

# HeartBeats

*Service From the Heart Since 1984*

## From the Director...

Greetings! While summertime is usually a bit "slow" for us, it's not without it's own challenges - and surprises. You'd think that after 21 years of ministry, nothing would surprise me anymore - that's what I thought, too! Not anymore! Let me explain...

A young girl came in with her mother for a pregnancy test. Her parents had just discovered that she is sexually active, and her mother noticed that she'd missed a period. She knew about Silent Voices, and brought her daughter here, hoping we would talk to her about what she's doing - which we did. This happens all the time - so why was it unusual or surprising? The girl was only 11 years old! Prior to her, the youngest client we'd seen was 12, and *that* surprised us. It was very sad to see someone so young engaging in adult behavior - she cannot possibly understand the long term ramifications of the choices she is making now.

The second "surprise" came just a few days later when a 19 year old came in *obviously* pregnant. She, too, was brought in by her mother, who had confronted her on what could be plainly seen - a bulging, stretch-marked tummy protruding from under a shirt that could no longer be pulled down to cover her growing child. When she stood up and walked towards the counseling room, I said, "Well - you really *are* pregnant, aren't you?!" She looked at me in confusion and asked why I would think that!

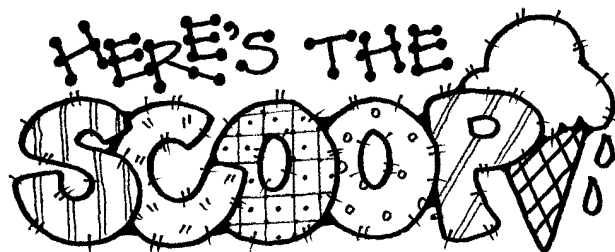
During the counseling appointment we discovered that she had an abortion last year, and it hadn't been a good experience. The baby she aborted would have been due about the time she was in the office with us - she had gotten pregnant within months of the abortion, and had been in denial about it. She really could not understand why people thought she was pregnant - but she couldn't deny it anymore when the test was positive and we determined that she was at least 24 weeks - possibly more.

She was hoping that it wasn't "too late" for an abortion, and we told her the truth - that it would never be "too late" legally - but that having an abortion now would be a gruesome, painful experience. We also told her that if she thought the abortion she had last year was difficult to deal with, one at this stage in a pregnancy would be even more difficult. We talked for quite awhile, and when she left, we felt confident that she will have her baby.

We thank God for these opportunities - and the many others we've had this summer. We know that in many cases, the outcomes would have been much different had they had their test at an abortion clinic. Please pray with us that God would daily bring in those women whose hearts are open and receptive to the message of His love - and to the message of LIFE!

In His Service,

Sharon Pearce/Director



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

Saturday, October 8, 2005  
Clairemont Emmanuel  
Baptist Church  
2610 Galveston St  
San Diego, CA 92110  
Fellowship Hall  
6:30-9:30PM

Children under age 10 must be left in childcare that will be provided.

Donations are steadily coming in - but we can always use more, so if you'd like to donate an item/service to this year's Auction, it's not too late!

**We need volunteers to help with childcare at the Auction! Please let us know if you're available!**

## A New Center in Russia...

Over the last six months we've been in communication with a missionary couple who is serving in Kolchugino, Russia. While their main goal in going to Russia was (and is) to open a new church, they weren't there long before they realized that there's a huge abortion problem in their area.

They began reaching out to doctors in the women's clinics, and have received permission at two clinics to bring in a TV and VCR to show the women who are coming for abortions videos about fetal development and the truth about abortion.

It quickly became a bigger project than they'd anticipated, and they have asked us to help them provide support for a Russian woman attending their church who has a heart and vision for this work. Our Board of Directors has agreed, and we are now partnering with them in this new work. Please pray with us as we develop this relationship! We believe that God is going to save many Russian boys and girls through this work!

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.