

# GOD GIVES THE GROWTH

## Redemptive Restoration through the KRL

**H**ow can a church care for women in the most devastated area of the state for maternal mortality? For moms and the babies they decide not to abort? For people struggling from increased problems from poverty? One word-COLLABORATION. Together, we are better in caring for women and effectively addressing systematic issues that continue to harm our sisters.

The Kingdom Restoration Lab (KRL) optimizes impact for the care of our neighbors and neighborhood through leveraging the expertise of different ministry partners in collaboration. God has given growth to FPC's impact through the collaboration of three partners: Any Woman Can, Young Lives, and SA Hope.

Recently Christina Via, director of Young Lives, brought her discipleship group of teen moms to the KRL to participate in a service project. They put together care bags for our homeless neighbors (to be distributed by the SA Hope team), while FPC volunteers cared for their babies at the church.

During the project one of the moms saw a memory on her phone; an image from a previous visit to the KRL. The picture was of the ultrasound she had taken just down the hall in the AWC clinic, one year prior, to the day. She smiled and eventually shared her joy with the group. The story of God's redemptive work is glorious! Exactly one year before,

the pregnant teenager had come into the KRL questioning whether or not to abort her unborn child. After seeing the ultrasound and feeling the love and strength of mentoring and community and relationships within Young Lives, the young girl decided to keep her baby.

All of this is happening on our FPC campus, underneath our sanctuary. God's faithfulness is astounding!

The author of Hebrews challenges Christians to consider how to stir one another toward love and good works, not giving up meeting together but encouraging one another (**Hebrews 10:24**). Restrictions from COVID have flattened opportunities to meet and serve together and, in many cases, increased the need for us to come together to love our neighbors and neighborhood. Yet God is still working, growing seeds planted through KRL collaboration.



Do you see the power of Jesus? A year after discerning whether or not to keep an unborn child the mom is in a discipleship group, participating in a service project for the homeless in the very area where she came to have an ultrasound! This is the power of the gospel for redemptive restoration as far as the curse is found. May God give us fruitfulness as we come together to love our neighbors and the neighborhood where we have been placed. His Kingdom come!

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