

“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16b, NASB

God hears and answers prayers of his people. It brings great joy when he gives us a glimpse of how He is working in the lives of Care Net clients and their families to accomplish much.

Ken* and Sylvia* are loving Christian parents who brought up their two daughters, Caitlin* and Sarah*, in their Christian faith. But as sometimes happens even in Christian families, Caitlin rebelled and made some poor choices as she went through adolescence.

The seriousness of Caitlin’s rebellion hit home when Ken and Sylvia learned that she was pregnant, planned to abort and already had made an appointment at an abortion clinic for the coming week. Stunned and grieved, Ken and Sylvia met with their pastor for prayer. After encouraging and praying with them, their pastor said, “Let’s leave it in the Lord’s hands.”

Caitlin and her boyfriend arrived at the abortion clinic but never made it inside. Someone who was praying outside the building began talking with them and suggested they go to Care Net instead. They agreed to give it a try.

The teenage couple felt too young to parent and had seen abortion as the only solution. But while meeting with the Care Net counselor, they began to consider the option of adoption. They left with a supply of prenatal vitamins and information about adoption agencies and the different kinds of adoption. Caitlin began seeing her own physician for prenatal care.

The life of an innocent baby—unique, precious, created in the image of God—has been saved. A young woman and her boyfriend have been spared a lifetime of regret. Another couple, longing to hold a child in their arms and hearts, will have their desire fulfilled and provide a loving home for Caitlin’s baby.

We rejoice that Caitlin ended up at Care Net and made a life-affirming decision. We’re grateful for her family’s concern, their pastor’s prayers, the ongoing prayers of our ministry friends and the intervention of the faithful prayer warrior keeping vigil outside the abortion clinic, all of which helped bring about this positive outcome.