



# The Mercy Messenger

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## Answered Prayer?

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One Sunday evening after leaving Mass and returning to my car I discovered a message on my cell phone. A man was looking for help. His wife was scheduled for an abortion in a few days and he was hoping I could help them.

He shared that they had been married for several years, and had a couple children. In recent months he had been involved in sinful behavior that he very much regretted. He was already working to correct the problem, but his sins hurt his wife *so much* that she would not listen to him...she wanted him *to leave*...she did not want *his* child.



He had received sacramental confession, but the consequences of his sin had set in motion a set of circumstances that he would not be able to control. This woman's family of origin was supporting her decision

to abort, and she would not speak with me, her mind was made up.

I immediately turned to the 'Praise and Prayer' email group to begin praying for this little family in crisis. I was edified as people responded...telling me they had passed the prayer request on...and what offering and sacrifices they were making for this situation.

This young man was so grateful for the prayers being offered with him for his family. We kept in touch... he needed someone to talk to...I reassured him to trust God. When he called after she had carried out

her 'poor choice', I could only tell him... "we can not understand why... except that God has given us free will...He allows *us* to choose."

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And I told him to continue to trust God, we would continue to pray for his family. He was very touched by all the prayer support! I hope Godly men will support him in the days ahead. That he may not lose hope, but cling to Christ and trust Him.

The story is not over yet...we must continue to pray and trust. "All things work for the good...for those who love God." This young man certainly loves God, and I hope with all my heart that the suffering they will experience as a result of these 'poor choices' will bring them to a closer relationship with one another and with Our Lord, Jesus Christ, as it did for me. I am certain that *my great sin* and the consequence of pain and suffering that followed was the source of my salvation.

I am so grateful for all of your prayers...there were over a hundred from the 'Praise and Prayer' email group praying, and members of our parish were also praying for this family. I believe that God has a plan that will be for their good, and His glory. We may never see the outcome, but it doesn't matter. Because God answers prayer...in His time, and for our greater good! For His Mercy endures forever!



If you would like to receive the *Praise and Prayer* email...sign up on page 3.

## Healing Hidden Hurts

Recovery Ministry for Women

How it began...how you can help

by Debbie Miller

**Healing Hidden Hurts** began in 1999 after many years of prayer and discernment.

In 1977 I had an abortion and because of denial, I suffered in silence for ten years not realizing the abortion was the cause of my pain. When I reached a point where I had impulses to commit suicide I remembered God, and when I turned to Him, He came immediately.

A few years later I attended a **Christ Renews His Parish** weekend for women and it changed my life. After my conversion I felt compelled to help protect women and their unborn babies from abortion because I knew how they would be hurt.

I went to the abortion mills to pray for them. I would see the women going in and would feel overcome with great sadness, because I knew their lives would never be the same. They had no idea what they were getting themselves into, and how much they would regret this choice one-day.

After a period of time, I realized the Lord was calling me into post-abortion ministry. My own abortion and recovery experience would offer hope to women. I could understand their pain and with loving compassion and the Grace of God lead them through the 10-step recovery process.

Since I began doing ministry I have discovered that abortion recovery is really a life-long process. That is why it's so important that the message reach women that abortion is a life-changing, traumatic event.

Four thousand women a day are falling for the lie our society promotes...that abortion is birth control. That it is a safe, simple procedure that will take care of your problem. Women are often so hurt, broken and devastated after abortion that they cannot speak about their experience for many years, *until* and *if* they find healing. How many souls are lost from abortion?

How can you help? Share the truth that abortion hurts women. Become a stealth healer. Then join us to help pick up the pieces for those who did not hear the message.

## UPCOMING EVENT

### The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasuring Womanhood

**Conference** will be April 28th, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Bring your mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends to share a day unwrapping the truths of your faith about the "*gift of this great treasure which is womanhood.*"

As many of you know I was honored to speak at the first Treasuring Womanhood Conference...and shared my testimony for the first time to a big audience. Last year I had a booth and many of you stopped by to say hello. I was touched that you remembered me. I hope to have a booth again this year, so please come by to say hello, and bring your friends to sign up for the **Mercy Messenger** and pick up some materials. "*You never know when God may use you to share the gift of His Mercy with another.*"

For information about the conference call:

(317) 924-3982 or (317) 888-0873 check out this beautiful website and register online at: [www.indianacatholicwomen.com](http://www.indianacatholicwomen.com)



**Many thanks** for my dear friend **Paul Clarke** who has served as Treasurer since the ministry began in 1999. Paul is a retired banker and has been an encourager, a powerful intercessor, a man of strong faith and wisdom. Paul and Dolores are downsizing and moving to Westfield to be closer to family. Paul is only stepping down from active duty...he offers his continued support and prayers!



### The Mercy Messenger

is the newsletter of Healing Hidden Hurts, Inc., a non-profit, Christian-based, peer ministry offering one-to-one facilitation for women who are ready to begin the process of abortion recovery.

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**(317) 297-7578 all calls confidential**

**(800) 827-1617 toll free**

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*A big Thank you...for all those who donated their time, talent and treasure to get the room ready for ministry in the newly named St. Anthony Providence Center. What a gift you are to these women and to me! So many people contributed that I'm afraid to name in fear of leaving someone out. The room looks lovely and will help to make all feel welcomed and comfortable for years to come. May God bless you all abundantly!*

*Tengo no Tengo (I have I don't have)... is a ministry that donated and delivered furniture for FREE. If interested... contact t.grider@comcast.net or call (317) 891-8088.*

*And thanks too ...for those who support us so faithfully with your monthly pledge of support. Because of you, we can offer a helping hand to women at no charge, and will also be able to offer toll free calls since we receive many calls from outside our area.*

*Thanks to those who promote this program in your parishes, especially in your bulletins. Women call because they read the ad and are prompted by the Holy Spirit to seek the help they need to accept God's Mercy and receive His Healing touch.*

*Please feel free to share my testimony with others...give them a brochure...especially those who may be suffering...or are abortion minded...all calls are confidential!*

## ***HEALING HIDDEN HURTS***

### ***Giving Opportunities Reply Form:***

I would like to be an **intercessory prayer partner** for this ministry. I want to pray that women may be restored and healed through the grace and mercy of God.

I would like to distribute your brochures and newsletter in my area.

I understand that this ministry is non-profit, the **women are not charged** for the help they receive. I would like to help financially so you can continue this important work.

I will commit to \$\_\_\_\_\_ each month for 12 months.

This is a one time gift \$\_\_\_\_\_ .

Name \_\_\_\_\_ - Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Save postage...**no thank you necessary** - All gifts over \$100.00 will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

I would like to receive email updates of Prayer Requests and Praise Reports!

My email address is \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip this form and return it to: *Healing Hidden Hurts \*P.O. Box 532992 \*Indianapolis, IN 46253*

Pray EVERYDAY for those "**wounded by abortion**"!

## ***Praise report for 2007:***

- *The Lord has sent several women seeking...and two have begun the program. I Praise God for the new ministry space, the beautiful women he has sent, and the opportunity to once again witness Him at work!*
- *The people at St. Patrick's in Kokomo were very loving and receptive to my testimony given on the weekend of January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. I noticed many tears as I gave my witness, which shows that the Lord was touching hearts and blessing them with the message of His Mercy.*
- *The people at St. Roch's in Indianapolis on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> were very affirming and kind. I feel the message was well received and many picked up brochures for their bible.*
- *Due to the many calls that are received from outside our area a **toll free number** is now available. Thank you Heavenly Father that women are responding to your message of Mercy!*
- *Our first **Facilitator Retreat** was enjoyed by those who attended, and they expressed the desire to have another one. Although the attendance was small they didn't seem to mind...this was their response. "I loved the closeness and personal touch...." and "It was possible to share on a deeper level." We could have another one perhaps in the spring if there is an interest.*
- *The interview on **Catholic Radio 89.1 FM** went very well. It was nice to hear favorable responses, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share the work of the ministry on the air. May God who loves us so much...penetrate our hearts to heal the brokenhearted!*
- *I am grateful to the Lord for all those "**Praise and Prayer**" intercessors who offered sacrifices and offerings for the 'family' in crisis. May God bless you all abundantly...one hundred fold! "Blessed are the Merciful...for they shall obtain Mercy!"*

**Please consider placing the following advertisement in your Church bulletin...it works!**

Healing Hidden Hurts is a ministry of healing for women wounded by abortion. This is a confidential, one-to-one, 10-step process that brings freedom and peace whether it's been 1 or 30 years. Call Debbie Miller at 317 297-7578 or (800) 827-1617. All calls are confidential; there is no fee.

*I will bless the Lord at all times, His Praise shall continually be in my mouth!*

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