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Sara's Real Choices

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Sara arrived in Tulsa ten years ago on a visa from Spain. She spent the next nine years with a missionary couple, Ed and Cecilia Davis. Cecilia taught Sara to speak English. After Sara graduated high school, Cecilia and Ed sent her to Rhema Bible Training Center. Sara was going to serve God.

To help pay her bills, Sara worked at a local restaurant, where she met Luis. Luis wasn't a Christian, and he was having problems with drugs and alcohol. Sara led him to the Lord, and within six months, he stopped drinking and was delivered from drugs. That's when their relationship changed.

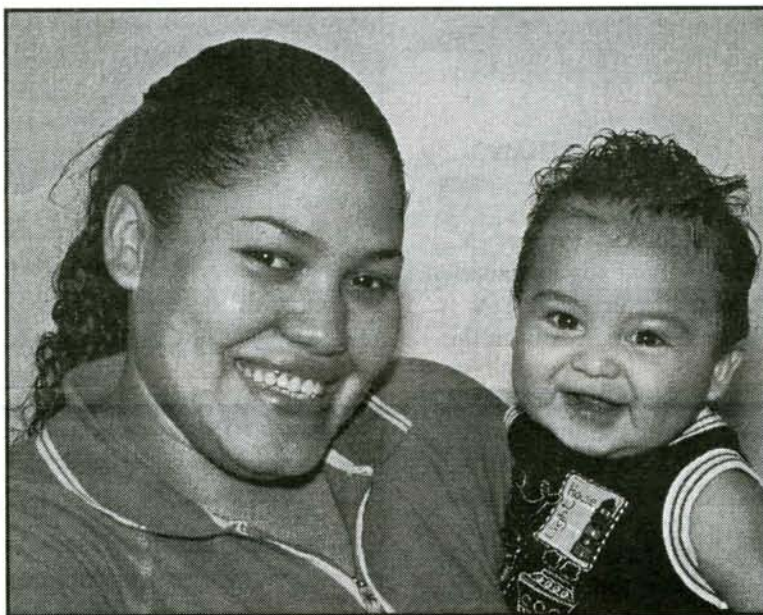
Cecilia tried to convince Sara to end the relationship, but, instead, Sara chose to move in with Luis, leaving Cecilia heartbroken. Eventually, Sara became pregnant and to her, an abortion seemed to be the only answer.

She tried to convince God to understand, but then she heard that "still-small voice" deep in her heart say, "Sara, I know the future. I knew you would grow up, become a Christian, and go to Bible school. I knew you would become pregnant, but I still chose to die for you. What are you going to choose?" Jesus was asking her to make a choice. "I'm going to say 'yes' to this baby," she answered.

With money tight, she knew she needed help to carry out her promise to God. She went to two pregnancy centers to

find help. At the first place, the only help she received was the name of a doctor who would perform an abortion. At MEND, however, she received the help she needed. They provided classes, counseling, clothing and food for the baby.

Sara and Luis have since married, had their baby, and named him Elijah. She has reconciled with Cecilia and Ed and is now going to Tulsa Community College at night, so she can eventually get a job to help support the baby.



Sara would say to those involved as staff and volunteers at Mend, "Please keep doing what you are doing. You don't have any idea how much you have impacted my life. I'm praying for you, that they will keep doing the work."

To others in a similar situation, Sara would say, "Every time you make a choice, whether it's a good or bad choice, it's going to affect your whole life. So stop and think about your future

before making a choice. You can trust the Lord with your pain. I can't say, 'Sara, you are doing a good job.' No, it's the Lord who is doing it."

Sara's story is a testimony of God's faithfulness and goodness. God is faithful to make "all things work for good" even when His people make huge mistakes; and, one way God does this is through the volunteers and financial supporters of MEND. Without you, Sara's story would not have had a good ending. Thank you for your continued commitment to help young women like Sara.