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GOOD NEWS FROM OPERATION RESCUE COLORADO

Why our work is essential

Even though teen pregnancy rates may have gone down, sexually transmitted disease has become epidemic. Did you know that you can get cancer from sex?

Did you know that the HPV virus infects 46% of teenage girls after their *first sexual intercourse*? This virus causes cervical cancer.

Did you know that even *curable* STDs could leave lasting damage and future difficulty in getting pregnant?

Did you know that 25% of sexually active teens are living with an STD?

I have been involved in the prolife movement for many years and I thought I had a good handle on the consequences of teenage sex. For fourteen-years, I have stood on the sidewalk in front of local high schools and told the students about Jesus, abortion and sex. An essential part of our message is abstinence. I knew things were bad but I didn't know how bad.

I recently read a book that was both fascinating and horrifying. Written by Meg Meeker, M.D., the book *Epidemic* shows how teen sex is killing our kids. Dr. Meeker practices pediatric and adolescent medicine. On a daily basis, one-third of the teenage patients she sees have a sexually transmitted disease. Does that blow your mind like it does mine?

Look at these statistics:

- Nearly 50% of African-American teenagers have genital herpes.
- Although teenagers make up just 10% percent of the population, they acquire between 20 and 25% of all STDs.

- Herpes has skyrocketed 500% in the past 20 years among white American teenagers.

- Nearly one out of ten teenage girls has chlamydia, and half of all new chlamydia cases are diagnosed in girls 15 to 19 years old.

In the 1960's the two known STDs, syphilis and gonorrhea could be cured with a shot of penicillin. Today, the simple cures are gone and in many cases there are no cures at all. Many STDs are lifelong and life threatening. Even *curable* STDs can cause significant damage such as pelvic inflammatory disease before they are caught.

Do you think kids are being taught these facts in public school sex-ed classes? That sure doesn't sound like safe sex to me.

So what about condoms? Aren't they supposed to make teen sex safe? Let's look at the facts. The conclusion of one study was that while male latex condoms could reduce the transmission of HIV/AIDS, there was *not enough evidence to determine that they were effective in reducing the risk of most other sexually transmitted diseases.*

Another study showed that "condoms have *no impact* on the risk of sexual transmission of Human Papilloma virus (HPV) in women."

Understanding the facts shows that condoms provide very little protection from STDs. It makes me upset to realize how teens are being lied to. They are given false assurance that is leaving many of them scarred for life.

So what are the roots of this epidemic? Here are some:

- **Easy availability of birth control.** Kids can have sex with less worry about pregnancy. However, birth control is not disease control.

- **Lack of knowledge.** Kids are not informed of the facts regarding STDs. Four out of five, for example, didn't know that most people who get an STD never develop symptoms.

- **Starting sex earlier.** Statistics show that the earlier a teen starts, the more partners he or she will have. The more partners, the more chance of infection.

- **Confusion of what sex is.** Many teens think that anything short of penetration is not sex. Oral sex and mutual masturbation are viewed as not "real" sex. Some teens engage in these activities and think they are practicing abstinence. What they don't know is that avoiding penetration is not avoiding disease.

- **Teenage anatomy.** A teenage girl's cervix is more vulnerable to infection than an adult woman's cervix.

Another increase is in the varieties of STDs. We went from two in the 1960's to around eighty today. The sexual revolution had a high price.

Aside from the physical problems, there are also the emotional. Dr. Meeker speaks of emotional STDs. There are skyrocketing rates of depression in teens and much of it can be traced to the fallout from sexual activity and its consequences.

I am convinced more than ever how important it is for us to be at the high schools. Join us if you can. Consider making a donation to cover the cost of the literature we pass out and pray that God will give us an open door.

Year End \$\$\$

Many times at year end, people have a little extra money that they want to give to good ministries. May we ask to be put on that list? We would greatly appreciate whatever you could give.

Did you know that Operation Rescue Colorado has always operated completely with volunteers and has never had to pay for an office. This means that all of the gifts we receive are able to go directly into the work of saving babies, educating their mothers and reaching students at the high schools.

Our greatest expense is the literature we hand out. Every year we pass out thousands of pieces directly into the hands of young people. We also pass out fetal models, precious feet pins and CD's with a prolife presentation. The impact of these materials is huge and well worth the money spent on them.

Please consider what you can do to help in this great work.



Life Connection Information Line

303-237-4146

We send out alerts about what we are doing at the High Schools and other special events.

Make sure we have your current phone number so you can receive the InfoLine alerts.

Fill out the enclosed coupon!



THE COHEN / WOMACK PROJECT

Harvey Cohen and Gail Womack are doctors of Obstetrics & Gynecology who do abortions at this Lakewood office. We want their other clients to know about this.

255 Union Blvd.

Our present schedule is as follows:

Every Monday - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

"HEALTHY FUTURES" PROJECT

Healthy Futures for Women is an abortion clinic in Englewood, Colorado. The abortionist is Stephen Hindes. On their website they boast that he has killed thousands. Steve Hindes does abortions through 20 weeks.

We normally picket Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are plugging new people in on Thursday. Here is a great opportunity to show your passion for the unborn and their mothers.

PICKET THE ABORTION MILL

300 East Hampden

Thursday from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Except for horrible weather days.

Here is our code of conduct:

We want to represent Christ in word and deed. We need to absorb any barbs that come our way and not respond with the same kind of stuff. Ephesians 4:29 says this: *"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."*

People will think of their encounter with us for a long time.

We want to make sure that it is something God can use to work on their heart and not something He wishes we didn't do or say.

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