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Life Newsbytes

Pharmacists Are Now Providing Abortion Pill Reversals to Save Babies – The second chance for women to choose life through Abortion Pill Reversal continues to see success in large part thanks to the many medical professionals who are aware of its impact and are willing to implement it. In a recent development, pharmacists are now included in the roster of healthcare professionals on board to work with the Abortion Pill Rescue® Network (APRN). This addition of pharmacists to the APRN creates another layer of expertise supporting the lifesaving opportunity provided by Abortion Pill Reversal (APR). Two drugs are used to perform a chemical abortion, also known as the abortion pill, mifepristone and misoprostol. Mifepristone acts as a progesterone blocker. Progesterone is a necessary natural hormone for retaining pregnancy. Misoprostol is taken 24 hours later and causes the uterus to contract and expel the pregnancy ... APR entails progesterone prescribed to the woman after she has taken mifepristone but before she would take the misoprostol. Countering the mifepristone with bioidentical progesterone may save the pregnancy. A 2018 peer-reviewed study found that 64%-68% of the pregnancies were saved through APR. (Read more: www.lifenews.com/2024/10/23/pharmacists-are-now-providing-abortion-pill-reversals-to-save-babies)

Speaking up For Life

“Our comfort and motivation do not derive from laws. We neither live only according to the body nor labor for this world alone. No matter who holds office or how they decide and lead, the Lord our God reigns.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

“What could be more joyful and rewarding than to share with everyone the best news they will ever hear: Jesus has saved you from sin and death and won eternal life for you as a free gift of His love. Let’s roll up our sleeves and begin today with the prayer, ‘Lord, help me be an eager worker in Your kingdom.’” *Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan*

“Being For Life is right in line with God’s plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don’t be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don’t stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling.” *Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life*



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Hope and a Future

by Pastor Michael Salemink



“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope’” (Jeremiah 29:11).

What a delightful and beloved assurance Jeremiah delivers from our Heavenly Father!

The prophet is ministering to a heartbroken Israel. Pagan Babylonians have deported their people from the Promised Land and left their Jerusalem in ruins. Yet even amid this despair, the Lord God has not forgotten His covenant or abandoned His plan of salvation for the chosen people—and ultimately the whole world.

These words anticipate two fulfillments. First, after seventy years in exile, the people will return, rebuild, and resettle. Second, in seven hundred years, Jesus the Savior will fulfill what all Israelite history prefigures and gather all the elect of humankind into a new heavens and earth inaugurated by His sacrifice and resurrection.

Our Almighty Maker has always had in mind good things for His people. He continually regards them with forgiveness and favor that invite us to hope in what’s coming. Of course, the blessings may not all materialize immediately. And God’s grace does not exclude us from all difficulty. Those living during and even after Babylonian captivity struggle under the curse of sinfulness. False prophets and unfaithful inhabitants face severe consequences.

(The NIV translation, “... plans to prosper you and not to harm you ...,” misleads a little. “Prosper” sounds like material gain, and “not to harm” sounds like invincibility from all injury. ESV’s “... plans for welfare and not for evil ...” captures the sense of survival and salvation—rather than primarily profit—and shielding from what endangers the soul—instead of principally what disturbs the body.)

How appropriate for the life issues. Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior’s presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!

