



MELBOURNE HERE WE COME!

Schools and churches are being visited in Castlemaine and Melbourne between the 10th and the 15th November to establish the Choices of Life schools program in Victoria.

Tasmania and Queensland in 2008!

WEBSITE NEWS WORK ON THE WEBSITE HAS BEGUN!

The website will focus on providing detailed information for schools to encourage young people to make positive life choices.

Can you help us purchase a quality **digital video**

camera and make it possible to capture Australian stories about pregnancy, difficult choices, abortion, etc. to go on the website?



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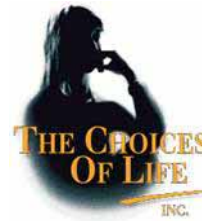
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Choice News

Positive perspectives on Life Events

Summer 2007



Planting the Seeds Making the difference

'Young Australians deserve to know the scientific facts, ethics and attitudes surrounding the commencement of human life.'

Does it really make any difference when I speak to teenagers? Isn't their mind already made up?

This testimony from the teacher, Philippa Burns, at the Terra Sancta College in Western Sydney should convince you that it does make A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

At last years Yr 12 Retreat I was approached by a student who came to apologise for, in her words, offending me with her pro-choice attitudes. I hadn't recalled being personally offended so she clarified what had happened. Apparently she had been very pushy with her opinions in class relating to abortion and had no interest in any alternatives. During your talk you told of some personal stories about people who had been faced with the dilemma of abortion, the choices they had made, and the impact those choices had on their later life. Those stories had 'haunted' her and she

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had continued to ponder the question. Two years later she was completely pro-life and almost felt guilty for ever having any other opinion. She thanked us for giving her the right information that led her to transform her beliefs.

Thanks again for taking the time for your annual visit to our school.

We have such a long association now [about 8 years] and I trust the content of your presentation. As per usual I've been a bit disheartened by the pro-choice attitude of many yr 10 students but I'm looking forward to the turning of the tide after they've heard from you. It has been my experience in the past that many students, once well informed (as per your information), change their opinion and focus on the benefits of a pro-life perspective.

It doesn't really matter to me if they change their mind immediately, but sowing the seeds is what is important as can be seen with this student.

MEDIA WATCH

"Video-Like 4D ultrasounds are changing the abortion debate, says one researcher. Ultrasounds that produce video-quality moving images of the fetus have changed the debate about late-term abortion and is challenging current regulations, an Australian ethics expert says." Check it out on ABC Science Online, 10th October 2007

<http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/2007/2054988.htm>

PS Ultrasound images used in the classroom are changing the minds of the next generation who will debate this issue!

I look forward to introducing you to our current year 10 students and heading them in the right direction.

Female student response:

It opened my eyes to the real situation and now I see abortion in a different way— It has influenced me to make different choice— ..made me think and make choices before regretting something for the rest of your life —it helped me in every way. I would recommend it to my friends.

Male student response:

It showed me that every human person deserves life — Abortion is worse than you think. I realise I have to be careful of the choices I make — I would recommend this program to my friends so they don't ruin their lives.

FOR CHRISTMAS ...



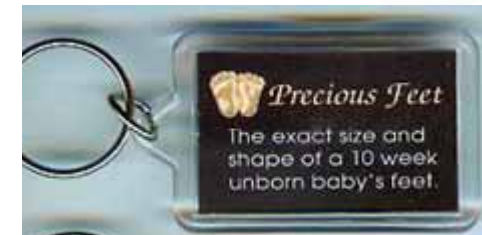
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www.choicesoflife.com.au/resources.html

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me to do for many years. I am happy to work with Bruce as he seeks to inform young people of the value of every human life and the consequences of abortion. I applaud Bruce's commitment to this task, admire his skills in relating to the children and young people about this vital matter and feel privileged that the Lord would have a plan for me to help with this ministry.

"In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death." Proverbs 14:26, 27

WANTED: MORE PRESENTERS LIKE JULIE!



Schools' Diary

- October:** Northcross Christian School, Ryde —Year 6
Cedars Christian College, Unanderra —Years 6 and 10
- November:** Holy Cross Primary, Kincumber —Year 6
St Joseph the Worker Primary, Auburn —Year 6
Tyndale Christian School, Blacktown —Year 6
Sutherland Shire Christian —Years 6, 7 and 11
St Mary Star of the Sea Primary, Hurstville —Year 6
St Patrick's Primary, Wallsend —Year 6
Olivet Christian School, Castlemaine (Victoria)
Heathdale Christian College, Melbourne TBC
St Peter and St Paul's Primary, Goulburn —Year 6
Southern Highlands Christian, Bowral — Years 6 and 10
- December:** Tangara School for Girls, Cherrybrook —Years 6, 9, 11

MEET JULIE JORDAN PRESENTER IN TRAINING My "Life" Story

Julie Jordan provides some insights into her passion for teaching the pro-life message in schools.

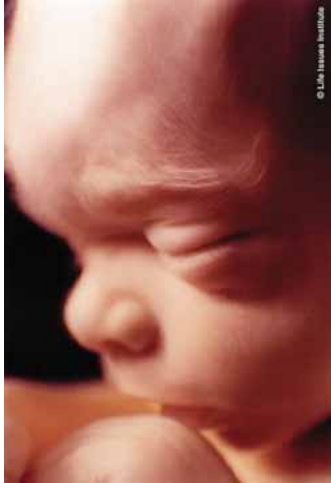
"I grew up in a family of seven children, and enjoyed the company of my brothers and sisters, especially when my younger siblings were babies. Everything in my upbringing was pro-life, until I at-



tended a public school and found many different opinions on the worth of the unborn. Many arguments were put forward about the unborn simply being blobs of tissue, the woman having the right to do what she likes with her own body, and about the cases where a woman becomes pregnant as a result of rape and incest. My thinking on the matter was very challenged and unsure. I became silent on the matter, as I just wasn't sure what was truth about it, and those of a differing opinion were very strident in their demands and in their ridicule of proliferers.

Greater respect for life

In studying for a B App Sc at the (then) Institute of Technology, I came to regard the intricacies of the early development of the human infant with exceeding great respect, and despite all the



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teachings about the early evolutionary animal stages of the foetus, I developed a conviction that human life begins at conception. This conviction was deepened as I studied the Holy Bible, and noted God's calling to a number of prophets while they were in the womb. The Lord of heaven and earth assigned great worth to an individual's life even in the time that person was preborn. Therefore, who is man, any man, to deny the personhood of an unborn child?

Conflict

While I was working at a major women's hospital in Sydney, there was a conflict for me, in that the hospital performed abortions on a regular basis. While I was not actually present during these procedures, I was involved in part of the process of hospital care, and my soul was grieved at the thought of the lives that were being ended with such callous disregard. I once made my thoughts known to a patient upon her query, and consequently was 'spoken to' by my boss. Apart from that time, I have to confess to a cowardly silence on the issue.



Growing concern

I married Russell and eventually became a fulfilled full-time mother. As I read the papers and noticed the abortion rate in our nation, I was truly grieved to think of how a great proportion of the next generation of people were being destroyed before they had the chance to see the light of day. This was happening

in all our Western nations. I was greatly appalled to read about China's one-child policy. Yet, by a different method, our nation was becoming as hardened to the plight of the helpless, vulnerable, voiceless child in the womb.

Changing attitude

I was thankful for the people who spoke up for the unborn in our Parliaments and other areas of influence. However, these voices were few and far between. Great strides were made by pro-abortion advocates. However many women began to suffer post-abortion grief. My attitude to the women who had abortions changed. I came to see that often they felt pressured by others to get rid of their problem of an "unwanted" pregnancy by a seemingly quick-fix. As our society neither encouraged chastity nor honoured marriage, and so many girls were unaware that there was a better way.



Future Plans

During this time, about twenty-three years ago, the Lord seemed to speak to me and tell me that "one day" I would go into schools and tell young people of God's plan for the family, telling them of His love and grace, warning them to be wise in their choices while they were young. However, first of all I needed to guide my own household and instruct my own children in God's ways. That has been my task for quite a few years, as well as teaching Sunday School and Scripture in public schools.

"One Day"

Now that "one day" has arrived. Bruce informed me of his presentations, and that he was hoping to train committed female teachers. I thought this would be what the Lord had prepared for

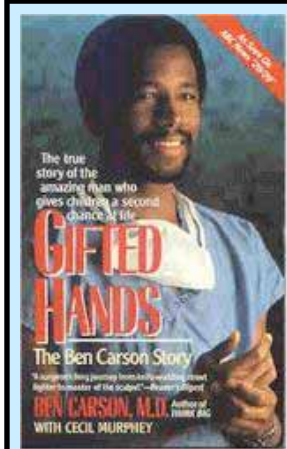
CHURCH DIARY

25th September—St George Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship

17th October—Castle Hill Ministers Fraternal

2nd December—Living Hope Christian Fellowship, Blaxland

5th –8th May 2008—Pastors' Annual Conference for the Anglican Diocese of Armidale



Ben Carson, M.D., works medical miracles. Today, he's one of the most celebrated neurosurgeons in the world. In *Gifted Hands*, he tells of his inspiring odyssey from his childhood in inner-city Detroit to his position as director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital at age 33. Ben Carson is a role model for anyone who attempts the seemingly impossible as he takes you into the operating room where he has saved countless lives. Filled with fascinating case histories, this is the dramatic and intimate story of Ben Carson's struggle to beat the odds -- and of the faith and genius that make him one of the greatest life-givers of the century.

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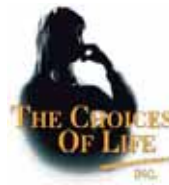
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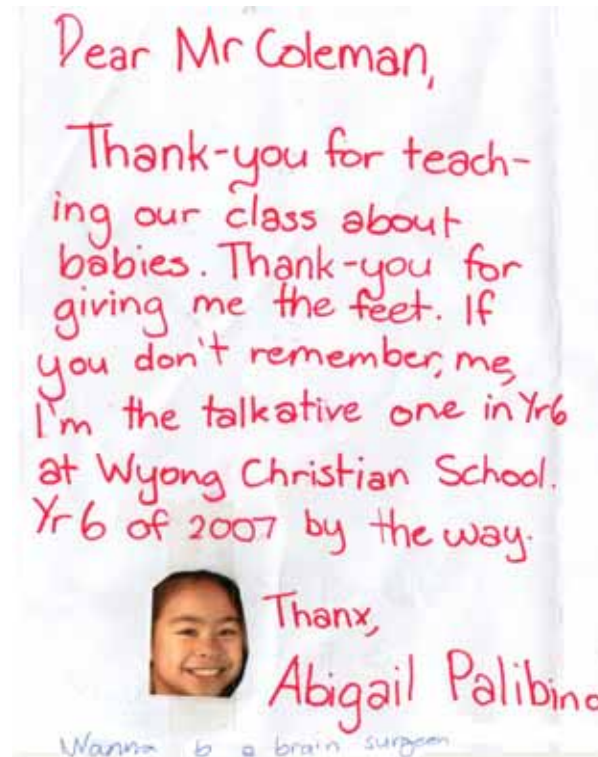


PRAY WITHOUT CEASING for *The Choices of Life*

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“Wanna b a brain surgeon”

Abigail is a remarkable 11 year old at Wyong Christian school. When I chose her to be my 'focus' for the Year 6 class presentation she responded with great enthusiasm. Our time together reinforced her appreciation and wonder of human life before birth.



On her unsolicited thank you note Abigail wrote that she wanted to be a brain surgeon! She explained that she gained her inspiration from her hero—**Ben Carson**, an outstanding black American doctor, who rose from the ghetto to become a world-renowned neurosurgeon. His rise to prominence and his unswerving dependence on God are described in his autobiography “**Gifted Hands**” (Limited copies are available from Choices of Life for just \$12.50 including post).

Praise God for all the young Abigail's who recognise their amazing value in God's sight and desire to follow Jesus as they look to the future.

HOW TO PRAY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Before each speaking opportunity pray for:

open minds and hearts to the message of life
understanding of the truth

Thank the Lord for the opportunity to be in the school

After each speaking opportunity pray that:

the message will impact their lives and choices
that God will work in their hearts to bring them to know
Jesus Christ more personally

PRAYING EACH DAY Nov/Dec

1. Pray for the Year 6 students at the Holy Cross Primary School, **Kincumber (NSW)** - 1st November.
2. Pray for the Year 6 students at St Joseph the Worker Primary School, **Auburn (NSW)** - 2nd November.
3. Pray for years 6, 9 and 11 at Tangara School for Girls, **Cherrybrook (NSW)** - 4th December
4. Pray for the opportunity to speak at the Living Hope Christian Fellowship in **Blaxland** in the morning service – 2nd December
5. Pray for the Year 6 students at Tyndale Christian School, **Blacktown (NSW)** on 5th November.
6. Pray for the Year 6, 7 and 11 students at **Sutherland Shire Christian School (NSW)** – 6th November
7. Pray for the year 6 students at St Mary Star of the Sea Primary School, **Hurstville (NSW)** - 7th November
8. Pray for year 6 at St Patrick's Primary School, **Wallsend (NSW)** - 8th November
9. Pray for all the Abigail's who hear the message of life that they will respond with enthusiasm and purpose for the future.
10. Pray for increasing opportunities to speak in **public schools**.
11. Pray for **safe travel and good health** for Bruce and presenters.
12. Pray for the students at Olivet Christian School, **Castlemaine (VIC)** - 12th November
13. Praise for the opportunity to share the vision of the Choices of Life with supporters in **Melbourne**—13th November
14. Pray for the students at Heathdale Christian College, **Werribee (VIC)** - 14th November
15. Pray for the outcome of the **Federal Election** on 24th November that our freedom to visit schools will continue.
16. Praise God for people willing to be trained to make presentations—**Julie and Martin** (in NSW) and potential presenters in Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania
17. Praise God for the opportunity to share the ministry of the Choices of Life with the **Castle Hill Ministers Fraternal** - October 17.
18. Pray for the year 6 students at the Northcross Christian School in **Ryde (NSW)** - 19th October.
19. Pray that people will wear the **Little Feet** (and Hands) pins to alert them to the reality and value of life.
20. Pray for the ongoing development of the **website**.
21. Pray for doors to open into schools across the **Blue Mountains**, west of Sydney.
22. Pray for the Year 10 and Year 6 students at the Cedars Christian College, **Unanderra (NSW)** — 24th October.
23. Praise for faithful **financial supporters** and pray for more to stand with us in this ministry of life.
24. Praise God for strengthening **relationships** with schools, some that have been visited each year for 10 years.
25. Pray that as we celebrate **Christmas** that the wonder of life will take on a fresh and invigorated meaning.
26. Praise God for church and **para-church organisations** with whom we can work in the promotion of life values.
27. Pray that the pictures and message of life will have a **long lasting impact** in the lives of students and their families.
28. Pray for the Year 6 students at St Peter and St Paul's Primary School, **Goulburn (NSW)** - 28th November
29. Pray for the year 6 and 10 students at Southern Highlands Christian School, **Bowral (NSW)** - 29th November
30. Praise God for families who provide hospitality and Christian fellowship while interstate and in country areas .
31. Praise God for opportunities already booked for 2008 including some schools and the Annual Pastors retreat for all the Anglican Ministers in the Armidale diocese. Pray for effective preparation.