

# Catch up With Cornerstone

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## Director's Desk

Jennie Straub



*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."  
John 1:5*

There are moments in ministry when the darkness feels very real. It looks like a positive pregnancy test held by trembling hands. It sounds like the words, "I don't think I can do this." It feels like fear, pressure, and uncertainty pressing in on all sides. But the light shines.

John 1:5 does not say the darkness is absent. It does not pretend that the night is easy. It declares something far more powerful: *the darkness has not overcome the light*. Not once. Not ever.



When a young woman sits in our ultrasound room and sees her baby for the first time, light breaks through. When a father chooses to step toward responsibility instead of away from it, light breaks through. When a mother decides to carry her child because she finally feels supported rather than alone, light breaks through. That light is not ours; it is the light of Jesus Christ. We just have the privilege of reflecting it.

Because of your faithful partnership, our center remains a place where truth is spoken gently, where life is affirmed boldly, and where the love of Jesus is offered without hesitation. Your generosity keeps the lights on, both physically and spiritually. It equips us to provide free medical services, parenting education, material assistance, and compassionate counsel to those walking through unexpected pregnancies or who have been affected by abortion.

In a culture that devalues life, your support sends a clear message: every life matters, and no woman stands alone. There will always be darkness in this world. But we do not operate from fear of it. We operate from confidence in the **One** who has **already** overcome it.

Thank you for shining with us and helping ensure that when a woman walks through our doors, she encounters not judgment, not pressure, but the light of Jesus Christ.

## Client Corner

Erica Sanchez



When Mona first came through our doors, she carried more than just the physical weight of pregnancy. A mother of three and expecting her fourth child, Mona arrived in the

As the conversation shifted toward tangible help and long-term support, something changed. Mona remained quiet, but a smile appeared when she realized this was a safe space, a place where she could share openly without judgment and receive encouragement without pressure.

She expressed appreciation for the support offered and relief in knowing she was not alone. While her demeanor was reserved, her excitement was evident in small but meaningful ways. For Mona, this was more than an informational appointment. It was a moment of

midst of one of the most emotionally complex seasons of her life.

Over the years, Mona has faced a series of painful experiences that would leave many feeling overwhelmed. She shared about navigating unhealthy relationships, including the difficult decision to separate from her abusive partner while pregnant. Mona shared about the grief and trauma she carried from past losses, along with the recent loss of a loved one, all of which weighed heavily on her heart.

As she spoke, her words reflected both exhaustion and determination. Yet within her story, there was also a clear turning point. We recognized the need for stability, not only for herself but for her children, wanting a safer, more secure environment where healing and growth could begin again.

During our time together, we talked through fetal development, walking step by step through how her baby is growing and changing. We also discussed practical resources available to her, including state benefits and additional support services.

reassurance during a season filled with uncertainty.

Mona's story reflects light in the darkness through the choices she has made along the way. Despite grief, instability, and loss, she continues to move forward. She is prioritizing her children, seeking support, and choosing a life-affirming path even when the road feels heavy. Her willingness to reach out and accept help demonstrates resilience and hope.

Her journey reminds us that strength does not always look bold or outspoken. Sometimes it looks like showing up, asking for help, and taking the next right step even when the future feels unclear. Even in painful seasons, strength and purpose can still emerge.

We are honored to walk alongside mothers like Mona and to offer support, compassion, and hope during these pivotal moments.

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Cornerstone continues to provide confidential and free support to women who have had an abortion and need to be understood, grieve, and find healing.



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