

## **A Mother in Guatemala**

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My little sister's biological mom chose to give her life. She did not have to. She could have chosen abortion. When my little sister was one-day old, her mother took her to an orphanage in Guatemala City where she would be safe and cared for. The choice her mother made gave my little sister the chance to be adopted, be in a wonderful family, and have lots of goals, like becoming the first woman president of the U.S.A.! The gift of life is the best gift my little sister's biological mom could have ever given her!

I think that the people who are aborting babies are taking away the baby's chance to live and the baby's chance to make changes in our world. They are taking away the baby's opportunity to make the next day better than the day before. Sometimes when people abort babies they are not strong enough to face parenthood. Sometimes they are not strong enough to fight being poor. Sometimes they are not strong enough to change their lives. A baby belongs to God and to the community, not just to them. Even if they do not care about their own son or daughter, they will realize that they have killed a grandchild, a nephew, or a niece. This is like killing the future.

I think that parents should not persuade their children to abort their babies. These parents might be embarrassed, angry, or concerned about their daughter, but if they think that their daughter will live happily ever after the abortion, they thought wrong.

Boys or men who have a pregnant girlfriend should not feel bad. They should encourage their girlfriend to keep the baby because it is their son or daughter that she is carrying! If the girlfriend still wants to abort the baby, it is the boy's or man's responsibility to support her and convince her not to. He should have her talk to people who can help her and the baby and can support the baby. They should try to think together of other ways to deal with the baby and not just think of abortion. In poorer countries they can put the baby in an orphanage to be adopted. In the United States they can work with an adoption agency or put the baby in foster care. Most states even have a law called Safe Haven or Baby Moses which lets mothers leave their newborn babies in a safe place, like a police station, a hospital, or a fire station.

To Olivia's biological mother, thank you for choosing to give her life and taking her to our orphanage. To little Ben's biological mother, thank you for choosing to give him life and using the Safe Haven law to keep him safe. These two mothers made very strong decisions and are giving them a future! To meet little Ben, check out WISN's Safe Haven report at [www.wisn.com/video/22499427/index.html](http://www.wisn.com/video/22499427/index.html).