

# HeartBeats

Service From the Heart Since 1984



From the Director...

Greetings! Our doctors - Kirk and Kim Milhoan - and their 13 year old son, Drew - have just returned from a medical missions trip to Kenya. While they were "in the neighborhood," we asked them to stop in on Barbra Mwansa, Director of our center in Kitwe, Zambia. As they made their report to the Board, I thanked God - again - for the privilege He's given us of ministering internationally.

He also stirred up in me a *desire* to go to Zambia - which is truly a miracle, because I've always said that I don't *want* to go there! I've been too afraid of the dangers of Africa - huge bugs - snakes - and exotic diseases. (It's a good thing He changed my heart when He did - *before* I read an article on guinea worms!)

I hope that God will speak to your heart, too, as you read their report!

In His Service -

Sharon Pearce  
Director

**LOOK AT THIS**

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social & Auction

**Friday, October 5, 2001  
Handlery Hotel & Resort  
950 Hotel Circle North  
6:30-9:00PM**

We hope you'll plan NOW to attend this event in October!

We are accepting donations of items for the auction -  
crafts, gift baskets -  
gift certificates -  
anything!

Please let us know - soon - if you will be making a donation!

Zambia...

We were met by Mrs. Chirumba upon arriving in Lusaka, and were escorted by her on our four hour bus trip to Kitwe (population: 800,000), where the Silent Voices Center is located.

The Mwansa's graciously hosted us in their home, which also serves as offices for the Center. Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Center has had at least three other locations in its two-year existence. However, the moves have not affected the ministry, as Silent Voices is very well known in the city of Kitwe, and the number of clients has remained steady despite their moves. Although their rented home has a separate entrance to the office space where the Center is located, the Mwansa's prayer is to be able to move their family elsewhere and purchase the home for the Center in order to further expand the ministry, and to prevent having to move the ministry again.

The Mwansa's had a full and fulfilling schedule for us during our visit. Kirk, Edward, and I were invited to speak to a group of about one hundred women who were attending an interdenominational fellowship group meeting. We already knew that while abortion is illegal in Zambia, it is common, by a variety of means. Knowing that many of these women would likely have been affected by abortion in some way, we were each led to share about the healing that is available in the Lord after abortion. The response was overwhelming, powerful, and solely God-directed! He obviously had an agenda there that day, and He blessed us by allowing us to be a part of it.

The following day, we followed up with ten women from this meeting, and signed at least half of them up for post-abortion counseling. We were also able to see two of the babies that have been saved by the work of Silent Voices. One was the second baby born to a 16-year-old AIDS orphan who was prostituting herself for food. She and her two children are now in a loving home. The other was the only daughter of a 39-year-old woman who thought she was too old, and already had too many children (all boys!) to have another. It was wonderful to witness the love she and her boys had for this little girl, whom they named Lucky.

We were both humbled and inspired by the work that Silent Voices is doing in Zambia. They know of 63 babies their ministry has saved in just two years. They believe that, "Jesus Christ should always win," so if they don't change the minds of eight out of ten abortion-minded women, they believe they are doing something wrong in their praying and counseling. Once a woman is a client, the center maintains a long-term relationship with them, doing whatever they can to help with that client's particular needs.

They also have tremendous vision for expansion of the ministry. Silent Voices is the only crisis pregnancy center in the country of Zambia. Two of their staff are likely to be re-located soon with their husband's job and desire to establish the ministry in their new locations. All of their work and vision is based on a steadfast reliance on the Lord to direct them and make provision for their needs. We are honored to stand with them in prayer and support.

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.