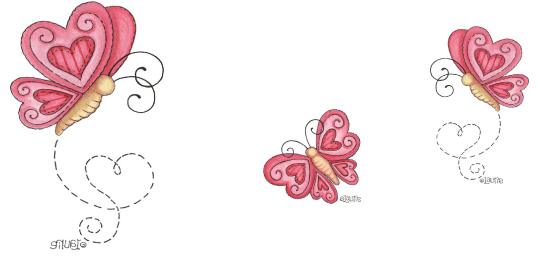


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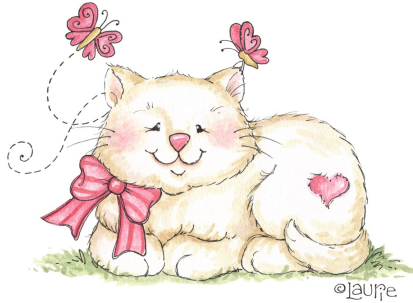
From the Director

Thanks to all of you who have been praying for me. I'd like to say that the pain is gone - but I can only say it was gone for a week after a cortisone injection - and is back. They've narrowed the source of my pain to the piriformis muscle - it's in my "backside," and the sciatic nerve runs along the same area. In most people the piriformis is either under or over the sciatic nerve - but I'm not most people! The sciatic nerve appears to be running *through* the piriformis - so every time that muscle is used, it compresses the sciatic nerve and causes extreme pain. It didn't hurt before the accident - my doctor believes that the accident triggered inflammation in the area and that's what irritated the piriformis. It was a blissful week free from pain - and I'm hopeful that my doctor can figure out what to do next. Please continue to pray.

We also need prayer for the ministry in general. It sometimes feels like we're hitting a brick wall - with fellow believers - with churches - and of course, with clients. It can wear us out if we don't keep perspective. THANKS!

In His Service

Sharon Pearce
Director



Update on ella

In our last newsletter we discussed a new abortion drug seeking FDA approval - ella. We said - "We can only hope and pray that this drug doesn't make it to market unless - or until - we know that it's safe for women and unborn children." One of our supporters called with concern that we would ever think ella is a good idea, and from the wording we can see how we could have been misunderstood. Ella will NEVER be safe for unborn children - therefore, we had hoped that it would never be approved by the FDA.

However, on Friday, August 13th, the FDA did approve ella for use in the United States. The FDA's unanimous decision allows the drug to be marketed in the United States as an "occasional" emergency contraception, taken by a woman up to five days after sexual intercourse. The FDA warned, however, that it was unsafe for women to use Ella more than occasionally, as they had no data on its safety over the long term. They also warned that women should be ruled out as pregnant before being prescribed ella, and women experiencing lower abdominal pain or who become pregnant after taking ella should be checked by their health care providers for ectopic pregnancy.

Ella is being marketed as a "morning after" type contraceptive, but it is very much an abortifacient drug. By classifying it as a "contraceptive," rather than an abortifacient, federal funding is available to pay for it under Medicaid, Title X, and international family planning programs.

"Beauty for Ashes"

Our 2nd Annual Banquet is fast approaching, and we want to invite you to attend. We've worked very hard to make this evening a special event - yet we're having difficulty getting people to come! The food will be great - the speaker will be great - you'll get to hear from some of our clients - and you'll be supporting Silent Voices at the same time! It's not too late - until after September 17th - to make your reservations. If you want to invite some friends, please feel free to do that, too. We just need to hear from you in time to give our caterer a head count so everyone gets fed!

SO - if you want to attend this year's Banquet, please call now to make your reservations! We'd love to see you there!

Update on Russia

Please be praying for our Russian National Director - Larissa Glubochenko. Larissa has been very ill for the past six weeks. She's had a lot of tests, and they've finally diagnosed her with ulcerative colitis - NOT fun, and very painful. Please be praying for Larissa - we love her dearly, and hate to know that she's suffering.

Our ministry leader in Kolchugino, Russia was affected by the fires that have been burning in the Vladimir Region since mid-summer. Many people have died and many more have lost their homes. Whole villages have been burned to the ground. Russia has no support system in place to help their citizens deal with such losses. Fortunately, Vika has not lost her home, but the smoke is having an adverse affect on her health, and the health of her daughter, Alyssa. Vika needs to put in new windows to block the smoke and to provide better insulation during the winter - but it will cost her \$1000 to do so. Once again, we're faced with a need for which we have no answers

BUT - we know God is able, and we're praying for both Larissa and Vika to have all of their needs met by His mighty hand. We hope you'll join un in that prayer!

