



Julie's Heart Cry

Bringing Hope to Women Globally

'When you have God, you have everything'

Dear Friends & Partners,

The following is part 2 of an interview I conducted with "Christine" (not her real name) this past November. She is a 35-year-old single mom of three boys.

Only God can transform a heart from believing abortion was the only way to find relief from severe morning sickness (hyperemesis gravidarum) to now believing that, "When you have God, you have everything."

For those of you who joined me in prayer for Christine four years ago, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. God answered your prayers and used the many hours of phone conversation – mostly between 1-3 a.m. my time, morning her time – to turn her heart toward Him. And for that, we give God all the glory and honor.

Father God, we thank you!

~ Julie Mad-Bondo

JHC: Why aren't you angry with God?

Christine: Because I've come to understand who God is and that He created my son and me. God knows I'm upset but not angry with Him.

JHC: How has prayer helped you?

Christine: Prayer gives me stability and hope. Where would I be with all the problems and valleys I've been through and am going through? My son's speech therapist thought he would never come this far, but my response was and always will be God has the last word. He has learned to say, "mom and dad."

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JHC: *It seems each positive step has come with many difficulties. What has kept you going?*

Christine: Advice from others and faith in God. Schools wouldn't accept him. They said he would never hear well. The doctors are constantly negative, continually reminding me about all the things they think my son will not be able to do. I have repeatedly mentioned to the doctors that something is wrong with my son's tongue, but I can't get them to believe me.

When I don't know what to do, I pray. So, I prayed, "God, you gave me this son. I desire that my son be well, but he has autism; please help him get into a good school." And God has made that possible. I also have hope that he will speak and be a productive man. I have documents from his doctor telling me he will never talk. But God has the last word.

JHC: *You have asked God to allow your son to testify someday of God's grace on him?*

Christine: My goal was not just that a speech therapist would help him speak, but that he would become a man of God

who would preach the Gospel and give his testimony of God's grace on his life.

JHC: *How would you like your story to help others?*

Christine: My doctor told me that my pregnancy was not a person, so I would like to shout from the rooftop that a 10-week pregnancy IS a baby. It is a person. No matter the situation, even with autism, he will serve the Lord. He will speak. Keep the faith! Also, take the initiative to ask for second opinions. Please do not take the doctor at his word.

JHC: *Is there something else you would like to say?*

Christine: To other mothers like me, pray and have faith that God will change an unbelieving spouse. God will reveal himself to you and deliver your loved ones.

JHC: *How can people pray for you?*

Christine: Pray that I will keep the faith and not waver. Pray that I will continue praying and trust that my son will speak. God knows the rest.

When you have God, you have everything.



Although we do not minister in Ukraine, we join our hearts and prayers with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world, asking God for His protection, wisdom, guidance and mercy for these precious people as we watch this tragedy unfold. We also pray for those who don't know Jesus, that they may seek the One who is able to provide everlasting hope during this time of uncertainty in their lives.