

HeartBeats

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From the Director...

THANKS to everyone who came to the Auction - it was GREAT!!! I kept asking myself that night, "Who are all these people, and where did they come from!?" The attendance was one of our best, ever, and we're grateful for each and every person who came to support our event. It was a LOT of fun, and the Lord blessed us with just under \$10,000, which will really help us continue our ministry both in the US and internationally.

We'd like to say "THANKS" to all of you who waited so patiently during the check out process. We were trying something new that still had many "bugs" in the system, and checkout was actually more complicated and difficult than in previous years. We've learned a LOT from this experience, and we're hopeful that all the "bugs" will be gone by next year, and we'll be operating more efficiently than ever.

The Lord has been speaking to me for the past two years about our fund raising events, and I shared with those who attended the Auction that I believe it's time for me and our staff to step away from the responsibility of organizing and planning the Walk for Life and the Auction/Ice Cream Social. While we understand the need for these events, and know that many of our supporters look forward to participating in them, it's become increasingly more difficult for us to do all of the planning for them, AND keeping up with the needs of our clients - and our clients should come first. In addition, our ministry has grown SO much internationally, and is requiring more and more of my time - it's difficult to keeping up with all of their needs, our clients' needs, AND do the fund raising.

SO - if we are going to have a Walk for Life in May (we've tentatively set May 1 as the date for the Walk), we will need some of our supporters to tell us NOW that they want to do what needs to be done to see it happen. We will pass on all of the resources we have, as well as our experience and knowledge about what needs to be done, etc., but we need to be out of the "hands on" process of organizing a successful event. PLEASE let us know if you would like to serve on a committee for either event. While the Walk is months away, we really should be starting to plan for it now, so don't wait to make the phone call if this is something you'd like to do! THANKS!

In His Service,

Sharon Pearce
Director

--GIVE THANKS--



Sponsor an Orphan

Thanks to all of our supporters who have sent donations for the orphans in India! We've had a great response so far - we only need support for another 20 children, so it's not too late to sponsor a child. To provide food, housing, medical care and an education costs \$15/month.

We are still working out the details of how you will be kept updated about the child(ren) you sponsor, so please be patient with us as we work out this process.

Chairs Donated

The San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association has donated two handcrafted, child-sized chairs for our waiting room. On a recent afternoon, a client came in with her husband and two small sons. The "daddy" told the boys that if they picked out a book, he would read it to them while they waited. The boys quickly choose a book, then pulled the two chairs over in front of their dad, and sat and listened as he read to them. It was SO sweet! The children really enjoy having things in our waiting room that are "just their size" - and so do their moms.



Vaccine Update

In one of our previous newsletters we reported that some commonly administered childhood vaccines were created by using aborted fetal cell lines. At that time, it was almost impossible to find an alternative source, and parents who had a moral objection to using these vaccines had to make a difficult choice: use a vaccine that used tissue from aborted babies, or leave their own babies unvaccinated.

We're happy to report that there is now another option: single dose vaccines for measles (Attenuvax) and mumps (Mumpsvax) that do NOT contain aborted fetal cells lines are now available for order through your physician. Doctors may order the vaccines by contacting their sales rep, or by calling Merck at 1-800-422-9675 or 1-800-637-2579. Physicians can order up to 3 boxes, and each box contains 10 doses.

The group "Children of God for Life" has worked tirelessly to see this happen. If you or your doctor have any questions about these vaccines, you can contact them through their website: www.cogforlife.org.

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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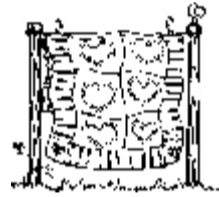
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"Little Jewels" Quilt Blesses Fire Survivors

The "Little Jewels" quilt that the Mission Valley Creative Women's Ministry made for this year's Auction was won by Margo from East Valley Christian Fellowship (EVCF). Margo told us that she "never felt that it belonged to her," and she never took the quilt out of the bag it was delivered in. One week later, firestorms blazed through San Diego County, leveling thousands of homes in their wake, including the home of a couple from EVCF. When Margo heard about their loss, she knew immediately that the quilt was meant for them. They were SO blessed to have this beautiful reminder of God's love and faithfulness to His children.



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Bridges to Motherhood Needs YOU!!!



We are still in need of new volunteers for our "Bridges to Motherhood" program! This is a support group and parenting program for our clients who have chosen to have their babies. Most of these young women do not have a good support system, and have never known "unconditional love." Our "Bridges" volunteers fill a void in their lives, and help prepare them for motherhood. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. PLEASE let us know if you can help!

We would also ask you to consider a special donation for our moms for Christmas. The easiest way for us to bless them is to give them gift cards from stores like Target, KMart, WalMart, etc., in amounts of \$25 or less. This allows them to purchase what they need, or what they know their child wants for Christmas. If you'd like to help us make this Christmas special for them, we can either purchase the gift cards with the donation you send for that purpose, or you can purchase the cards and send them to us.

Another Auction Blessing!

One of our regular supporters donated a set of Noritake china for our auction. While waiting in the checkout line, the people who had the highest bid on the china shared that they had wanted that particular pattern for years, but had never been able to afford it. When they saw it at our Auction, they felt like it was a gift from God - and even more so when they realized that it was a complete set, including serving pieces! They were SO blessed to be able to support our event, AND walk away with the complete set of china they'd wanted forever!

Prayer and Fasting

One of the things the Lord has been showing us is that we need to be more committed to prayer and fasting for Silent Voices and the many ministries that we support worldwide. While we already have a very faithful prayer team that prays for our clients as specific situations come up, we are hoping to develop a team of people who are committed to praying and fasting for the ministry in general. Ideally, we'd like to find 31 people who will commit to one day/month for one year.

We know that not everyone can fast from food - diabetics and those with other illnesses that require a regular intake of food may not be able to give up eating for 24 hours - but EVERYONE can give up SOMETHING for that period of time - something that would be missed - something that would draw their heart and mind back to the Lord in prayer when they realize that they're "going without." Television - coffee - chocolate (it IS one of the basic food groups!) - talking on the phone - all of these things could be given up for a 24 hour period - and we're sure you can think of many others!

We've already seen God do some awesome things as some of the staff and Board has begun fasting and praying for Silent Voices, and we know that there are more blessings in store. If you would like to participate, choose one day/month that you will commit to prayer, and let us know what it is so we can fill all 31 days! Sharon has already committed to the first day of the month - who wants to pray and fast on the second?

To sign up, call:

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