

Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center

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Sharing From Shellie

Hallelujah!!! Winter is gone! Song of Solomon 2:11-13a says " **Look, the winter is past, and the rains are over and gone. The flowers are springing up, the season of singing birds has come, and the cooing of turtledoves fills the air. The fig trees are forming young fruit, and the fragrant grapevines are blossoming.** Can you hear the excitement in Solomon's voice? I feel the same way about spring and fresh life. Again I say, "Hallelujah!"

Since our last visit, we have had two wonderful events. The first was "The Woman At The Well" with Tammy Rude. What a wonderful performance! Afterward she shared her story of abortion and the life she led for 10 years before she was willing to accept God's healing. We were all so moved by the evidence of God's grace! It was tangible in her honesty and courage to share her story with us. If you visit her website, <http://notminebutgodssstory.blogspot.com>, you will be blessed by her candid honesty as well as her humble joy. It is so difficult to look at this raw and painful part of your life and to believe there is help for such a deep and seemingly permanent wound. But I have seen healed post-abortive women, and they glow! They are free and hopeful! ***In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free. Psalm 118:5.*** Please, if you are living in the captivity of your past abortion, come to EMPCC. You will be greeted with caring hope and respect, and you won't be alone!

The second event was the Cheri Keaggy concert on April 24 at the Canton High School. Thank you to all who came for an enjoyable evening of Praise and Worship. I especially want to thank Canton High School for their hospitality and the area churches for providing the beautiful refreshments. YUM!!

Since our last visit together, I have had the privilege and honor to be invited to speak to various health classes and youth groups about sexually transmitted diseases and protecting one's sexual integrity. Often I read and hear the follow up response, "I didn't know that." I am so thankful for the opportunity to share with them, but I ask that you join me in prayer that the media swamp we all live in does not drown out the

warning! There have also been several groups of teens studying Chip Ingram's "Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships." You will see a letter from one of those group leaders in this newsletter. Today, a young mother is stopping by to start the study as well. God is so good to provide these opportunities! If you belong to a youth group, church group, or civic organization that would like a speaker for your weekly or monthly meeting, we would love to share with you what EMPCC has to offer with regard to protecting sexual integrity and the respect for Sanctity of Life. Please call 570.673.4476 to set up a time.

Recently, twice in the same week actually, I received "compliments" from two women, both whom I love so much (and it's a good thing!). We were discussing how sometimes the Message of the Gospel is met with resistance by those who are quite hardened by life's situations. They each told me (in love, of course) that I resemble a plow. Now, you have to have a very secure relationship with a 50 something woman to call her a plow! But they went on to explain that a plow has to do the hard work of disrupting and turning over hard soil that has been in place for a very long time. It is necessary for it to be softened up enough to receive the seeds in order to grow something. Well, that means I am in very good company with the volunteers at EMPCC! Together we make up a fleet of plows and seed planters. Sometimes the mothers that come to the Centers have had some very tough times. But hopefully, by the time they get to know us a little better, the Holy Spirit has softened them so they are ready to receive the "seeds" and start to grow. For the sake of Christ, I know we are all complimented to be "plows."

Finally, I wish to say "thank you" to all who read this newsletter for your prayer, material, and financial support. EMPCC is God's ministry and requires the faithfulness of His people who serve Him. That's all of us! ***"Jesus, it is with grateful hearts that we thank You for the opportunity to join you in this precious work with parents and babies. AMEN!"***

Always thankful,

Shellie Gerould

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A Greater Vision

When I first came to the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center (EMPCC) as a volunteer, I had a vision for a center in the Sayre/Athens area. As I became more familiar with my new surroundings, it became clear that the best thing would be an ultrasound facility somewhere near the Guthrie Clinic in Sayre. This project would require not only a great deal of money, but also several people who shared this vision and are willing to work and sacrifice for it. Needless to say, the vision became quite blurred behind the activities of everyday life.

More than three years have passed since I had this "vision" for an ultrasound center. A few months ago after speaking at a church on behalf of EMPCC, I was approached by a physician who offered to be of assistance with an ultrasound center "if we ever wanted one." Now, there is something you all need to understand. In my Christian walk, I have been known to run ahead of God. Sometimes my prayer is, "Oh, God, this is what I want to do! Come with me, Lord, and hurry!" This time I asked that I would not do this, but LISTEN and follow His Leading. Well, He has given me much to listen to since then! It seems that a week does not go by but someone asks if we have an ultrasound.

At this point, an ultrasound center is merely a vision. If it is to become reality, it will entail an enormous

amount of prayer. It also will require a group of God-loving people with expertise and time to invest in a fact-finding mission to determine what is involved in opening a medical facility, i.e., an ultrasound clinic.

So, here is our plea. Will you join us in prayer for guidance and obedience to God's plan for this possible new endeavor of an ultrasound center? I would like to see several groups around the tri-county area who will agree to have regular prayer meetings for this possible endeavor.

If you feel led to contribute to this project in any way, please pray about it and then contact me. If you have any other comments or services to offer, your input is always welcome. I believe that God has brought this project to us "for such a time as this." It is so exciting to watch and pray as we give glory and honor to God as he gives us a much clearer vision!!

Proverbs 29:18a Where there is no vision, the people perish.

In His Service,

Shellie Gerould

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How You Can Help!

While you may not be able to volunteer on a regular basis at one of our Centers, there are many ways you can be a vital part of EMPCC. Here are a few:

- ✓ Have a diaper shower for our babies at your next Bible Study or meeting.
- ✓ Carry EMPCC business cards or brochures to distribute.
- ✓ Print the 2010 Prayer Calendar from the website and use it!
- ✓ Hang up EMPCC Posters.
- ✓ Collect funds for car seats, pack-n-plays, etc.
- ✓ Volunteer for shifts at local fair events (some training required)

Board of Directors

Denny Vermilya, President

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Evan Barnes, Secretary

Bev Unruh, Treasurer

Ron Carmichael

Shellie Gerould, Director

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

16th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament

Hole-in-One on Hole 4 wins a

PEBBLE BEACH GOLF VACATION!

All players receive \$50 gift card for store4golfers.com.

TOWANDA COUNTRY CLUB

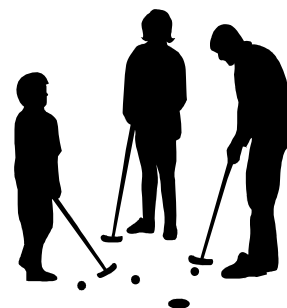
RT 6 - TOWANDA, PA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

12:00 SHOTGUN START: CAPTAIN & CREW

Rain or Shine

Appropriate Golf Attire & Soft Spikes Required



Prizes given in three flights. (1st, 2nd, & 3rd places.)

Nine teams will win prizes!

\$80 REGISTRATION FEE FOR NON-CLUB MEMBERS

\$60 REGISTRATION FOR TCC MEMBERS

INCLUDES: GREEN FEES, CART, BUFFET DINNER & PRIZES

For more information, please call 570-673-4476 or 800-326-009953.

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Praises & Prayer Requests

- ✓ Pray regularly for abortion-minded and abortion vulnerable women
- ✓ Pray for post-abortion mothers and fathers.
- ✓ Pray for EMPCC volunteers, current and future.
- ✓ PRAISE for donors of money, goods, and services.
- ✓ PRAISE for Volunteers!
- ✓ Pray for abortionists that their hearts will be pierced and eyes will be opened! (Acts 2:36-38)
- ✓ Pray for the 2010 EMPCC Golf tournament on June 23.
- ✓ Pray for the Troy Fair Outreach July 26-31, 2010.
- ✓ Pray for 2010 EMPCC Banquet September 25, 2010.

Material Needs

- ✓ Crib/bassinet sheets
- ✓ Baby Towels
- ✓ Socks 12 months to 2T
- ✓ Diapers/wipes/diaper cream
- ✓ Toiletries for Mom
- ✓ Nursing pads
- ✓ Bassinets/Pack N Plays
- ✓ Crib mattresses (no used cribs please)
- ✓ Car seats (please check expiration dates)
- ✓ Christian Children's books/DVDs

Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships

DVD Study with Chip Ingram

My friend and I have been leading a youth and young adult Bible study for some time now and we were excited to have the materials for this study available to us. We knew this topic would be a challenge to cover with a coed group of teenagers, but we decided to go for it anyway. We met once a week for ten weeks and were all rewarded by Chip Ingram's great teaching on an important subject. For several sessions we separated the girls and guys for discussion time so we could get into more personal subjects. The study consisted of a DVD session of Chip teaching, followed by several discussion questions on anything from "how far is too far" to "what things do you need to change in your life". The session ended with homework to apply what we had learned through the session that day.

Here is what some of the participants learned through the session: Leah, age 13, and Justin, age 17 ½, said they learned to not use Hollywood's method for doing relationships; instead, use God's formula. This topic covered two sessions and was based on how everyone around us does relationships: finding the right person, falling in love, fixing your hopes and dreams on the person, and breaking up; it contrasted this with how God says we should do the relationships to avoid the heartbreak-being the right person, walking in love, and fixing your hope on God.

Nathan, age 19, said he was excited to learn more and wanted to be a part of the second sexual revolution. This revolution is based on a different way to think about sexuality: that it is sacred and serious; a different way to attract the opposite sex: by inward character, outward modesty, and upward devotion; and how to relate to the opposite sex: as a friend, family member,

and fellow followers in Christ.

Abigail, age 12, said she liked the way the difference between love and infatuation was explained. Chip spent several sessions talking about the difference and how to know whether you are in love or infatuated. I also enjoyed these sessions, especially since he gave a test with questions to ask yourself when you are in a relationship to find if you are in love or are infatuated.

Gabriel, age 17, said he learned, "despite what all the images and ideas of society tell us, being a virgin is not weird, it is one of the wisest decisions you could make". Chip stressed purity for everyone; even those who have messed up; everyone can have a chance to start over, to start from this moment on to be pure.

Tommy, age 17, said he learned that you need all three types of love and that spending time with your wife could mean more to her than anything else. Chip talked about the difference between Eros, Phileo, and Agape love. Everyone needs to experience all of these, but relationships should not be based on Eros love-need love- but rather, Phileo- best friend love- and Agape-fellow believers in Christ love.

All of us through this study walked away with many good points and we all have a different perspective of how to do relationships. We all want to be a part of the second sexual revolution, and would like to spread the word to others so that they, too, can do relationships the right way, have less heartbreak, and have true, lasting marriage and sex.

Heidi Kelsch

Recap of Events

Woman At The Well

On March 20 EMPCC sponsored a dramatic presentation of "A Woman At The Well" by Tammy Rude. What a performance! She also shared her post-abortive testimony and how God never gave up on her. She now serves the Lord by helping other post abortive women heal. You may read her story (God's Story) at <http://notminebutgodsstory.blogspot.com>.

We would also like to thank Val Bolinger for donating her time and superb singing abilities on that day. Thank you to all of the ladies who came on that beautiful Saturday morning.

Cheri Keaggy Concert

On April 17 Cheri Keaggy provided a concert for us at the Canton High School. We thank her very much for a pleasant evening. We also thank everyone who came to enjoy the concert, as well as the Canton area churches for providing the free refreshments. Each one of you is a blessing!

CHANGE!!!!

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“Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships”

by Chip Ingram.

This is a 10-session DVD series that shows us how to build solid, long-lasting relationships God's way versus Hollywood's way. Please call 673.4476 if you or your group would like to participate with us.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A very special THANK YOU to Bradco Printers for donating their printing services for the newsletter! We extend our sincere appreciation for their generous support of EMPCC!

SAVE THE DATE!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
ENDLESS MOUNTAINS
PREGNANCY CARE CENTER
ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

WHERE: NEW LIFE CHURCH
RT. 14 CANTON, PA

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

This year's banquet promises to be a most interesting and inspirational time. We will hear from a gentleman who has recently been speaking out concerning the argument, "I am almost 100% percent pro-life except in the case of rape or incest." You see, he was conceived in rape and has made some very insightful and interesting observations. He has recently joined a worldwide group of beautiful people with similar beginnings, and has so much inspiration to share. We will also hear from a woman who is post abortive. She is willing to share with us God's grace and healing in her life with the sincere hope that others can experience such healing as well. Come to hear of the exciting things God has done at EMPCC in the past year, and learn of the prayers we have for the future.

The dinner will be catered by Fran Martin and is free! We will be soliciting business, churches, and individual sponsors to cover the banquet expenses. There will be an appeal for pledges and donations to support this important local mission that serves our local residents in the fight for LIFE!



Jamie Swartzentruber represented EMPCC at the Health Fair on Saturday, May 8 at the Manley-Bohlayer Farm. She had a great time showing the Miracle Of Life video and handing out info to all participants. Thanks, Jamie!

How Can I Help the EMPCC?

Please identify the areas which you feel you can bless the ministry of your Pregnancy Care Center!

I will pray and intercede for the Center, staff & board

I will pledge \$_____ per month / year

I am willing to serve on the Board

I will make a one-time pledge of \$_____

I am willing to be a Volunteer Counselor

I am willing to be an EMPCC church representative

I will arrange for a Presentation about EMPCC

I will donate: Supplies _____ Repair Work _____

Other _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please prayerfully consider the suggestions above to see if you are able and willing to support the growing EMPCC ministry. If you have not responded earlier this year with a pledge and/or the various support activities, please do now. Fill out the above form and mail to the EMPCC, P.O. Box 42, Canton, PA 17724

WE HAVE A TROY FAIR BOOTH!

You may remember that the Bradford County Pennsylvanians for Human Life has kindly hosted us at the Troy Fair the last 3 years. This year EMPCC has its own booth at the Troy Fair which runs July 26-31. It is not clear where it will be at this point, but please be sure to find us! We will need volunteers to help staff the booth. This will require a training session at least one week before the fair. Ladies, if you are interested in helping with this project for a few hours, please call 673.4467. While you are visiting the Fair, be sure to pay a visit to the BCPHL booth to say "hello."