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THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS



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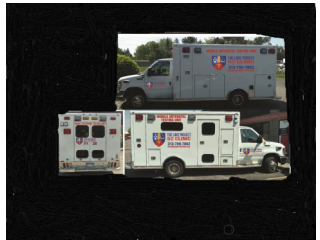
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STORIES FROM THE LUKE CLINIC

Our new mobile antenatal testing unit that you see pictured below was a result of needs that arose because of stories like this. Sarah (not her real name) came to us as a walk in at the clinic and had not had any prenatal care because she had no insurance. We performed an ultrasound and she was dated at 14 weeks 4 days and pregnant with TWINS. Because twins are considered high risk we tried to facilitate for transfer of care to a hospital close to her home. Between April 19 and today we made 3 calls to complete this transfer of care. Each time she was refused because of a lack of insurance so we had no choice but to continue to care for her. On May 23 she had an anatomy scan that was abnormal. Fortunately, a maternal fetal medicine doctor from the U of M, Dr. Jordie Triebwasser, has been volunteering at the clinic and we were able to care for Sarah until her insurance came through effective June 18.

Rosalinda (not her real name) came to us when she was 16 for prenatal care. She had a healthy baby when she was 17, and asked us to baptize her and her baby when she was 18. Her mom died when she was little. Her stepmom died of a drug overdose. Dad has not been supportive and she has shuttled between dad, grandparents, and other relatives. She needed glasses for years, but had none. She wants to get her GED, a job, and provide a better life for her baby. Our social worker provided by Wellspring Lutheran Services, Stephanie, has helped us get her on to a waiting list in their child and family services dept. to equip her with life skills, and housing, educational resources, and employment opportunities to help her prepare for a life of self-sufficiency and independence. The Luke Project 52 Clinic got her glasses. She and her baby were baptized at Living Water Lutheran Church in Whitmore Lake, and she is embarking on a journey filled with hope for the future for her and her baby.

I hope these stories let you know how passionate we are about “saving babies, changing lives, and helping churches”.



In 2017 we had the privilege of baptizing one of our babies and her two sisters, and on May 20 we baptized one of our moms and her new baby. It is part of our mission! We are a great compassion ministry providing free healthcare to any pregnant mom in need, but we are also a great commission ministry that hopes, by the relationships that we build, to share the unconditional love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

News Notes

- We have been invited to present at Grand Rounds of the OB/GYN department of the U of M on Nov. 8
- We are now members of the National Association of Free & Charitable Clinics (NAFC) and the Free Clinics of Michigan (FCOM)
- The graphics on our mobile antenatal testing unit are being done as we speak. We now need a 2nd ultrasound machine and tech to operate it to put it into service. The need is exemplified by our lead story!
- Our 35' Mobile Medical Clinic arrives from TX on June 20. We plan a stocking party at 200 Barker Road in Whitmore Lake on June 22nd or 23rd and the unit will be on display at The Michigan District Convention on the grounds of Concordia University from June 24-26. Stop by and see what God is doing to enable us to “save babies, change lives, and help churches”
- God has answered our prayers for a driver for our new unit. Bob Snead from St. Paul, Trenton, former Navy man and Coke Truck driver will be joining our team.