

Having a baby was not what she had planned. She was not married. She was living in a foreign country. Lonely and needy, she allowed herself to be-



come involved with a young man who spoke English. One thing led to another and . . . well, she had some hard decisions to make, not the least difficult of which was how to break the news to her very devout Christian parents, who are, themselves, missionaries. Confused, conflicted, and filled with consternation, she returned to the United States and weighed her options, including one that had been unthinkable up until then — abortion. Raised in a Christian home and actively involved in Christian missionary work, she had been taught that abortion was not a viable option. It was this training from childhood that probably would have prevented her from actually seeking and securing an abortion. But the mental and emotional duress experienced by a single woman who is filled with shame and hounded by guilt is enough to challenge the moral and ethical foundation upon which her life had been built. It is at such times that we most realize our desperate need for God's guidance. We ask God to show us what to do. We seek a sign from God. In a manner of speaking, God provided such a sign for this young lady. It was posted in a church lawn in Mountain Home. The message on one side simply states, "Smile! Your Mom chose life." On the other side are God's words to Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." It was at that moment, she testifies, that she decided with finality that she would deliver her baby, giving no more consideration to abortion. The portable billboards provided by Baxter County Right to Life had saved the life of her baby, who is now healthy and unconditionally loved by her family. This family now includes her husband, who loves and cherishes her baby. She is very happy she delivered her baby and gives praise to God for His wonderful provisions in the most difficult circumstances — including those signs!

