Responding with Compassion

CPLC Ministry Response to COVID Crisis

In the current conditions, the needs of the most vulnerable have become more urgent, particularly in the face of abortion providers insisting on remaining open regardless of state regulations, moms losing their jobs and not able to find basic supplies for their families, and suffering hearts tormented in solitude by the grief and guilt of a past abortion.

Our Frontline Team of sidewalk counselors continue to stand in the gap outside abortion facilities. Amidst the political whiplash from the opening and closing and reopening of facilities, our counselors have been the one constant – offering Christ's love and real help for those in crisis.

Our Project Gabriel Team has been relentless in providing care to the mothers and families we serve. They have found creative solutions in these challenging conditions such as nocontact, material distribution; moving classes and counseling online; and navigating resources to provide critical financial assistance.



Many of our moms have shared what it has meant to have a lifeline at this time:

"I lost my job, but thanks to God through Project Gabriel, I was able to have a roof over my head, things my son needs, things I need. I can never thank them enough."

"Project Gabriel has offered all kinds of help, but what has impacted me the most is the emotional support. I don't have any family here in the DFW. I tend to get depressed and lonely. But ever since I joined Project Gabriel, I have a group of beautiful angels ready to pray for us and help how they can."

Our support and referral network is not only present for these vulnerable mothers and their children, but also for those who are suffering the loss of a child through abortion, often made more acute by the current social isolation.

Our Project Rachel and Joseph Teams are devoted to providing compassionate, helpline support without interruption, and walking with those who are hurting until they can join us safely on retreat. As one woman shared when she reached our helpline:

"I didn't think you would be there.... I have waited a long time to go on this retreat, since I know I need it, and now that I know I am ready.... I thought I was too late. Too late because of the virus... I thought everyone would be gone. You are there!"

In addition to these crisis efforts, our **Education Team** is providing online opportunities for Gospel of Life presentations for our students and families in English and Spanish. In the words of one our educators:

"This is what we have been needing! Thank you! Something to squarely place in our parents' hands! Keep up the good work, you all! Thank you for your beautiful ministry!"

This is all made possible by critical support of our community in this crisis! **1**



Thank You!

We are so grateful to the many ministries and foundations with whom we partner locally, especially in challenging times such as these:

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