Our on-call nurse will ask you some basic questions to see if reversal is possible. The nurse will then connect you with a doctor or medical provider in your area to start treatment, if that is your choice.

What Is the Treatment to Reverse Abortion Pill?

An ultrasound will be done as soon as possible to confirm if your baby is still alive. The doctor or other medical provider will prescribe progesterone, which will be given by injection in the gluteus ("butt") muscle, by mouth or by vagina. The treatment will continue through your 1st trimester of pregnancy.

APR Foundational Principles Abortionpillreversal.com

- 1) It is reasonable and appropriate to respect a woman's right to choose to reverse a medical induced abortion.
- 2) A woman should never be coerced into starting or continuing an abortion.
- 3) Human beings are valuable and should be protected at all stages of their development.
- 4) Mifepristone does not significantly increase the chances of birth defects. Reversing a mifepristone medical abortion is within reasonable medical practice.
- 5) Progesterone has been safely used in pregnancy for over 40 years.

—The above is a compilation of information from *Medscape* and Dr. Delgado.

**REGRET TAKING THE ABORTION PILL?
TALK WITH A HOTLINE NURSE NOW**

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 14 – March 25

www.40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns

END OF LIFE? QUESTIONS / ANSWERS

February 20

Speaker: Fr. Peter Ryan
St. Anastasia Catholic Church, Room B
RSVP: khouseman@stanastasia.org

PLANNING SESSION FOR MNFL SEMINAR

February 21

248-816-8489

CROSSROADS BENEFIT LUNCHEON AND DINNER

March 2

Speaker: Rick Santorum
248-293-0070 x 107

RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN BABY SHOWERS

March 11

Held at churches in the Metro Detroit Area
734-514-0162

RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER

May 8

Speaker: Jeff Allen
248-816-1546

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION

June 28 – 30

Overland Park, Kansas
nrlconvention.com



National Association of Pro-Life Nurses

announces the **February 15** deadline for applications to this year's \$1,000 scholarship. Interested applicants can find all the necessary information on their website at nursesforlife.org.