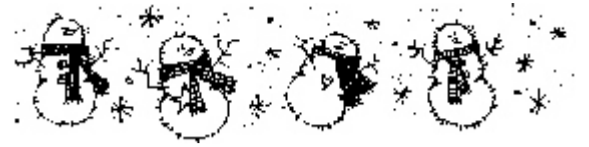


# HeartBeats

Service From the Heart Since 1984



## From the Director...

The Auction is over - it was lots of fun - and it was a success! We raised just over \$8500 - which is about what we raised last year. We are very grateful for the volunteers who helped us prepare for the auction - who helped us set up that night - and who helped us clean up after it was over. THANK YOU! We're also very grateful to our Auctioneer - Jack Jung - who not only worked tirelessly that evening, but who brought in some awesome donations that more than covered his fee! We look forward to having him back next year!

As Christmas approaches, we hope you will take special time with your family to - hold them tight - let them know you love them - tell them that GOD loves them, too! Remember that we don't have "something" to celebrate - we have SOMEONE to celebrate! His name is Jesus - and He desires to be at the center of all we do this Holy-Day Season!

In His Service,

Sharon Pearce  
Director



## Thinking Ahead...

We would REALLY like to put together a committee of people to take over planning and preparing for the two fund raising events we do each year! It is very difficult for the office staff to do all that needs to be done for the auction AND see clients all day. It would be a tremendous help to us if a group of 5-6 people would take on our fund raising events as their ministry to Silent Voices.

We will pass on all of our years of "know how," as well as all of our resources and contacts - we just need the man/woman power to make it happen. Call us if you'd like to be involved with the committee next year!

## Christmas For Our Clients...

We like to bless our moms at this time of the year, and we need your help! Every year we give our moms gift certificates to stores like Target and WalMart so they can purchase the things they need, or the things they know their children want. If you'd like to participate in our Christmas outreach, you can either purchase the gift certificates (in \$10 or \$20 denominations) and send them to us to give to our moms, or send a donation specifying that you want it used as a gift for our moms. Our Christmas Party is planned for Wednesday, December 11.

## "Little Jewels" Quilt Raffle...

The quilting ministry at Mission Valley Christian Fellowship helped us raise over \$1100 with their "little jewels" quilt! They named it "The Little Jewels" because each little colored square represents a baby that has been saved through Silent Voices. Vi Goodrich wanted to share the story behind the person who won this year's quilt. "One Sunday morning I was sitting in front of the church selling raffle tickets when my little friend, Jennifer, came over to ask if I would pray for her. Without thinking I said, 'Jennifer - I know that someone is going to make a donation for tickets who will not want the quilt. When that happens, I'm going to put your name on them because I believe that God is going to bless you with this quilt.' She walked away - and a few minutes later a man gave me a \$20 bill and said he wanted to buy tickets for someone who needed a blessing - so I put Jennifer's name on those tickets. I was SO surprised when I was asked to draw the ticket for the quilt on the night of the auction, and couldn't believe it when I opened my eyes and read Jennifer Young's name on the winning ticket! God is SO good - and may He receive the glory for the quilt we made in His name!"

## Women Deserve Better...

On January 22, 2003, Silent Voices will be participating in a nationwide event that will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade - the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand in the United States. National pro-life groups have chosen the theme "Women Deserve Better" for the many observances to be held throughout the country. While the loss of over 40 million unborn children is an unspeakable tragedy, there are also over 25 million women whose souls and bodies have been permanently wounded. If you have had an abortion - have attended one of our PAS Healing and Recovery Weekends - and would like to participate in the observance to be held in San Diego - please call Sharon at the office. We know this will require great strength and courage, and are praying that the LORD raises up those women HE has chosen to participate.

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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**Silent Voices Kitwe, Zambia - Budget Analysis**

Monthly Income	\$300	Other Monthly Expenses/Staff:	
Necessary Monthly Expenses:		Marjorie/Counselor (6 hours/week)	\$50
Water	\$100	Gladys/Rn (15 hours/week)	\$60
Electricity	\$120	Emelda/Midwife(5 hours/week)	\$15
Property Taxes	\$180	Juliet/Receptionist(48hours/week)	\$90
Security Guard	\$50	Maintenance Man (10 hours/week)	\$30
Phone	\$20	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$245</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$470</b>	<b>Total Monthly Expenses</b>	<b>\$715</b>
		<b>Monthly Deficit</b>	<b>\$415</b>



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**Ministry in Zambia...**

We are SO glad we had Barbra come and spend a week with us before she went to the HeartBeat International conference in Philadelphia! We learned a great deal from her during her visit - and she had an opportunity to speak with several women's groups and churches, as well as meet with our Board and many of our supporters.

There are many challenges when working with another culture - we take so many things for granted, and make assumptions based on our experiences in America. That's why we learned so much more about the center and how it operates - even though we just went to Zambia a few months ago!

We've been concerned for a long time about their financial situation. It's not uncommon for us to receive several requests every month for additional assistance - even though we've told them that we're doing all we can. We tried to address the problem while we were in Zambia, but didn't come to any resolution or real understanding of what was causing the problem. From what we observed, they were always "robbing Peter to pay Paul" - and never getting ahead - or even breaking even financially. We've asked Barbra in the past for an accounting of their expenses - and did so again while she was here.

The budget analysis (above) puts in black and white why they are struggling to keep up: they simply do not have enough money coming in every month to cover their necessary expenses, let alone the expenses they have for their staff. We are very concerned about the needs of this center - the only one like it in the country of Zambia. Please pray about supporting the work that Barbra and her staff are doing! (If you would like to support her work, please indicate that your gift is to be used for Zambia.)

Another concern/question we've had is what appeared to be their indiscriminate use of the pregnancy tests we send them. They cost us about \$1 each, plus shipping costs (which is usually \$20+/shipment) - and they go through them pretty quickly.

We've asked them to do tests for women only if they've missed their periods by 2-3 days - but from their reports, we've seen that they have been doing tests on women who aren't late for their periods at all! In one week alone they provided 150 tests to girls at a private school in a town many miles from Kitwe! We were stunned, however, by Barbra's explanation - and humbled that we'd ever questioned their reasons.

Barbra shared that the clients who come to their office - and the young girls at the school - will resort to herbal or traditional methods of abortion as soon as they even think they may be pregnant - often the day after unprotected sex. While many of these women are NOT pregnant, they still suffer the consequences of abortion - and many of them die. Barbra and her team went to the private school at the Head Master's request because 30 girls had died from abortion during the past term (3 months)! Now we understand why they don't make their clients wait - and why they went on this trip when they didn't have the money to cover their expenses! They "walk by faith" in ways that we can't even imagine!

Lastly, Barbra shared that she has been thinking about having a Holiday Concert featuring a band that is well known in Zambia. And - we sent Barbra home with things that she will raffle off at the concert. We don't know how the concert or raffle will do, but we're trusting the Lord to provide for the center - and we KNOW that He is faithful - ALL THE TIME! Please keep Barbra, her staff, and their fund raising ventures in your prayers!