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Dear Joanna

I have been meaning to write to you for quite some time now. I am very concerned about the information that is being given out by CARE in regards to crisis pregnancies and abortion.

My first main concern is that you suggest there are three options to a crisis pregnancy. I would strongly disagree. Abortion should never be promoted as an option especially by a Christian organisation. I am sure your colleagues who work with drug addicts would never say that one option of funding their habit is to go out and mug an old lady, or rob a bank. Although many people may do this, it would not be promoted by anybody as an option. Should it ever become legal for addicts to do this, I do not think for one minute that CARE would proffer it as an option. I am also sure that your colleagues would be telling drug addicts that taking drugs is **wrong** and explaining all the dangers, both long term and short term. Why is abortion not treated in the same way? How can the killing of one's child be 'an option'?

I also note from your information that you seem to be bending over backwards not to mention that a baby is killed. In fact, if I didn't know better, reading your information I would never guess that CARE actually is against abortion or that there is much wrong with it, especially as it is just one of three 'options'.

Can you please tell me why there are no photos of babies, born or unborn, on your website? If you really want mothers of crisis pregnancies to be fully informed, surely you could give this information out more fully in your literature and on your website? Just seeing one photo of an unborn baby could be enough to deter someone from killing their child by abortion, especially if the photo showed the development of the baby at the same stage of their crisis pregnancy.

On your 'choices' page under 'what's involved' it states 'there are various methods of abortion and you will need to sign a consent form to say that you agree to the procedure'. Why are none of the procedures actually explained? You mention suction a bit further down, but what about D&C or D&E? Why do you not explain what happens to the baby in these procedures?

When explaining about RU486 it sounds as though everything happens within minutes or hours of the first tablet being taken. You say 'You are given a tablet to take, followed later by a vaginal pessary which lead to an abortion' – whatever that is supposed to mean. Why do you not explain fully that it is some days later that the second part of the treatment is given but that the mother may expel her child anywhere after the first tablet is taken, similar to a miscarriage, and not necessarily in a hospital or clinic? Why do you not explain the reasons why a mother has to be under 35 and less than 9 weeks pregnant? Why do you not explain whether the 9 weeks is from gestation or from conception? Why do you not explain that once the first course of treatment has been taken there is no 'going back' and why this is so?

Even in your 'Becoming a Parent' section you say 'Having a child is hard work, but there are happy moments'. Happy '**moments**'? Children are a blessing from the Lord. 'Happy moments' makes it sound as though you have just been given a chocolate – not even a full box of chocolates. How can you equate having a baby with 'happy moments'? Having a child may be hard work, but the hard work pales into insignificance with the joy of having a child whom you can love unconditionally, a child who enriches your life in such a way as no one else can, a child who is unique, who trusts you for his or her every need, who makes your heart burst with pride and thanksgiving, whose every action and reaction is treasured and memorised, whose very presence is something to be cherished. A child may be a big responsibility but most people recognise the vulnerability of their child, especially once he or she is born, and would never wish to harm the child in any way, shape or form and would shudder to think that they may even have considered abortion as 'an option'. No wonder many women choose abortion when all they are offered is "hard work and 'happy moments'".

Could you tell me when a person actually 'becomes a parent'? Surely a couple are parents from the moment that conception takes place, even though they may not know it at that time. It is not at implantation or when the baby is born but it is when a newly created human individual has been conceived. They cannot choose to 'become parents' on the grounds of "just the practicalities – your feelings and beliefs are important too!". Once conception has taken place, whether it is a crisis, wanted, desired, accidental or planned pregnancy, they **are** parents.

I could say so much more but I feel that in your desire to be 'non-judgemental' and 'compassionate' you have been so deceived spiritually that you have played right into the opposition's hands and are doing their work for them. I feel you have allowed a wonderful opportunity of genuinely helping women and young girls fail. There are enough anti-life agencies about that give information that is probably not much different from the information that CARE gives and I feel so very sad but also so very angry that you are not prepared to tell the truth. How can any women repent of the sin of abortion if she is never told it is a sin and it was the wrong thing to do, whatever her circumstances? How can women be stopped from having an abortion, and thus sinning, when abortion is seen as one of three options and all she need do is make an 'informed decision'? This is about life and death issues - both now and eternal.

I did the pregnancy crisis training three times whilst at Milton Keynes Covenant Fellowship (MKCF) and the last time I was horrified at what the training consisted of, and what it lacked. Not once were we shown a picture of a baby – aborted, unborn or even born! I was also told by Sharron Forbes, manager of the PCC, that my views were not compatible with the views of the MKCF elders and the PCC, and I was therefore not allowed to be part of the PCC. When I moved to Cheltenham, I received a similar response.

Yet you know that I am 100 per cent pro-life and pro-family. Ex-drug addicts who have become Christians speak out about their experiences, ex-alcoholics similarly speak out against alcoholism, ex-convicts against their past lives, but I was always prevented from speaking out against abortion from personal experience as you and others in the Pregnancy Crisis Centres thought I was (and still possibly am) too judgemental and not compassionate and perhaps you also think I haven't been 'healed' enough and I am still speaking in anger. Yet have any of you ever bothered to ask me about my experience? I think you will find that nobody has and that may be because I was part of SPUC and British Victims of Abortion. Yet I always offered myself to be used in whatever way and have always been shunned. On numerous occasions I have requested that I be sent the PCC newsletter but after receiving one edition I never receive it again.

Joanna, I think another main area where CARE has been so drastically deceived is in the area of contraception. The last time I did the PCC training contraception, including Depo Provera, the Pill and the IUD, were promoted as the next best thing since sliced bread and we were told by both Dr Sian Grey and Sharron Forbes that they would have no problem putting their under 16 year old daughters on the pill if they thought it necessary to do so! Just to remind you, Sharron and Andy Forbes are now Senior Pastors at MKCF, now called The Kings Church and Dr Sian Grey was a GP who was part of MKCF at the time I was there, but I cannot remember if she used her married name of Grey or her maiden name. I do not know if she and her husband, Dr Simon Grey, are still at the Milton Keynes church.

I would respectfully suggest that you read the books 'Bible and Birth Control' by Charles Provan, 'Lessons in Depravity' by Dr ES Williams and 'Margaret Sanger – Father of Modern Society' by Elasa Drogin. Another book I would highly recommend is 'A Consumer's Guide to The Pill and Other Drugs' by John Wilks.

I sincerely believe that the Evangelical church must repent of its individual and corporate acceptance of all forms of birth control and I think CARE could play a big part in this. All forms of contraception encourage promiscuity in the youngsters who are encouraged through school sex education to use it and they are reaping disastrous consequences by doing so. If Bible believing Christians really trust in the Lord to be our provider, then contraception should not be used by married couples, as who would wish to be denied a blessing and a gift of God in the form of a baby, or do Christians prefer to 'choose' which gifts God gives them? Using contraception seeks to prevent God from pouring out His abundant blessings and gifts on His own children. Those in authority in the Church who fail to teach that contraception is wrong must be held accountable for leading 'the flock' into sin.

As you can see, I am now no longer part of SPUC. My husband and I have formed United for Life so that we can challenge those areas that we believe go against Scripture, and you will see from our website that we don't just cover one issue but try to show that all the immorality in this nation is caused by our turning away from Biblical, Christian, Scriptural principles.

We each will have to be accountable to our Heavenly Father for our actions or inactions one day. In Ezekiel chapter 3 verses 18 – 21 it says "When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself. Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. Since you did not warn him, he will die for his sin. The righteous things he did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he will surely live because he took warning, and you will have saved yourself." I am doing my best to warn others, including you that abortion and contraception is a sin that we must speak out against. It is only through the blood of Jesus that each of us can find that forgiveness and salvation, and that includes all those women who come into the Pregnancy Crisis Centres seeking help. That may be the only time that they may actually hear the Gospel.

This has obviously not been an easy letter to write, but it is one that I know had to be written, especially as we have met personally on numerous occasions. Please do not ignore this letter, but seriously consider its contents and prayerfully ask the Lord to show you the truth that it contains. If you feel I am wrong, I am ready to stand corrected.

I await your considered response at your earliest convenience.

With my regards

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