

HeartBeats

Service From the Heart Since 1984



From the Director...

Our Walk for Life is over, and we're SO grateful to everyone who participated! There are so many people to thank - and I'm sure I'll forget someone - so please be patient with an imperfect servant's memory!

I want to thank our Board of Directors first - they put in a lot of time planning and organizing this event - they also donated the beverages and food at both locations.

We also want to thank Horizon Christian Fellowship and Calvary Chapel San Diego - both of these churches allowed us to use their facilities at no charge. Their staff was MORE than helpful - blessings to Eve Tolentino and Robin Stokes for their help coordinating our event at each location.

We were also blessed by several ministries who came to provide the entertainment for the Walk - THANKS to the Mime Ministry from The Rock, the Hula Ministry from Calvary Chapel San Diego, the Clown Ministry and face painters from Horizon, and the Calvary Chapel Academy Youth Band!

There were also MANY people who helped set up, serve and tear down on the day of the Walk, and their help was a blessing to us!

Those who attended the Walk at either location were able to meet Barbra Mwansa from Zambia, and heard her testimony. Barbra also shared in music - both in English and in Bemba (one of the tribal tongues of her country). We were all blessed by her presence that day.

And, of course, we want to thank everyone who worked so hard to get sponsors - that's really how we raise the funds at this event. Every contribution is important - so no matter how much you collected or gave, we thank you, too!

In His Service - Sharon Pearce/Director

Zambia Update...

One of the biggest blessings of having Barbra here for our Walk was being able to spend so much time with her! She's such a SWEET sister in Christ, and her humble servant's heart is inspiring!

Since our trip to Zambia last year, there have been some major attacks on the ministries that Edward and Barbra oversee through The Sarah Rose Foundation. It's always sad to see the work of God being called into question, especially when we have such a close relationship with the people involved. We encouraged them to meet face-to-face with the Americans who were partially sponsoring the orphanage in Kitwe, and prayed for them when we knew the meetings were taking place.

PRAYERS GO UP.....
BLESSINGS COME DOWN

We were relieved and thankful when we heard that the meetings had gone well, and it appeared that all of the issues had been resolved. However, it wasn't long - not even two weeks - before there were problems again, and for several months, we weren't sure what was happening in that relationship. Since the Americans had made it clear that our involvement was not welcome, we didn't feel that we could ask them what was going on - so we had to wait to talk to Barbra.

When Barbra arrived, she told us that the other Americans had just withdrawn their financial support of the orphanage. They'd been sending \$3,000/month to provide food and medicine to the 38 children housed in the orphanage. Many of these children have HIV/AIDS. Without the support from the American sponsors, these children were/are in dire straights.

Edward and Barbra immediately went to the Lord in prayer, and felt led to move out of a home they'd been renting, and into a home that they've been building a little at a time over the past several years. The cement foundation is poured, and the walls are up, but there's no ceiling (they do have a make-shift roof) - no electricity - no windows - and no floor (other than the rough cement) - but they and their two boys have moved in anyway so that the money they had been paying in rent could be used to buy food for the children in the orphanage. It isn't nearly enough to meet all of the needs, but it's what they can do, and Barbra says that Alpha (11) and Isaac (6) are HAPPY to be sacrificing so that the orphans can eat.

What does this mean for the Mwansa family? It means no lights when it's dark. It means getting up at 5:00am to light the charcoal that will be used to heat water for the boys to bathe in, and to cook their breakfasts. It means lighting the charcoal again at night for light, warmth, and to cook their evening meal. Losing this sponsor's support also means losing the money to pay for the boy's educations (about \$2400/year). Despite these hardships, we never heard Barbra complain about anything - they sacrifice their comfort with JOY because they know they're making a difference in the lives of the children depending on them. Barbra said that their faith has grown SO much - they know that GOD is their supplier - and HE will get the glory for what is accomplished through The Sarah Rose Foundation.

Now for some good news - while Barbra was in San Diego, she received an email from another sponsoring church in Florida that had heard what happened, and they committed to sending \$3,000 for at least two months!

We can only hope that if we are ever placed in similar circumstances we will come through them with the grace, hope and thanksgiving that the Mwansa family demonstrates!

Silent Voices believes that God is the Author of life, that all human life is valuable - born and preborn - and that abortion is never the answer to an unplanned, "crisis" pregnancy. We are dedicated to giving compassionate, practical assistance to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies, providing accurate information about the realities and possible consequences of abortion, and offering help, hope and healing through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ to women already struggling with the trauma of abortion.



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We want to say a special "Thank You" to everyone who supports us through the United Way or Employee Giving programs through their jobs. We don't always know who has given through these programs. If you support us in this way we want you to know that your gift is VERY much appreciated!



Bridges

We want to say "THANK YOU!" to a Horizon Home Fellowship that gave our Bridges moms a very special Mother's Day dinner! There were professionals on hand to provide haircuts and makeovers for our moms. They all had a great time!



Don't we look FINE?!



Babies Saved in Volgograd, Russia



Evelina



Arina (child) with Tatiana's Daughter

Aren't They Precious?!

