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Dear HLI friends and supporters,

This month we bring you reports from three African countries. First, HLI's regional coordinator for English-speaking African nations, Emil Hagamu, reports on his meetings with local pro-lifers, priests, government employees and HLI workers in Malawi. Read on to hear how he exposed the dangers of the population control agenda and the deceptive *Maputo Protocol*; and how the fruits of HLI's work are being seen through a blossoming pro-life movement in that country. Then, HLI's regional coordinator for Portuguese-speaking nations, Raymond de Souza, reports on his missionary trips to both Mozambique and South Africa, where he was able to meet with numerous bishops and priests and reach well over 1,000 people through talks and radio broadcasts.

**MISSIONARY TRIP TO MALAWI**—Reported by *Emil Hagamu, July 12 – 18, 2010.*

This past June, I traveled to Malawi to assess the performance of HLI Pro-Life Malawi, which is now under the direction of Mr. Joseph Chikuni, who



took over from the late Harris Kachaso. More specifically, I wanted to visit recently formed local pro-life groups, as well as the Pro-Life Malawi central office, so that I could evaluate the impact of their pro-life programs on the people of Malawi and determine the effectiveness of their leadership.



On the evening of my arrival, I met the leaders of Pro-Life Malawi: Mr. Joseph Chikuni, Director, Fr. Alpheus Zikomankhani, Chairman of the Board, and Madam Irene Sinyeka, Secretary of the Board. Our discussions were very fruitful, and we were able to address issues that should make spreading the Gospel of Life there even more effective.

### MEETING THE PEOPLE OF MALAWI

I was given an opportunity to introduce myself to the people of Malawi during a Mass one morning. I talked about the mission of HLI in the world and the threat of abortion. **I also explained how abortion is promoted by the deceptive “Women’s Rights” document, the Maputo Protocol, which was recently ratified by the African Union.** Finally, I spoke about the need to defend human life from fertilization until natural death. At the end of my talk, the faithful in the congregation broke into a loud applause to show their support for our pro-life efforts and message.

After Mass, one of the attendees, Hon. Lingson K.W. Belekanyama, a member of Parliament for Lilongwe Msinja South in the Malawi National Assembly, met me in the priests’ sitting room. He said he was impressed with what I had to say and spoke of his support for the pro-life mission. We talked at length about various pro-life issues in Malawi and of the anti-life culture that is strongly infiltrating his society. I explained to him the situation of abortion in the world, and in Africa in particular, discussing the dangers of the Maputo Protocol and the current massive anti-life programs in Malawi. He was shocked to learn that, although Malawi was not represented in the Health Ministers Meeting in Maputo, the Malawi

## THE PRO-LIFE WISDOM *of* FR. PAUL MARX THE APOSTLE OF LIFE



*Fr. Paul Marx*

“Father John Hardon once commented that a right-to-life movement that does not oppose contraception and abortifacients will never win the battle for the protection of the unborn. I heartily agree.” — *The Death Peddlers*, page iv.



*Emil Hagamu with the leader of Salima’s pro-life group and Fr. Alpheus Zikomankhani.*

National Assembly had ratified it and the president acceded to it. **In fact, many protocols, he told me, are ratified by the Secretariat without the knowledge of parliamentarians.** He promised to research the Maputo Protocol and work with other members to vote against it if it is mentioned again in the National Assembly.

### **EVANGELIZING WITH THE GOSPEL OF LIFE**

Fr. Zikomankhani and I had the opportunity to travel to Salima to meet the local parish pro-life group. The group's chairman, Mr. Alumakyo Mwasiya, told us the group has 25 active members, all of whom are working hard to promote the culture of life within their respective regions. Also, the parish priest, who acts as group advisor, told us how he incorporates pro-life topics into his pastoral ministry. After meeting with and encouraging these pro-lifers, we visited Lake Malawi shore, where we were able to talk to more locals – including even the staff at our hotel – about pro-life issues.

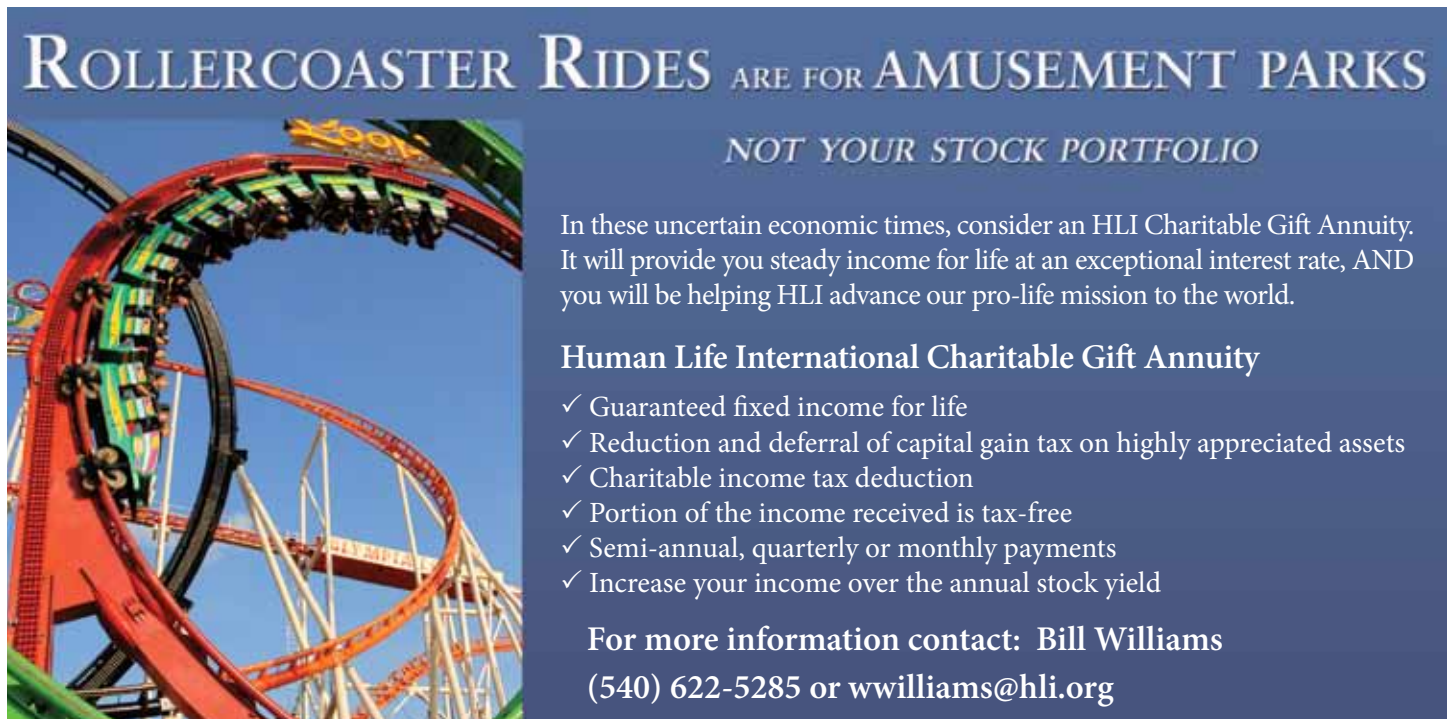
Fr. Zikomankhani and I appeared on a program with *Radio Alinafe*, during which we discussed pro-life ministry. *Radio Alinafe* is owned and run by the Diocese of Lilongwe. I presented the international perspective of the pro-life movement, and Fr. Zikomankhani presented on the pro-life movement in Malawi. **The moderator was so impressed that he promised he would create a weekly pro-life program!** We were further gratified that people who were able to hear



*A pro-life briefing with Fr. Zikomankhani at Madisi parish, Malawi.*

our message made phone calls to congratulate us and our mission.

Finally, we traveled to Fr. Zikomankhani's former parish in Madisi to meet the pro-life group there and speak on the various anti-life activities occurring in Malawi today. In my presentation, **I explained how population control organizations have targeted Malawi, namely through their promotion of abortifacients, sterilization and abortion.** I also explained to them how the local *Banja la Nsogholo* [Future Family] Marie Stopes



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clinic is working in collaboration with IPPF. The pro-lifers in Madisi have been meeting together regularly to share their experiences and to strategize on how to strengthen their group. Praise God, they have successfully recruited members from several different regions, like Ngoko, Nkamanga and St. Augustine.

On my last day in Malawi, Mr. Chikuni invited me to visit a sick friend, who is a fellow pro-life fighter. I was able to share with him the hope that we have in the pro-life movement today. Whether in a sick bed, in a church on one's knees, or on the front lines, every one of us can unite our sufferings to Jesus and pray and work for the coming of His Kingdom and His victory over the culture of death.

### **POPULATION CONTROL PROPAGANDA**

Like all African countries, Malawi is enduring menacing pressure from population control promoters. During my stay in the Diocese of Lilongwe, I witnessed intensive population control propaganda through radio and television. **The campaign for a two-child family policy is very strong.** The *Banja la Msogholo* Marie Stopes clinic looked quiet at the time that I visited it, but we all know these clinics are busy killing unborn Malawian babies, though the public eye cannot detect it and the government does not hold them accountable for it. **Population control groups are effectively destroying Malawian culture** by infesting it with their anti-life thinking and behavior.

### **THE FUTURE OF HLI PRO-LIFE MALAWI**

HLI Pro-Life Malawi, though ever in need of growth, is vibrant with enthusiasm and vitality. It is providing effective opposition to the culture of death. **Already, five local pro-life groups have been formed, thanks to the efforts of the Board of Directors.** Pro-Life Malawi enjoys the support of the local bishop and the entire clergy, who are eager to start pro-life groups in various parishes, in order to effectively counter population control activities at the grassroots level. **The local population is tremendously pro-life;** the applause I received after my speech at Holy Mass was a clear indication of support for our life-saving message, and the listeners' feedback to the *Radio Alinafe* program was *overwhelmingly* positive. In fact, having heard us on the radio program, the youth group of Sacred Heart Parish requested that I come and speak to them about pro-life issues; and even a member of parliament came to visit and congratulate us!

In addition to the daily pro-life activities being conducted at various levels of society, there are three major programs that HLI Pro-Life Malawi hopes to conduct next year. First of all, they want to prepare a pro-life training program for seminarians, for which HLI staff would be invited as trainers. Secondly, within the first quarter of next year, they are planning to run a workshop to train local pro-life leaders. And finally, sometime in June or July of next year, I intend to lead a training session in Malawi for all English-speaking HLI Directors in the area.



*Emil meets with a pro-life group at Madisi Hospital in Malawi.*



*Emil with some of the Pro-Life Malawi board members.*

**MISSIONARY TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE AND SOUTH AFRICA—Reported by Raymond de Souza, August 2010.**



As HLI’s regional coordinator for Portuguese-speaking countries, I had been planning a visit to the African country of Mozambique in hopes of re-establishing contacts with Church officials and, with their help, mobilizing pro-life action. Incidentally, our HLI affiliate, “HLI South Africa (Cape Town),” and specifically the “Culture of Life Campaign” group of Johannesburg, had some time ago invited me to tour the country of South Africa. They wanted me to conduct a series of speaking engagements on the Gospel of Life and the culture of death in the context of Catholic apologetics. Since South Africa is just next door to Mozambique, HLI was blessed to be able to save time, energy and funds by combining what would have been two trips into one.

**HLI MATERIALS AT THE BISHOPS’ CONFERENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE**

The Church in Mozambique finds Herself in a difficult situation, after over two decades of communist domination and a protracted civil war. She is now in great need of assistance in promoting the Gospel of Life.

**The HLI programs offer an ideal response to this need.**

During my visit, I stayed in Maputo, Mozambique’s capital city. I was there for a relatively short while — only four days. But these days were richly filled with establishing contacts and planning for exciting future projects. On my first day in Maputo, Rev. Fr. Alberto Buque, manager of the local station, *Radio Maria*, came to see me at my hotel. **Fr. Buque eagerly agreed to broadcast HLI educational materials**, which I have already recorded in Portuguese and will send to him in print for the station’s program hosts to read over the airways. Also, starting in October 2010, God-willing, I will be recording the *Catechism against Abortion*, written by a Brazilian priest, to be broadcast from *Radio Maria*. The station’s airwaves reach out to various countries around Mozambique, impacting a wide audience.

**I also visited the apostolic nuncio, His Excellency, Antonio Macari**, at the Nunciature in Mozambique. Archbishop Macari received me most kindly and fully validated the impressions I had gathered about the difficult situation of the Church there. Of his own initiative, **he volunteered to present folders filled with HLI materials at the Bishops Conference**, which will take place in November this year! His Excellency was very supportive of putting together a major pro-life event in Mozambique, comprising a weekend of talks in various parishes and involving clergy, catechists, seminarians, youth and others. Also, on his behalf, he asked me to contact and network on pro-life matters with the apostolic nuncio in Luanda, Angola, on the occasion of a future visit I am making to that major Portuguese-speaking country.

After meeting with Archbishop Macari, Rev. Fr. Manuel Tavares, a member of the missionary group, the *Consolata*, came to meet with me at my hotel. I had met him before, on my first visit to the country. Fr. Tavares works two days a week at the nunciature. He is most supportive of the nuncio’s initiative to help with HLI’s work in Mozambique. When the major pro-life event



*Raymond de Souza addresses Catholic High School teachers in South Africa.*

discussed with Archbishop Macari takes place, Fr. Tavares and his colleagues will assist by advertising, recruiting people to help, and performing other tasks as needed.

### **PROMOTING HLI'S PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR THE CONVERSION OF ABORTIONISTS**

On the last day of my visit, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Kawesi, Secretary to Archbishop Francisco Chimoio of Mozambique, called to inform me that the Archbishop would receive me at his parish. In my discussions with him, **Archbishop Chimoio was extremely supportive of HLI's work and very keen to receive our pledge of assisting the Archdiocese**, and the country as a whole, in the task of forming the people in the Gospel of Life. He received an HLI information folder with eagerness and **promised to distribute among the parishes the 500 HLI St. Michael the Archangel prayer cards in Portuguese** I offered him.

His Excellency fully supported the apostolic nuncio's plan to address the Bishops' Conference, and he even preferred having a full week's pro-life event, not just a weekend. The archdiocese graciously offered to provide my accommodations, food and transportation for the duration of that event.

At the end of the conversation, I mentioned to the archbishop that I would need to be in regular correspondence with the archdiocese, to plan for and develop the upcoming event. He immediately nominated his own secretary, Fr. Kawesi, and Fr. Buque of *Radio Maria* as the HLI contacts for the planning process.

I must say I am very pleasantly surprised at the immense support I have received from the Church in Mozambique. Should things develop according to plan, in November, the ap-



*Raymond de Souza with Archbishop Francisco Chimoio of Mozambique, Africa.*

ostolic nuncio and the archbishop of Maputo will present the HLI pro-life event proposal to the Bishops' Conference. Then, God-willing, early next year, **I will spend about a week giving talks and chairing workshops, seminars, and question and answer sessions to the clergy and laity, particularly the youth.** The sessions will be recorded and **broadcast far and wide by Radio Maria.**

### **ADDRESSING MORE THAN 1,500 SOUTH AFRICANS WITH THE GOSPEL OF LIFE**

My nine-day speaking tour of South Africa spanned three different cities (Johannesburg, Cape Town and Pretoria). I gave eight talks – two in Archdiocesan Cathedrals (Johannesburg and Cape Town), two in Catholic high schools, one



*Above and right: Raymond gives a talk at the Archdiocesan Cathedral in Johannesburg, South Africa.*

in a seminary, three on radio interviews (in both Portuguese and English), and one at an informal tea with clergy and “Culture of Life Campaign” members at the Johannesburg Cathedral parish hall. **Altogether, over 1,500 people attended the talks and heard HLI’s pro-life message!**

My presentations focused on describing the culture of death, the de-Christianization of the western world, and the duty of Catholics to respond to and promote the Gospel of Life.

**Worthy of note was my address to about 80 seminarians at the Saint John Vianney Seminary in Pretoria.** After the question and answer session, a priest, on behalf of the rector, warmly invited me to return any time to re-address the seminarians and faculty with HLI’s pro-life message.

Also, in Cape Town, Archbishop Stephen Brislin kindly came to see me prior to my talk; and, acknowledging my work as a Catholic speaker, he opened the door of the archdiocese for future visits, especially to speak to the youth. I gave him a folder full of HLI activities and materials, and **he renewed a specific invitation for me to visit the archdiocese in 2011, to address a large number of young people.**

### **FULFILLING A HUNGER FOR KNOWLEDGE**

At the Johannesburg Cathedral, where about 700 people attended the talk, the parish priest publicly praised the pro-life work of HLI – as well as the apologetics apostolate I promoted and shared with them – and he openly invited me to come for future visits.

The address to some 20 Catholic teachers who work in major regional Catholic schools was very well-received, and **the response of some 45 teenage boys who were being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation was particularly encouraging.** Several parents attended the event and were also highly supportive of the work of HLI.

A Saturday morning seminar to a group of about 90 Catholic men, lasting over three hours, made it very evident to me that **there is a deep hunger among the people for knowledge of the Faith and the Gospel of Life, a hunger that one notices everywhere in South Africa.**

After an interview at *Radio Veritas* studios, I met Rev. Fr. Emil Blasier, the station director. He formally asked my permission to broadcast my CD talks on Catholic apologetics and the Gospel of Life, on a *pro bono* basis, as the station



*Raymond with Rev. Fr. Aloysius Kawesi, Secretary to Archbishop Chimoio and HLI’s contact in Mozambique.*



*Interview at Radio Veritas, in Portuguese and English.*

cannot afford to pay anything for them. Although the sale of my CD talks is essential to my family income, I could not say no. *Radio Veritas* is not a huge station, but it does reach out to many countries throughout Southern Africa, such as South Africa, Mozambique, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Zambia, Malawi and Angola. So, after a vast promotional effort from September to November 2010, full broadcasting will begin in December, at the beginning of the new liturgical year. ***The HLI message and the truths of the Catholic Faith will thus be multiplied one hundredfold in southern Africa,*** and we may certainly count on Our Lord’s blessings for a fruitful outcome to this exciting venture.

## CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS AND A CULTURE OF LIFE

I believe this was the best speaking tour I have ever given. The tour kept me busy in a marathon of talks, constantly rushing from parish to seminary, from cathedral to radio station, from high school to airport; and **I am certain that HLI's work in South Africa will cause a major push forward in the promotion of the Gospel of Life.**

Combining the Gospel of Life with Catholic apologetics has proven very rewarding and powerful in its impact; people attending such talks have their understanding of the Faith strengthened, which in turn spurs them towards a greater commitment to defend the Right to Life.

Dear friends, with such a great need for the pro-life events, trainings, and projects underway in Africa, we are forever grateful to you, whose prayers and financial generosity make everything possible. Thank you for working with us in the building of God's Kingdom!

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