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When Chandi, a wife and mother of two living in India, was expecting her first child, she did not register at a hospital or have any prenatal checkups. Chandi delivered her daughter at home without a birth attendant present. While the mother and child were blessed to survive the birth, that is not always the reality in communities facing poverty.

That's why World Renew works to provide life-saving care for mothers and babies in countries like India. In Chandi's community, World Renew and our local partner organized an awareness program focused on maternal and child health. Community volunteers are trained to counsel families on good health practices for pregnancy and birth. Through at-home visits, parents learn about the benefits of hospital births and how pregnant mothers can care for their bodies.

A program volunteer visited Chandi's home, and when Chandi became pregnant with her second child, she took the training to heart. She decided to have regular prenatal checkups and take supplements to help nourish her body. When the time came, Chandi delivered her baby at the hospital, and her precious baby boy was at a healthy weight. "I am very happy that my delivery was done safely, and my child is (healthy)," Chandi says.

You can help more mothers like Chandi give their babies the best possible start to life. Your support helps World Renew provide vital care, nutrition, and support for babies and their parents. As Jesus said in Mark 9:37, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." By making a gift today, you'll help us bring good health for the first 1,000 days of life and hope for the years to come.

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