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# Hope



Baby Eden

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***In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.***

**1 John 4:9**

I love reflecting on the Nativity of our Lord Jesus and the fact that He came to us as a precious baby. Saint John the Baptist recognized the Lord when they were both still in the womb of their mothers. Saint Elizabeth exclaimed to the Blessed Mother Mary, "And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the child in my womb leaped for joy." Luke 1:43-44. The beauty and dignity of the unborn child is clearly shown by our Lord Jesus and Saint John the Baptist.

This truth is tragically ignored and forgotten by many people of today, even people who call themselves Christian. Every life is created by God and is made in His image. He has a purpose and a plan for each life. Little babies who may have a short life or who may have a disability need us to love them and embrace their lives, not to end them. Parents who are afraid need to be supported and shown that they are not alone. Ending the life of their child is not the answer. Helping them embrace the life of their child, love their child, and help their child reach their full potential is what brings peace, no matter how long their child lives.

As we enter this holy time of year where we give thanks for our many blessings and celebrate the birth of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, please pray for the families we strive to serve. It is a challenge to say yes to life in this culture of death, especially a life that is often not valued because of a diagnosis or health issue. The challenges also continue after birth as families advocate for needed treatments for their child. Many are told as we were to not pursue treatment but to just, "let him go."

In the almost twenty years I have been helping families who have a child with special needs or health issues, I have never had a mom or dad say they have had too much time with their child. I have had many, many share regrets about ending the life of their baby through inducing early or not giving their child the needed care to help them live and reach their full potential. These precious children have so much to teach us, but they can only do so if we give them the chance. Thank you for helping us do that!

Wishing you abundant love and peace this Thanksgiving and Christmas,  
and blessings in the New Year in Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Life,

Mary Kellett  
Prenatal Partners for Life

# Family Spotlight

I'm pleased to share the story of my beautiful daughter, Eden, who I had the privilege of carrying for 19 weeks before she went home to her Heavenly Father. It was a challenging time, but I believe it was a gift to be with her while she was on this Earth.

My husband and I have an incredible 2-year-old son. My husband is a missionary, I'm a photographer, and we live and work in Cyprus. In early 2023, we finally felt ready for another child, and I soon found out I was pregnant. We were overjoyed at the future of seeing our son become a big brother! Although I was worried about how I would cope with two children, we were excited to face all the challenges together.

Morning sickness hit when I was around 6 weeks pregnant and I felt very tired, emotional, and frustrated, but I thought that it would probably end around 12 weeks. I kept looking forward to the 12-week scan to see my baby and hopefully feel less nauseous. We finally got to the doctor's appointment, and I was so happy to see my baby. However, when the appointment seemed quite long, I asked, "Is everything okay?" and my doctor said we needed to sit down and talk. She told me some of my baby's organs were outside of the stomach and she had some other issues. She wouldn't use the word baby after this, only pregnancy and fetus. We had never heard of these issues before and we were shocked.

She told us our options, with the first option being termination. I was disappointed that this was the first option presented. I never believed in abortion, but always wondered what I would do if I was pregnant with a child who was expected to have many issues. I knew at that moment that babies are from God, and that I have to leave it in His Hands. I knew that it was not my place to interfere.

That began a journey of heartbreaking doctor appointments and in my opinion, disappointed looks from doctors about me keeping my child. I hated going to the doctor's appointments. I couldn't drive myself home after because each time the diagnosis was worse and I would be in tears. I had Christian friends suggest I terminate (I understood their hearts) but I had to explain that I don't see termination in the Bible, and I have made my choice so please do not mention termination again. In some ways, I felt selfish for keeping my baby because I felt I was being a "good Christian" and forcing my baby to live an awful life. I got behind on my work and would spend a lot of the day crying.

The last appointment before Eden passed away, they told me she would die shortly after birth. That's when I decided I needed some support because no one I knew had gone through this before. They didn't know what to say to me except I'm sorry and I'll pray for you. That's when I got connected with Mary and Prenatal Partners for Life. I thank God for what they are doing because I believe God used her to say all the things I needed to hear. She told me that choosing to keep my baby alive wasn't selfish, and that there is a peace in knowing it's all in God's Hands. I felt so valued by her that she took time out of her schedule to encourage me and even opened up about her own story. I believe that when we are going through these tough things, it's so helpful to speak to those who have walked a similar path. I felt very encouraged by hearing from her, and knowing that there was someone who had been through similar things and came through it with God.

I also received such beautiful gifts when Eden passed from Mary and her team. One is an angel statue with some sweet words on it, and my son often points at it on the shelf to hold it. He's in his throwing stage, but he always just looks at it and holds it very gently. It's so out of character that I feel like he knows it's something connected to his sister, which is really precious to me. One thing Mary said, that was confirmed to me when Eden passed, is that there is peace in knowing that it was all in God's Hands. I truly have peace that God knew what was best for Eden, and now she is in the best place with Him. I look forward to meeting Eden in Heaven, but I thank God that I had 19 weeks with her on Earth because I will never be the same.



## Our Mission

Prenatal Partners for Life is dedicated to providing families (either expecting or those who have had a child with special needs, health issues, or a life limiting condition) with the support, information, and encouragement they need to make informed decisions involving their child's care.

We believe that these children are unique gifts from God and have a special purpose in life that only they can fulfill. We believe that these children are made in God's image, and that He has a plan and a purpose for every life He creates, no matter how long or short that life may be. We believe that these precious children are a blessing to their families, their communities, and the world.

Our goal is to provide honest, practical information and support by linking expectant parents or new parents with other parents who have had the same or a similar diagnosis for their child. We also strive to educate the world about the unique blessings that these children are. We call them "Teachers of Our Souls."

The support we provide can be given in person, over the phone, by email, or in written correspondence and may include a variety of practical assistance that is based on each family's individual needs.

Thank you, dear supporters and benefactors, for allowing us to help take away the fear families often feel and replace it with loving, life-affirming support. With over 90% of babies being aborted who are diagnosed with special needs or other health issues, this support is needed more than ever. Prenatal Testing is now routinely done in most pregnancies. Oftentimes, abortion is offered as the solution when results are not normal. Your ongoing generosity has allowed Prenatal Partners for Life to help families in every state several times over and 53 countries. Please pray for us and know that you are in our prayers, too. May God bless you!

## How you can support us:

- Pray for the families and children we serve, and for all of the wonderful volunteers and supporters who help us.
- Remember Prenatal Partners for Life in your year-end giving.

### • Online Donation

Make a quick and easy online donation at: [www.prenatalpartnersforlife.com](http://www.prenatalpartnersforlife.com)

### • Mail in a Donation

Our mailing address is: Prenatal Partners for Life, P.O. Box 2225 Maple Grove MN 55311. Use the enclosed envelope for your convenience.

### • Make a Memorial Donation

We will send out our "Forever Remembered; Always in our Heart" card in honor of the deceased.

- Make a Donation in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or another special occasion.
- Switch your phone carrier to Charity Mobile

Charity Mobile will donate 5% of your monthly phone payment to Prenatal Partners for Life

- Use Good Search as your search engine and Good Shop for your online shopping

Prenatal Partners for Life will receive a portion of the proceeds: [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

### • Donations through Workplace Giving Programs

Does your workplace offer a chance to donate to a non-profit and perhaps offer a matching grant? We are a 501(c)3 non-profit and all donations are tax deductible. Our legal name is Prenatal Partners for Life.

- Planned Giving via Wills or Bequests

Planned gifts are donations that are prepared in the present to be made in the future.

- Corporate and Foundation Grants

Please let us know if you are aware of any grant opportunities that would support our mission.



## *Year-End Thanks*



As this year comes to an end, we would like to express our deepest thanks to all our friends, benefactors, volunteers, and the wonderful families we have been honored to help in any way. Your love, kindness, friendship, and support is a great blessing and we are so grateful for all of you!

In this uncertain and challenging world, the one thing that will always remain the same is God and His love. God loves us and is with us, and He is always faithful! Thank you for all the times you have been God's love to us, and have allowed us to be God's love to others with your ongoing support and prayers.

As we have done in the past, we are sending out a Christmas ornament for those who have lost a child. If you would like to honor someone with an ornament, please let us know the child's name and the recipients name and address by December 1<sup>st</sup>. May our newborn Savior Jesus fill you with His love, peace, and hope.