

## Abortion Hurts. I Can Help.

This past month I removed a pro-life bumpersticker from my car. The sticker, I realized, was not so much pro-life as it was anti-death. In bold black print against a white background the sticker read, "Abortion is homicide". Although I believe this to be absolutely true I did not feel that it represented my stance as someone dedicated to the unborn and their mothers.

Our billboard on State Route 33 reads, "We love them both". It implies that we love both the mother and the unborn child. Do we? How much time do we spend reaching instead of preaching? Anyone can climb a soapbox and scream the evils of abortion. Not everyone can sit and comfort a confused, scared mother in that dark night of her soul. These women don't want to know scientific data or scriptural proof texts. They want to know that they are loved and that there are people who will comfort and help them in their time of deepest need.

I want a new bumper sticker for my car. I want it to read, "Abortion hurts. I can help". Below those words I would place a toll free help line number like Rachael's Vineyard 1-800-HOPE-4-ME. This would be extremely effective. Not only would these women struggling with such a life changing decision see that I know their pain, they would also see that I want to reach out to them. It would also reach those men who have experienced or are experiencing the agony of an aborted child.

We will never rid this country of the scourge of abortion through legislation. It helps but it can only do so much. Meanwhile, time those of us in the trenches need to change the hearts and minds of Americans and the world. The only way to accomplish this task is through unconditional love. We must love the women who are considering abortion enough to tell them the truth and offer help and alternatives. We must love the women who have had abortions enough to sit and comfort them in their darkest hours wiping away the tears.

I believe it is time for us to stop preaching and begin reaching. It is time to step off the soapbox and into the trenches. There are millions of walking wounded in our society who are in desperate need of a "love" transfusion. It is time we reach out with open arms and say, "Abortion hurts. I can help".