

re-routed by grace

as experienced by Cheryl, staff nurse

After driving several hours to Omaha for a scheduled surgical abortion, the expecting woman saw EPS' sign at Maple Village from the parking lot of the abortion facility next door and decided to stop in briefly – prior to her abortion appointment – to see if she could get an ultrasound.

While she had an ultrasound the week prior, she wanted her boyfriend – who was supporting her decision to abort their child – to see an ultrasound. With only 10 minutes to spare until her scheduled abortion next door, I immediately proceeded with the scan. As the images appeared of her baby moving, both she and the father of the baby cried. They remained tearful throughout the appointment.

With their minds made up to forgo the abortion appointment and their hearts open to clinical support, I shared options education, the services available here at EPS, and information about the local pregnancy resource centers in their area.

With a more hopeful outlook toward their pregnancy and their sharing of their Christian views, our new client was offered and excitedly accepted a "Love in a Box" care package from Embrace Grace, which included a book titled *A Bump in Life*, a baby onesie with the words "best gift ever" printed on it and a prayer journal. A handmade baby blanket from our generous donors was also provided to this expecting couple.

Before parting ways, I offered to pray with them, and they accepted. I told our new client I was glad she came in, to which she replied, "I am, too. This is exactly what I needed."