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## Author Discovers God's Forgiveness and Restoration after Abortion

**Enumclaw, WA**—Since its legalization on January 22, 1973, the topic of abortion has gained steady, if not tumultuous news coverage. The U.S. Census Bureau reports 1,242,000 abortions for 2006 alone.\* According to the Guttmacher Institute, “Nearly half of pregnancies among American women are unintended, and four in 10 of these are terminated by abortion. Twenty-two percent of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion. \*\*

Gladys Billups, author of *Chosen* (WinePress, 2011) shares her personal experience with abortion, and the emotional devastation that ensued. She also details other painful moments and sins in her past and how God was able to redeem those and restore peace in her life. Billups' message to readers:

“You can find forgiveness and healing in Christ after the most life-altering sins. The mistakes we make in life can lead us back to God. You are not the first person to love God and sin against him - look at the lives of people in the Bible, look at me. Stop running from God - He wants you to get to know him. God, the creator of everything, has chosen you to be in relationship with Him.”

*Chosen* emphasizes God's grace in the face of our darkest moments and ugliest sins. Billups dedicated her book “to those who have made mistakes in life and wondered if they were worthy of God's favor, forgiveness, and restoration.”

Gladys Billups is a Missionary at Oak Grove Baptist Restoration Ministries (OGRM), a volunteer counselor at Comfort Care Women's Health, and she also leads Bible Study groups both at her church and other churches in the community. Gladys graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology and Clark Atlanta University in Georgia. She has been married for 15 years and has two children. She is a member of the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Shenandoah Valley Emmaus community, and the American Society of Safety Engineers. Gladys and her family make their home in Shenandoah Valley.

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\*<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/2011/tables/11s0101.pdf>

\*\*[http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb\\_induced\\_abortion.html](http://www.guttmacher.org/pubs/fb_induced_abortion.html)

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