



Dear Friends,

Tea came to our office for help regarding an abortion. With 3 living children, 3 abortions and 3 miscarriages, Tea was only 29 years old and this was her 10th pregnancy. She had tried IUD, implanon, the depo-provera shot and the patch to prevent pregnancy, but her behavior had not changed. She tended to choose abusive boyfriends one of whom caused one of her miscarriages due to beatings. She seemed on the road to self-destruction and her self-esteem was very low.

Fortunately God had placed at her side a good friend who had scheduled the appointment and brought her to us hoping Tea would not abort her baby.

Tea was determined to obtain an abortion but, because of her friend, was also willing to “hear us out.” We carefully reviewed the baby’s development and addressed her need to focus on her self-care, suggesting abstinence as a lifestyle instead of her unhealthy behaviors. We reviewed the risks of abortion, and she was amazed. No one had described the risks and possible side-effects to her before her 3 abortions. She then agreed to watch a video about the abortion procedure itself and could only ask why nobody had shown her this before as she would never have aborted her babies!

Tea needed a lot of help including high risk prenatal care, clothing for herself and her children and financial assistance with her rent. We kept in close contact with Tea who let us know she was expecting a little boy. At 22 ½ weeks she delivered her son weighing only 1 pound and 3 ounces. She kept in touch with her counselor who assured her of our prayers.

Tea called the day her baby died peacefully resting in her arms at only 11 days old. She cried and expressed her gratitude that he had died peacefully in her arms instead of violently through a gruesome abortion procedure and how blessed she felt to have known him no matter how briefly. Thankfully one day they will meet again.

In the Love of Jesus, Lord of Life, and Mary, Mother of All,