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Life News

EQUIPPING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO LIVE WELL AND VALUE LIFE
abundantly

PLANTING SEEDS

We never know how the day will go when we come to work at ZoeCare. Some days we are able to see women and men who are excited to be pregnant and cannot wait to meet their sweet little one. Those clients, though a minority, are always encouraging for us to see.

Other days, however, can be quite challenging. One day, Erica (not her real name) came into the clinic. She is very independent and is used to being in charge of things in her life. She has been with her partner for about 10 months. She likes him but would never want to have kids with him because he is mentally unstable and “messed up.” Erica realizes she is messed up too. She found herself pregnant, which was never part of her plan. She never wanted to have kids. She was raised in the foster system and never had parents to love her. She was raped as a teenager and saw her friend commit suicide. She does not know what she believes regarding God; she knows “something is out there.” She is seeking.

Erica came into the clinic with her walls up, planning to have the abortion and considering no other alternatives. She was very skeptical of the visit at first. We listened to her story and let her express her needs and feelings, curse words and all. Taking the time to listen to our patients helps us to see them as the Lord sees them. Despite the slurry of curse words coming from her mouth, when hearing Erica’s story, it opened up our hearts to see Erica in a whole new light. Not just a rebellious woman who wants to live in sin, but a person who has had many traumatic events in her life that have caused her to be calloused to the pain around her and in herself. She is a person who, like we all, needs the Lord Jesus. She

*Our struggle is not
against flesh and
blood, but against
the rulers, against
the authorities,
against the powers of
this dark world and
against the spiritual
forces of evil in the
heavenly realms.*

– Ephesians 6:12

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PLANTING SEEDS CONTINUED

needs to see that He loves her and wants to bring freedom to her life. As we know, only He can do that everlasting change in her heart. Meanwhile, we are merely the gardeners and planters, planting seeds of hope and truth into her life for that brief time we are in her life, that only He can grow.

So we started the ultrasound to see how far along she was. She was further along than she was expecting. She was 12 weeks along, not 6 weeks like she thought. As the moving image came up on screen, she saw her baby on the large-screen monitor on the wall. Her eyes enlarged in little saucers, as she scrambled with what to think. Almost on cue, the baby squirmed and appeared to wave at her. We could see she was holding back tears. She was not expecting to see any of this on the ultrasound.

After we finished the ultrasound, she was speechless. Finally, she said, "Wow, a baby's clearly there." She then asked to take the ultrasound pictures with her. She kept looking at them, not quite knowing how to process all the information she was given. She thanked us as she left.

We do not know what Erica decided. Although we try to learn the final decisions of all of our patients, sometimes, all we can do is plant or water a seed and leave the fruit to the Lord. We may never see Erica again nor know the outcome of her decision. But she was able to experience the love of God and see the truth through those ultrasound images. We serve our patients knowing full well that the Lord is sovereign and working in all these situations that come through our doors. "We walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7), and trust the Lord for each day at ZoeCare. This ministry relies on your prayers. ■



MERGER UPDATE: NO

St. Catherine Family Health Clinic officially merged with ZoeCare on April 25, 2022, becoming ZoeCare-Belgrade. With the merger, ZoeCare acquired all of St. Catherine's assets and added two of their board members to ZoeCare's board. So, now what?

When the St. Catherine board approached ZoeCare with the idea of merging in the fall of 2020, their expressed desire was to focus on the main thing, namely, saving pre-born lives, the very thing ZoeCare had spent the last 40+ years doing. As the dust settles and we make plans going forward, that mandate to save lives is at the center of everything we're doing. The Belgrade facility will become an extension of ZoeCare's life-saving ministry.

To do that, we have temporarily shut the doors of the Belgrade clinic while we hire new staff and finish converting the space into ZoeCare-Belgrade. We hit a snag when the primary medical provider at St. Catherine resigned to pursue another

LEAVE A LEGACY

You can help save lives for years to come! Please consider a charitable gift to ZoeCare:

- **Put ZoeCare in your will or trust**
- **Designate ZoeCare as a beneficiary in a retirement fund or life insurance policy**
- **Give the gift of stock**

Your impact on innocent lives can be felt for decades to come! Please call Cindy at (406) 586-9444 to learn how you can *make a difference in the lives of future generations.*



Welcome, Hezekiah Hinkle!

On April 19, 2022, ZoeCare's Marketing Director Kyndall Hinkle welcomed her son Hezekiah into the world. Here they are pictured with her husband Jed and daughter Adelyn. Congratulations!

W THE REAL WORK BEGINS...

opportunity shortly after the merger was finalized. So, we could not keep the doors open without a lapse in services. Our goal is to rebuild the staff in the Belgrade clinic and reopen this summer.

Like many God-ordained dreams, there is some work involved to get there, but we cannot stress enough the doors this merger has opened for expanded ministry in southwest Montana. The possibilities to see more patients in need of ZoeCare's life-affirming services and expand our transformational message of the value of life throughout our communities are very exciting. We are on the cusp of a new era of ministry.

Plans are underway to create a boutique in Belgrade for new moms, stocked with baby clothes, diapers, car seats, strollers and other items to help struggling new mommas. There will be new mentoring spaces and new comfortable



coaching rooms. And the strategic location in Belgrade will provide an important jumping-off point for many of our existing programs: 45North, Embrace Grace, Abortion Aftercare, and others.

We look forward to what the Lord leads us in and ask that you do the same. There are exciting times ahead that we can all be a part of. Let's see how God will use us and this important ministry! ■

ARE YOU READY FOR LIFE AFTER ROE V. WADE?

The repeal of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that federally protected a woman's decision to abort her child, has long been the target of pro-life Christians in this country. We are closer now than perhaps we ever have been to seeing it overturned. But what does that mean for Christians in southwest Montana? Is the church ready? Are *you* ready?

ZoeCare wants to help you get ready.

Our *Cultivating a Culture of Life* training is a free 2 1/2 hour informational meeting to help equip the church to meet the needs of pregnant women in their midst. The training goes over abortion stats, why women chose abortion, and what each of us can do to prevent pre-born babies from being aborted. The fate of the

"If abortion became illegal today, the church would not be ready."

– Amy Ford, Founder & CEO of Embrace Grace

pre-born is not up to Washington, D.C.; it's up to us. If you would like to take this training, or would like to learn more, please go to www.safeharborchurch.us or call (406) 586-9444.

If we are serious about saving lives, the church already has the ability to end most abortions in southwest Montana.

Let's get ready!

PRAYER NEEDS

Thank you for praying for this ministry. We experience answered prayer every day. Here are some specific needs we have:

- 1. Open Job Positions** - We are in need of the right staff and volunteers to provide ministry at ZoeCare-Belgrade, as well as extend Bozeman's capabilities. Please pray that God would send the right people to fill these positions. (To see ZoeCare's job openings, visit www.friendsofzoecare.org/about/ and click on Job Openings.)
- 2. ZoeCare-Belgrade** - ZoeCare is poised to make an important impact in the Gallatin Valley by offering our medical and parental support services in Belgrade. This is a work in progress that requires God's grace at every step. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on this process as we open our Belgrade branch.
- 3. Our Patients** - Times are hard for many of our patients. More and more of our patients are tempted to abort their child. Please pray that the Lord would meet their needs, give them hope to be parents, and pave the path toward life for their pre-born child.



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