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Dear Sustaining Partner,

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you that today I have set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Oh, that you would choose life; that you and your children might live!” (Deut. 30:19 TLB)

God is very serious about life—in fact, He is so serious that He made a way for each of us to participate in His eternal Kingdom. From Genesis to Revelation God, through His inspired WORD, we find out He has provided Jesus, who is LIFE. We are encouraged to choose life through Jesus, enjoy and protect all children and share the truth—Life IS sacred no matter what anyone else may say. That someone does not believe truth, does not cause what is true to change. Life IS sacred because God says that is true!

Recently I viewed a YouTube someone sent me of an interview with Virginia Ironside in Great Britain. Ms. Ironside stated, “Any good mother would put a pillow over the face of her suffering child and smother it.” Philosopher, Pete Singer of Princeton University agrees, and in fact goes just a little further. He suggests a family have a 30-day window to decide if they want to take on the responsibility of a baby, AFTER birth. Sadly, our state Senator, Barbara Boxer agrees (Pray before you vote!). In our neighborhood alone are two very busy abortion clinics where none of the staff thinks twice before recommending abortion of the unborn the moment the two lines appear on the pregnancy test strip. I mention just a small segment of our society who do not recognize that to God (and therefore to us!) ALL life is sacred. This belief is the basis for the very foundation of a godly, healthy society.

It used to be enough to be “pro-life”—meaning we disagree with abortion of the unborn. Now, it’s important we talk about “the sanctity of life.” The lives of the elderly, infirm and handicapped are also routinely at great risk. Webster defines abortion as “(3) a plan that is halted before completion.” That’s why I believe it’s a form of abortion when any life is prematurely ended. No matter what the circumstance, God’s WORD instructs us to wait for His appointed time for one to take our final breath. I’m good with that, and I hope you are too.

Because you partner with us, indicates you do agree, but even so do you find that sometimes it’s difficult to explain just why you support the work of YOUR local mission? Do you have friends or family who don’t quite seem to understand why the life of an unborn child is important? Are there “POBs” (Those who are “personally opposed, but...” in your life—people who don’t agree with abortion in general, but choose not to engage the culture with the truth? Invite them to our Annual Fall Gala so they can hear from those of us who do this work why we do it now and what we expect will be the fruit of our labor in the future (Or the consequences for those who allow others to make those choices for them.) To do nothing is to choose default.

We've had people come to the Gala totally unsure about what they believed or why who left knowing without a doubt they'd had an "Ah-Ha" experience. I've never had one person tell me the evening was a waste of time (or money)—in fact just the opposite. I usually get lots of phone calls and notes after the event from people who rave about the food, the program and the ambiance. Given the opportunity, people want to partner with a winner—and that we are!! I know of few organizations that accomplish so much with so few resources. Therefore, this is your opportunity to introduce your friends, family, neighbors and business associates to a winner. Invite them to our 2015 Annual Fall Gala. I'm enclosing some groundwork information. If you want more give us a call. There is no charge for this event, but as you know, there is no free dinner. We ask that everyone come knowing we will extend an invitation to our guests to partner with us for the coming year(s). The deadline to make your reservation(s) is Friday, October 16. John Ensor, Keynote: *"Answering the Call."*

In addition to individual guests and table hosts, we welcome those who would underwrite the event up front, so that funds go back into the ministry. See the enclosure for event details.

We praise God for the privilege to "stand in the gap" for women and families who have nothing and are often alone and lonely. Thank YOU for enabling us to continue to serve at YOUR local mission. It is our privilege to tell people about The God who not only numbers the hairs on our heads and predetermined our days, but also created us in HIS image. Some things are just too unfathomable for words-aren't they?

SEE YOU AT THE GALA ! If you miss the event you can donate on line through our website: www.pregnancyfamily.org.

There IS a place for YOU at Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. Do you sense God is leading you to do more? Come and find out how He will bless you through your involvement!!

For Life!

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