

HeartBeats

Service From the Heart Since 1984



From the Director...

Greetings! Thanks to all of you who worked hard to make this year's Walk for Life a special day! While we didn't have as many people there as we have in years past, we know that those who were able to come did everything they could to make this a successful event. We want to say a special "thanks" to our Church Representatives - these men and women spent many hours attending extra services at their churches so everyone in their fellowship would have an opportunity to register for the Walk.



Linda Parker
East Valley Christian Fellowship

Roy and Jennifer Matthews, Joan Davis and Alice Moss
Horizon Christian Fellowship - Main Campus

Roger Gerber and Todd Hooks
Horizon - Pocohantus Campus

Stephanie O'Connor and Margie Levesque
Horizon South Bay

Alex Budi, Monica Hill, Tracy Burson, and DeAnne Hunold
Maranatha Chapel

Mike Farmer and Laurie Selters
Mission Valley Christian Fellowship

Christopher French
Mission Village Christian Fellowship



Terri Kondrashoff
Paseo del Rey Church

We also appreciate the pastors of these churches for supporting the Walk. We know that they have SO many requests for help, and we are grateful that they have faithfully stood with us for our events.

It's not too late to participate in the Walk - you can still get sponsors and do a 2-mile walk around your neighborhood - at the beach - wherever! If you have sponsor sheets that haven't been turned in yet, please mail them soon!

We know that God will provide for our all of our needs, and for the needs of the international centers we support. We thank Him for His faithfulness to this ministry!

In His Service,

Sharon Pearce
Director



"The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into your hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'"
Judges 7:2

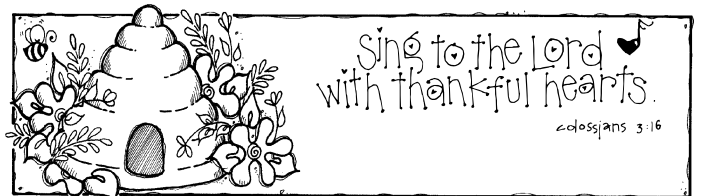
News from India...

We're already getting our first reports from the new "centers" in India! (The "centers" aren't offices like we have here - the women are working from their homes and are going out into the communities to do the pregnancy testing and counseling.) Here's what Sam shared with us in his latest communication:

"I am getting reports from the three staff working for Pregnancy Care and Counseling every week, and am glad to state that the progress is very satisfactory. They have met several pregnant women in their respective areas, and when they volunteered to help them, the pregnant women are happy, and welcome the guidance of the staff. However, there are some instances causing worries. There are two women who already have two or three children who do not want to have another child, and are adamant about having an abortion.

"We hope that if we can educate them about the side effects, complications, and emotional and psychological disturbances that can last for months after an abortion, that they will change their minds. I have printed some pamphlets in Tamil (the native language most people speak in this region of India), and our Directors are distributing them to all the pregnant women they meet. We are also informing the women that if they do not want the babies, they can leave them at our Home and we will take care of them."

It sounds like they're off to a good start! Please pray that the new Directors don't become discouraged when women don't respond to the educational materials and their offers of help.



And From Russia...

We have sad news - Larissa didn't get married on April 12, after all. Her fiancé's mother withdrew her support for the marriage, and Victor didn't feel that he could go through with the wedding without her approval. It was - and is - a difficult time for Larissa - but she is trusting God.

We will be in Russia May 5-20, primarily to bring supplies and encouragement, but we'll also be spending time evaluating our options for the center in Pushkin (we still need to find a new location for this center). And, we are looking forward to celebrating our 10th year in Russia with Larissa and her staff!

Please pray for Lida and me as we travel. We will be using Aeroflot for our trip to Volgograd (May 8-12), and that's always scary!

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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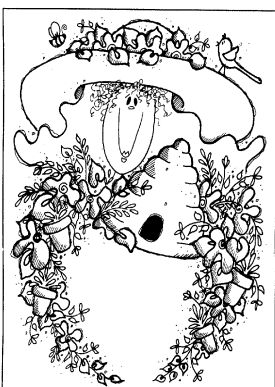
Bridges

To Motherhood

Our Bridges Moms are doing very well - we're blessed that their babies have been healthy, and that the Moms are putting into practice the things that they're learning in our classes.

That's not to say that they still aren't struggling with the responsibilities of being a parent, or that they always make the best choices for themselves, or for the babies. But - they're trying - and we're here to help those who really want to learn how to make healthier choices.

We need some new volunteers to come alongside our special moms. If you have a heart for single parents, and want to get involved, please give Linda a call and let her know you're interested! If you think you're "not qualified," don't worry - we'll provide all the training you need! And remember - "God doesn't call the qualified - He qualifies the called!"



.THANKS,
 Nicole Berger!
 This young lady saved
 her babysitting money,
 and spent it on new
 clothes for our
 Bridges to Motherhood
 moms! Isn't that
 SWEET?!!

More News From Russia...

Vera, our Director in Volgograd, Russia, has had LOTS of great ideas on how to reach the young people in her city! Katya is one of the students Vera has counseled. Katya went to her sociology class at school, asked her classmates to answer some questions about their views on abortion, and then gave a short presentation about abortion. Here are Katya's questions, with her classmates' responses:

Do you think you have the right to take away a human life?
 Yes, I do - 0% No, I don't - 100%

Which is the moment when human life begins?
 The date of birth - 57% The date of conception - 43%

Would you/your girlfriend agree to experience abortion of your/her child?
 Yes, I/she would - 38% No, I/she wouldn't - 62%

Do you take measures to prevent undesirable pregnancy?
 Yes, I do - 75% No, I don't - 25%

What is necessary to be done to get the amount of abortions in our country minimized?
 To prohibit abortions - 18% To inform young people about the problem of abortion when they are in primary school - 82%

Katya's presentation included information about the moral, legal, physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of abortion. When she was finished, most of her classmates agreed with her conclusion that abortion is not a good option. Interestingly, after Katya's presentation, another student spoke to the class about the problem of abandoned children in Russia. When she read aloud the question, "What is the possible way of solving the problem of abandoned children?," and suggested that abortion is one solution, *many of the students cried out to delete that option from her list of solutions!* Praise the Lord - they're hearing the message and responding!