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Dear HLI friends and supporters,

Sometimes our biggest challenges as pro-life missionaries come from the very souls we are trying to help. Population controllers around the world make great strides where there is complacency, or where people are just too busy with life to persevere in pro-life activism. That is why HLI visits and revisits those cultures where people of good will need regular support and training to keep them from being lulled by the Culture of Death.

This month, Ligaya Acosta reports from Malaysia, where she has been able to establish great support from Church leaders and where certain pro-life families keep the mission alive between her visits. But first, Brian Clowes reports from Namibia, a nation that is predominately pro-life (with 90 percent of the population opposing abortion), but where the abortion pill is nevertheless widely prevalent and population control groups are very active.



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet,
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MISSIONARY TRIP TO NAMIBIA—Reported by Brian Clowes, July 2011.

Texas-sized Namibia is located just North of South Africa on the continent's west coast. Because of its arid climate, only about 2.15 million people live here, 350,000 of whom dwell in the capital and largest city, Windhoek (pronounced "Win-Dook" by the locals). Outside the big city, you can drive for many miles on the main roads, and the only other people you will see are in the occasional car or safari-tourist bus.

Yet even in this empty land, the population controllers are busily about their evil work. More than a dozen international population control groups are attempting to make Namibians into Americans and Europeans with their fanatical meddling. These organizations include the usual suspects: Family Health International, Marie Stopes International, the Namibia Planned Parenthood Association (NPPA), the Open Society Institute, Population Services International, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and of, course, the United Nations agencies such as UNAIDS, UNCEDAW, UNDESA, UNFPA and UNICEF.

These and other groups have dumped more than half a *billion* dollars into population control activities in Namibia since 1990, an average of more than \$200 per person.



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AND WHY IS ALL OF THIS ALLEGEDLY NECESSARY?

NSSM-200, the “Kissinger Report” of 1974, tells us that **the United States and the rest of the “developed” world want to hold down the population of the Southern Hemisphere simply so it can get its hands on the world’s natural resources.**

And Namibia does have fantastic natural resources. It is the fourth largest producer of uranium in the world and is rich in diamonds, copper, uranium, gold, silver, lead, tin, lithium, cadmium, tungsten and zinc. Making the nation even more attractive to the greedy West are probable huge deposits of oil, coal, and iron ore.

Even though Namibia’s total fertility rate (TFR) is low by African standards at 2.5 children per woman, the population controllers continue to spread their gospel of sterility. Their efforts are hardly necessary, unfortunately; Namibia has the seventh-highest adult HIV infection rate in the world at 16 percent, and the life expectancy of a child born in 2010 is a dismal 52 years.

Namibia is mostly Christian, with close to half being Lutherans and about 15 percent Catholics. The United Nations says that half of the people in the nation are unemployed, and more than half live on only two dollars a day. But these numbers and definitions are very deceptive; a family living in the countryside and relying on its own crops can eat very well and be happy with its lifestyle, but these people, according to the UN, are “unemployed” and “poverty-stricken.”

That’s one of the UN’s most effective and deceptive propaganda methods: applying big-city definitions to country people.

ABORTION ON THE STREETS

Misoprostol (Cytotec) is freely available on the streets of Windhoek. If



Brian with some of the staff of the Roman Catholic Hospital in Windhoek after Emil and Brian spoke.

you have \$150, almost any doctor outside the Roman Catholic Hospital will administer the abortion pill.

A 2009 Inter Press Service news article describes well the attitudes of Namibians and the impact of population control measures already being implemented in this pro-life nation. The article mentions a street peddler named Merja, who said, “We need the extra money and at the same time we are providing a service to our fellow desperate women in need. It’s not like we are killing babies. I only sell Cytotec tablets to those whose pregnancy is less than three months.” Merja says that she buys a packet of 56 Cytotec tablets for U.S. \$50 and sells each tablet for \$14, making a cool profit of 1,468 percent in a week, mostly off of careless college students.

“Fellow desperate women in need?” Sure. “Merja” is no different from the unscrupulous abortionists in the United States.

An incredible 90 percent or more of Namibians strongly oppose abortion, making them among the most pro-life people on Earth. In the same article, Ndawana Hausiku said, “Abortion must never be legalized in Namibia. Women will just willy-nilly commit murder. Innocent babies will be killed. If our mothers had been given that opportunity to choose whether we should have lived or died then a lot of us would not be here. It’s also so un-African.”

As usual, **the will of the people is completely irrelevant to the population controllers**, who use their standard lies regarding hundreds or thousands of women dying of illegal abortions in their push to get the procedure decriminalized. Also in the article, Liz Frank, Director of the pro-abortion group Sister Namibia, said, “Currently the health ministry is spending huge amounts of money in cleaning up botched abortions, while so many women are dying or having life threatening injuries after undergoing backstreet abortions. Women should have access to safe abortion.”

Ironically, abortion on demand is already established by law in Namibia. Women can have abor-

tions for rape, incest, or for their lives and health. As we all know, the UN definition of “health” is “A state of complete physical, mental, and social well being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”

Namibia is just one of dozens of countries where population controllers have forced women to be sterilized. **Hundreds of Namibian women were sterilized without their consent or even their knowledge**, and when they went to get birth control later, they were told that it was not necessary since they were sterile. These women are rejected by their husbands and villages because being sterile in Namibia carries a worse stigma than having AIDS. Not surprisingly, the hospitals where these forced surgeries were



Emil (above) and Brian (below) speaking to the seminarians at the St. Charles Lwanga National Seminary in Windhoek.



carried out are funded by PEPFAR, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

But the population controllers don't care, just as long as the number of people is kept down.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Father Thomas Manninezhath, CMI, the Secretary General of the Namibian Catholic Bishops' Conference, along with our director of HLI-Africa (English-speaking), Emil Hagamu, met me at the small Windhoek ("Win-dook") Airport, and we drove 25 miles to the St. Charles Lwanga Major Seminary. Since Namibia is far South of the Equator, it was winter here, and refreshingly cool after the ferocious heat wave blanketing Virginia, which reached 105 degrees on one humid July day.

Emil and I talked to the entire staff and all of the thirty seminarians for two days. We covered a complete range of subjects designed to equip the seminarians with the knowledge they need to effectively resist the Culture of Death: Attacks on faith and family, the population control agenda, the condom conundrum, what it really means to be authentically pro-life, and homosexuality, among other topics.

Emil and I also distributed a large amount of material to the seminarians, including the *Pro-Life Library DVD*, the *Pro-Life Pastoral Handbook*, and the ever-popular "Little Feet" pins.

On Sunday, Emil and I gave a two-hour session to the public at the Cathedral Auditorium, and then, over the next two days, presented three separate four-hour sessions for a total of 145 medical professionals from the Roman Catholic Hospital.

In the evenings, I worked on my laptop while watching an Indian soap opera called "India: A Love Story." Father Thomas is from Kerala, and he is addicted to it. It is actually pretty entertaining, with gross overacting and absolutely awful lip-syncing.

A German priest told us a story one night as we ate in the Cathedral parish dining hall. It was a good dinner, for sure, and it was the first time I have ever seen bacon cheese spread. Anyway, the story was of a Namibian guy who learned that he had AIDS, so

he then set out to have sex with as many women as he possibly could. Most of the 105 became infected. Why do people do this? I just don't understand it. This is what the anti-life mentality can do to people.

As Emil and I departed the auditorium after our last session, we walked through the play area for the kindergartners. One of the little ones ran up and hugged me. Then a couple more did. Finally, a dozen little kids all waited in line for hugs.

CERTAINLY THE BEST SENDOFF EVER!

After I left Windhoek to return home, Emil drove 600 miles to give a talk to health care workers at the Catholic Health Services Facilities Kavango, Rundu,



Emil speaking to staff of the Roman Catholic Hospital in Windhoek, one of three talks to a total of 145 people.



Emil with a couples group in Windhoek, Namibia.

and then returned to present a full day of talks to married couples in Windhoek. He spoke about Catholic teachings on human life, marriage, reproductive technologies, contraception, abortion, sex education, sterilization, education in human sexuality and natural family planning.

Both Emil and I found that **many Namibians have fallen victim to anti-life thinking, simply because they haven't heard the other side of the story.** They did not comprehend why explicit sex education and contraception are intrinsically evil, and they found it very difficult to understand the scientific evidence and Church teachings on these issues. Some even thought that abortion could be acceptable under certain “hard case” conditions.

Namibia is a prime example of how abortion is one hundred times harder to get rid of once it is established than it is to stop it from infecting the culture in the first place. Once abortion is accepted, people become comfortable with it and see it as a necessary if undesirable convenience.

The ethical ground in Namibia is hard and dry, and many of the seeds Emil and I tried to plant will undoubtedly fail to bear fruit. It will take repeated attempts to break up and soften this ground before the pro-life message is wholeheartedly accepted by the people. When this happens, the future of Namibia will be assured.

Please pray for this to happen. 卐

MISSIONARY TRIP TO MALAYSIA—Reported by Dr. Ligaya A. Acosta, August 10-15 2011.

This past August I returned to Kota Kinabalu for my third missionary trip to this beautiful city, which has equally beautiful people. Beneath the calm facade though, termites are eating the foundation, with IPPF, among others very actively promoting the culture of death. IPPF has a regional office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and slowly but surely, it has spread its tentacles all over Malaysia, which, unknown to many, has already approved abortion and freely dispenses “emergency contraception.”

Perhaps, as some attendees at my talks said, Malaysians are just a peace-loving and trusting people who don't like to get involved in pro-life activism work, especially if it puts them in conflict with well-known organizations and individuals, much less the government, which has approved mandatory sex education in schools! Moreover, pro-lifers are usually busy taking care of their own families, and thus, they do not have much time to spare, or so they think. On my third trip, **they promised to be more pro-active, and they publicly expressed guilt that they were not doing enough.**



BACKGROUND

My previous mission trips to Kota Kinabalu were wonderful experiences, where thousands of students and youth took the vow of chastity and many Church leaders and parishioners attended my talks. Organization of a pro-life ministry in the diocese, in fact, has been an offshoot of HLI's previous visits, fully supported by the two great bishops here, Archbishop John Lee and Co-Adjutor Bishop John Wong. Pro-life activism, however, is still wanting, although they have begun doing counseling.

As in my previous trips here, my coming was organized by the President of the Diocesan Pastoral Council,

Anthony Lim, who, together with his ever smiling wife Celine, met me at the airport. Spending time in the home of what I call “the holy family” is always such a great pleasure. Celine is such a great cook and can whip up mouth-watering dishes in a second.

Anthony and Celine and their family of five children are such wonderful Catholics, and each of them is involved in the different ministries of the Church. Their youngest, 11-year old Sheryll, whom two doctors they consulted when Celine was pregnant with her advised her to have the child aborted, as she was “abnormal” is now a great baker. The last time I came, she and her brother Daryll (who has aspired to becoming pope since he was very young!) topped the catechism class for children! Another daughter Elaine, who manages Anthony’s business when he is away doing business for God, produced a most wonderful pro-life video, inspired by their attendance at last year’s Asia-Pacific Congress that Human Life International held in Manila, Philippines. Elaine, who seemed to be a very shy young lady, is actually a youth leader in their church, and transforms when she sings beautifully in the church’s youth band. Of course with great parents like Anthony and Celine, who both lovingly dote on all their children, it is not surprising that the children would follow in their




Ligaya conducting pro-life training for the diocese of Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, August 2011.

path towards God. If all families were like them, we would not have any problem in this world.

PRO-LIFE TRAINING

As before, my days and nights in Kota Kinabalu were packed. Anthony made sure, as he always does, that my time was maximized – conducting a two-day pro-life training in the daytime for clergy, religious, diocesan Church leaders and parishioners; and giving sessions for the general public and youth in the evenings. Each new session would washed away my



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fatigue, as the number of participants would always increase. Parents of the children even came to attend my sessions for the youth. The two bishops came in the morning of the first day, and the archbishop officiated the closing Mass. As always, Archbishop John Lee is very powerful at delivering pro-life homilies. **With two very supportive bishops, it is not surprising that the Catholics of Kota Kinabalu would be loyal to the Church, and ready to serve at a short notice.**

On the last day before I left, I was guest speaker at the 28th Anniversary of the Lord Jesus Covenant Community of about 300 women of Kota Kinabalu, which they call “Women’s Brunch”. Dubbed “Women of Grace,” the theme for this year’s celebration was “My Grace is sufficient for you,” about which I can indeed speak overwhelmingly from my heart. **I have undergone years of purification after my conversion from being rabidly pro-choice to staunchly pro-life,** and it was when I had nothing I found that when you have God in your life, you have found the pearl of great price for which you are willing to sell all your positions. It was when I had literally nothing after giving up my job at the Department of Health in the Philippines and my multi-million peso consultancies that I saw and experienced God’s most amazing goodness and glory.

When I entered the beautiful hotel where the activity was held, I felt my heart beat faster. All the women were in flowing gowns and dresses of purple – the color of gender feminists! In my home country, the Philippines, I have stopped wearing purple because recently, the pro-choice people launched a purple ribbon campaign encouraging everyone to wear purple as a sign of their support to the most diabolical reproductive health bill. I had to convince myself I was not in the Philippines to calm my heart and mind. However, as the event opened with songs of praise and worship, and very touching opening remarks of its leader, Monica Kong, I had peace. And with God’s amazing grace, my talk was very well accepted by everyone, and I was asked to speak again next time.



His Excellency Archbishop John Lee of the diocese of Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, delivering a homily.



Participants at Ligaya’s session for the youth.



The youth of Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, taking the vow of chastity.

On the night before I left, I had a wonderful dinner meeting with Anthony and Celine and another Anthony and Monica Kong, to plan for the 19th Human Life International Asia-Pacific Congress on Faith, Life and Family in November 2011. The leaders were so inspired by the talks that by the proddings of the Holy Spirit, the hosting of the next ASPAC was decided during one lunch in the training, instantly approved by the Archbishop, and overwhelmingly supported by the women who attended the Women's brunch.

God is good and God is great! Truly, when we surrender everything to Him, He can powerfully use us for His glory. For this third visit, HLI with God's amazing grace touched more than a thousand souls.

To the staff and personnel of HLI-Central who always go out of their way to give us in the frontlines their all out support, and to all the generous benefactors of Human Life International, I THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart, for allowing me to be a part of this greatest and most important work on earth. May God continue to bless you and your families, and reward you a million fold! 🙏

Dear friends, the heroic work of our missionaries for life is always edifying and should stir up renewed fervor in us all! It is thanks to their work in the field that lives are saved and hearts are converted. And it is thanks to you, our faithful supporters, that HLI is able to keep them on the front lines of this battle for life.

God bless you always!



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet
President

P.S.— This month I would like to offer you a gift that shows others you are pro-life and unafraid to stand for the unborn's right to life. **For your \$49 contribution HLI would like to send you a multi-purpose, durable tote bag.**



Proudly displaying the phrase coined by Father Marx that sits at the entrance of HLI's worldwide headquarters, "Defending Life & Family," this bag will represent your unwavering commitment to saving the lives of the unborn and defending the traditional family!

Not only will this bag help you preach the Gospel at all times but it is functional as well! Made of denier polyester, this 13 ¼ x 15 ½ canvas bag is heavy material that will not rip or tear like cheaper reusable grocery bags. You can use this bag for groceries, fall apple picking, carrying all of your child's toys around or carrying books to classes. **However you chose to use this bag, you will be supporting the pro-life cause and Human Life International.**

This tote bag, displaying the phrase, "Defending Life & Family" is our gift to you this month in appreciation for your financial support of \$49 or more!

Also, Christmas is closer then you think ... additional bags can be purchased from our bookstore at <http://www.hli.org/store/> or at 1-800-549-LIFE. Thank you for your unwavering support of Human Life International.