

AMBER

Amber is a bright, young college student. She plans a career in the medical industry and is in college, working toward her degree. She has a winning smile and a strong sense of confidence and determination. It is a joy to be in her presence. She is single, and she is trying to absorb the fact that she is pregnant. She has come to the center for a confirmation of pregnancy that she will need in order to get help.

Amber has a great attitude. She sees her pregnancy as an unexpected element in her life, but she does not see her pregnancy as an obstacle or even a problem. She has seen the effects of abortions in others and is determined that her child will experience life. She may have made mistakes, but she is very clear that the presence of her child is not one. She believes she has been given this gift for a reason and so she is determined that this baby will be a part of her life.

For all her right approach, Amber still has some serious circumstances to overcome. She has come to the center with some direction already about where to go for medical and financial help which she is going to need. Because her boyfriend does not fit into her father's definition of an appropriate mate, she has been experiencing a lack of acceptance. These are painful encounters. She has some doubt about the character of her boyfriend and whether or not she wants to enter into a permanent relationship with him. She has also had some seriously painful experiences in her past that are much in need of healing.

One of the most encouraging qualities of Amber is her openness. She did not grow up in a church connected home, yet she has a strong belief in God and in the salvation provided by Jesus. Early in the interview she affirms that God does not make mistakes. She cannot come to the center for prenatal classes since they interfere with her schooling, yet she is excited to cover the material in one-on-one sessions with a peer counselor. She takes the initiative to suggest that perhaps these sessions can be scheduled so that she can also attend a bible study that is about to begin.

In retrospect, what Amber seemed to appreciate the most was the unconditional support and encouragement she received. Her face reflected relief and hope. She is a real trooper!