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Above: Fr. Boquet blesses children after the Mass at the JinjaKaroli Parish, Uganda.

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Dear Pro-Life Friend in Christ,

In welcoming the Risen Lord, we would do well to recall Christ's words to Martha in the Gospels: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, although he be dead, shall live." As we all strive for eternal life, HLI unceasingly advocates for precious life on earth, from conception till natural death. This struggle is very real on the continent of Africa. In this Mission Report, read of HLI's efforts to help women and girls there in conjunction with the Holy See, as well as our mission trip to Uganda.

Are you aware agencies like the U.N now link lifeline aid to population control (contraception, abortion, sterilization)? Of the billions given, population control is funded more than basic food and water. Pope Francis has rightly condemned this "ideological colonization." Case in point? Uganda, where they still value life and many children. As Dr. Brian Clowes notes in his report: "Of all the nations in the world, Uganda, the Philippines and Ireland are under the heaviest attack by the Culture of Death."



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet President

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Yours in Christ and Our Lady,

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet

President, Human Life International

MISSIONARY TRIP TO UGANDA

By Dr. Brian Clowes, HLI Director of Education and Research, February 2018

Of all the nations in the world, Uganda, the Philippines and Ireland are under the heaviest attack by the Culture of Death. Uganda is perhaps the most gravely threatened of all. The combined efforts of more than one hundred anti-life non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are directed towards making an example of Uganda, since its civil leadership has so strongly resisted the push to legalize homosexual behavior, transgenderism, abortion and comprehensive sex education (CSE). The African people, exploited by the West for so long, simply want to live their lives in peace without the inevitable conflict and confusion that foreign interference brings. But the Culture of Death's fanatic meddlers are driven to remake the world in their own fatally flawed images and cannot allow the African people to declare their independence from their pervasive corrupting Western influence.

Father Shenan J. Boquet, Anglophone Africa Director Mr. Emil Hagamu and I joined our Uganda country leader, Father Jonathan Opio, for nine days on the ground in order to spread several core messages as widely as possible. Foremost of these is that the Culture of Death and all of its empty promises have not made the people of allegedly more "advanced" Western nations happy; instead, it has robbed them of their very souls. During this mission we explained that only two things can make one truly content: Faith and family. Everything else is fleeting, whether money, possessions, alcohol or unlimited sexual escapades. But if you lose Faith and family, you



Fr. Boquet, preparing to give a talk to 150 catechists at Madera Soroti Church.



have lost everything. We warned that if comprehensive sex education becomes the norm in Uganda, the war against the Culture of Death is lost, since this is the channel by which the West corrupts the youth of a nation and "colonizes their minds," making them think like Americans or Europeans.

We pointed out that trying to get rid of the Culture of Death once it has infected a nation is a hundred times harder than keeping it out of the nation in the first place. "Infection" is certainly the correct term to use in this context. The Culture of Death is a uniformly lethal virus that aggressively metastasizes and always eventually kills its host. We pointed to dying Europe and Japan as real-life examples of this principle.

We also showed that a primary allegation of the Culture of Death — that a large population means a poor nation — is an outright lie. After all, South Korea, Japan, England, Singapore, and Hong Kong, among others, have population densities many times greater than Uganda's, and they are all very rich indeed. Rather, population is power. If Africa can defeat its per-

vasive internal corruption, and even deadlier external corruption imported by the West, it will lead the world by the middle of this century with its vast storehouse of natural resources and its large, young population.

HLI missionaries have traveled to Uganda more than twenty times since HLI President Father Matthew Habiger, O.S.B. and Dr. Claude Newbury first visited there in 1997. Ugandans have always made us feel very welcome. But there is one group of people who strongly resent our presence — the anti-life NGOs, which ironically condemn activities of pro-life groups in Africa as "imperialistic" and "interfering." Unconscious of their own stark hypocrisy, since 1996 the West has funneled more than five billion dollars into Uganda, in attempts to suppress the population and shove homosexuality, birth control and transgenderism down the throats of the people. Their ultimate goal? To remake Africans into puppets of new "masters" in New York City, London and Washington, D.C., as explicitly described in the official population control policy document of the United States, National Security Study Memorandum 200. The objective, as it was with the Congo Conference of 1884-1885, is to pillage Africa of its natural resources.

The leading anti-life organization here at the village level is Marie Stopes International (MSI), which has admitted doing illegal abortions all over the world, and operates 14 illegal abortion mills in the country. MSI is backed up by the usual alphabet soup of population control groups,



Emil Hagamu speaks on life issues after Mass at the Kyambobo University chapel.

including Avert, The Centre for Development and Population Activities, The Center for Reproductive Rights, the Department for International Development, Family Health International, the Gates Foundation, Human Rights Watch, Ipas, International Planned Parenthood Foundation, PATH, Pathfinder International, Population Action International, the Population Council, the Population Reference Bureau, Population Services International, USAID, and at least nine organs of the United Nations. On top of this, more than one hundred other groups with various other primary missions also contribute to population control as an "essential component" of health care.

ON THE GROUND AGAIN

These were the messages we transmitted to thousands while visiting a dozen venues and driving more than a thousand miles. The people we addressed came from a wide range of backgrounds, parliamentarians to local catechists, priests to seminarians and religious, and doctors and lawyers to moms and dads who have an interest in what is happening in their nation.

Driving on Ugandan roads is like playing a video game, except you only have one life to expend. Huge six-axle trucks grind up the mildest hill at walking pace because they are poorly maintained/grossly overloaded/have tired or drunk drivers. Another constant menace is the little "combies," or vans, that randomly stop and drop off or pick up passengers. They swerve all over the road, giving the impression that the yellow lines are just a waste of paint. Of course, motorcycles are everywhere, and only a few riders are wise enough to wear helmets, leading to dozens of deaths by grievous head injury every day. A few months ago HLI's Affiliate Director of the Ugandan Mission, Father Jonathan Opio, and his driver almost became statistics when they were run off the road by a truck, rolling and totaling their vehicle. By God's grace, they suffered no injuries.

Perhaps our most fruitful visit was to the Ugandan Parliament, where we spoke at length to about fifteen lawmakers on the threats facing their nation. We provided plenty of material for them, and they were happy to receive documented evidence on the situation in Uganda. As we drove to and from the Parliament complex, we could not help but notice that every nearby street was completely lined with Protector Condom and Injectaplan billboards. This was likely done to drill the pro-contraception message into the heads of the parliamentarians and attempt to transmit the message that Parliament approves of these methods.

During our travels, we also saw literally hundreds of advertisements for condoms and injectables, in even the smallest towns. Many small cinder-block shops were also garishly painted with colorful ads for birth control, a means of income for their owners.

CONDOM NATION

The battle over condoms has a long history in Uganda. President Yoweri Museveni successfully attacked his country's high HIV adult infection rate through the "ABC" Program — "Abstain before marriage, Be faithful after, and use Condoms only when absolutely necessary." Key to the program is strong discouragement of condom use because the Ugandan government is well aware of their high failure rate, which can often be more than one in ten uses.

The adult HIV-AIDS infection rate was an astounding 30 percent in Kampala and other urban areas in 1992, and the national life expectancy for the entire country was a dismal 44 years. But as the ABC program took hold, the national adult HIV-AIDS infection rate dropped more than 60 percent, from 13.5% in 1990 nationwide to just 5.2% in 2007, and the nation's life expectancy jumped by 8 years.

But at the beginning of the new millennium, several influences began to cripple the ABC program. Foreign non-governmental organizations (NGOs) began to aggressively undermine it simply because they could not allow it to succeed; the program was too successful for the population controllers' liking, and threatening their inflexible dogma, "Condoms first, condoms last, condoms always."

The result of this contraceptive imperialism is as



HLI Pro-Life Missionaries in Uganda: Fr. Jonathan Opio, Fr. Shenan J. Boquet, and Mr. Emil Hagamu.

predictable as it is depressing. The adult HIV-AIDS infection rate has climbed from 5.2% to 6.5% and continues steadily to rise. *This means about 307,000 additional Ugandans now have HIV because of the interference of the international population control cartel* — 307,000 more than there would have been if foreign interests had just restrained themselves from their fanatical meddling.

Why, after wasting five billion dollars on population suppression, is Uganda's life expectancy still 21 years short of the United Kingdom's? Why do one in five Ugandans lack clean drinking water? Why do an incredible 80% of Ugandans have no access to sanitation facilities? Whatever happened to the empty promise that smaller families would lead to better and richer lives?

WHERE EVIL ABOUNDS, HOPE ABOUNDS EVEN MORE

When you are strongly attuned to the activities of the Culture of Death, you can see evidence of its deadly and malevolent effects everywhere, from the indifference of clergy to the ignorance of both parents and their children on the life issues. But there is still much hope that Uganda can withstand the pressures exerted upon it by the anti-life cartel.

Internal corruption is bad enough. It is a huge drag on the economy and threatens the lives of tens of thousands while leaving millions living in needless poverty. But external corruption is much worse. Not only does it nourish internal corruption, it has the potential to destroy millions of lives and ensure an entire continent fails to rise above its difficulties to take its rightful place among the leaders of the world. While HLI fights to stave off external corruption, the Africans themselves must solve the problem of corruption within their own societies.

As recently as 1980, the average Ugandan family had 7.1 children. After nearly four decades of population control propaganda, the average family still has 5.7 children, the seventh highest in the world. This shallow decrease in total fertility rate shows that Uganda is strongly resisting the siren call of smaller families. Ugandans — especially the country people — rely on their instincts. They sense Western influences can be destructive and evil. Most Africans love and respect life, welcoming it with gratitude towards God. The family is still very strong and the people live their lives in happiness, despite many challenges. The people often celebrate God's abundance — when a child is born, when the child is baptized, confirmed and married, at wedding anniversaries and graduations (we had the honor of attending a graduation ceremony; it was spectacular and like nothing we could have imagined).

The typical African life is filled with joy, happiness and strong family relationships, and it made me yearn for the time when we held such treasures in our hands in America.

But we Americans followed the Culture of Death instead of the Master of Life and look where it has taken us. We at Human Life International pray Africa does follow the mistakes done in the West — and we work as hard as possible to ensure that it does not.

Endnotes

UNAIDS Web site at http://aidsinfo.unaids.org/, accessed on February 14, 2018.

According to the United Nations Population Information Network (POPIN) (https://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/), the number of adults (those aged 15 and above) in Uganda was 23,622,000 in January 2018. The difference between 6.5 percent of these people being infected with the HIV and 5.2 percent being infected is 23,622,000 X (6.5%-5.2%) = 307,000. The Avert website states that the HIV infection rate among prostitutes was 37% in 2015; among homosexuals 13% in 2013; and among IV drug abusers 16.7% in 2014 (https://www.avert.org/professionals/hiv-around-world/sub-saharan-africa/uganda).

CIA World Factbook, 2016 Edition.

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Promoting the Integral Development of Rural Women and Girls in Africa in the Era of Ideological Colonization

The Holy See just co-hosted a crucial U.N. Event, advocating for women and girls, in conjunction with Human Life International, Coalition for Life Africa and Campaign Life Coalition. The event was purposely timed to coincide with the United Nations' 62nd Commission on the Status of Women. The U.N. routinely undermines African women and girls by tying "development aid" to abortion, birth control, sterilization, and the West's radical population control agenda. The continent of Africa receives more than \$50 billion in annual aid from the West. While this can be a lifeline to African rural communities, it is at great cost and suffering.

Government, NGOs and private donor assistance should be rooted in respect for human dignity, human rights, and human life in every stage of development. They must respect the faith, traditions and values of the people being assisted. Pope Francis has condemned this practice of implementing such aid conditionally and immorally as "ideological colonization."

Catholic Bishops of Africa and Madagascar spoke to this issue in 2015:

This [is] a terrifying resurgence of a colonialist spirit under the guise of the appealing names of liberty, equality, rights, autonomy, democratization and development. Condoms, contraceptives, sex education programs fabricated elsewhere, ... so-called 'safe abortions,' have



A true pro-woman delegation: John Martin, Executive Vice President of Human Life International, is the fourth from the left.

become commodities that are more accessible to Africans than the way of delivering integral development, of which we have such a vital need. It can no longer be denied that under the euphemism of "sexual and reproductive health and rights," such programs are plainly imposed as a condition for development assistance.

Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations began the day's remarks. "When Pope Francis addressed the Assembly of the United Nations in September 2015, speaking immediately before the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, he called attention to how the need for development can sometimes be used for a cover for all kinds of abuse and corruption, or for carrying out an ideological colonization, where the imposition of anomalous models and lifestyles alien to people's identity." He continued: "Pope Francis has even called this type of development extortion tantamount to a world war, not with weapons, but with ideas."

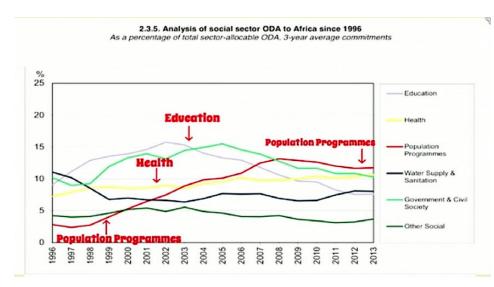
The first speaker, Nigerian Obianuju Ekeocha, is Founder and President of Culture of Life Africa and author of "Target Africa: Ideological Neocolonialism of the Twenty-first Century." Her first documentary, "Strings Attached," has also just been produced. She has repeatedly stated Africans value family and do not value abortion, and showed evidence from Sierra Leon and Cameroon, for instance, of native women protesting abortion. She has no patience for organizations forcing anti-life policies down African throats, terming them: "paternalism, extreme interventionism, imperialism

and ideological neo-colonialism." Population control is now the core of foreign aid, 100 billion dollars spent in the last 20 years. *Population control is now more widely funded than food, water, sanitation, or other basic elements for life (see graph in right column).*

Ms. Ekeocha: "Africa does have its own cultural views and values... There's so much talk about unmet need. I can't even count how many times I've heard that. Who's defining what the need is? If it's the donor, it doesn't really count. What matters is the unmet demands of the people.... And the African people deserve that their unmet needs and unmet demands be respected...."

Kenyan Sheila K. Muchemi, Ph.D. candidate in clinical psychology, was the second panel member to speak. She articulated the necessity of viewing everything in an African context and recognizing their respect for family and community. Specific key values include: a great value for motherhood, pro-life values, every child is redeemable despite stumbling blocks, mothers are the gateway of values, and not having a marriage and children is actually stigmatized. And the "religious lens is the biggest part of our African heritage and dominates all areas of human life." She said, "The African woman realizes her strength is limited, that she needs to introduce her offspring to God...she's able to teach her child to look up to God, and she prays over her child and invites her child to be covered and protected."

Akech Aimba, Founder and Director of Pearls and Treasures Trust in Kenya, provides support





Pictured above: Archbishop Bernadito Auza, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the U.N. Pictured Below, left to right: Nigerian Obianuju Ekeocha, President, Culture of Life Africa; Kenyan Joy Mdivo, Lawyer and Executive Director, East Africa Centre for Law and Justice; Kenyan Sheila K. Muchemi, Ph.D. Psychology Candidate; Kenyan Akech Aimba, Director of Pearls and Treasures Trust.









for women who have been wounded by abortion. Post-abortive herself, she reiterated the value of children in Africa. Citing studies, she said abortion on demand is rejected by the following at very high rates: 87% of Kenyans, 92% of Ghanaians, 88% of Ugandans, 80% of Nigerians and 77% of Tunisians." She continued: "80% of African countries have laws in place that prohibit and restrict abortion on demand." Ms. Aimba has never seen a pro-abortion

demonstration in Africa. "Abortion is not right for us."

The final speaker was Kenyan Joy Mdivo, Lawyer and Executive Director of East Africa Centre for Law and Justice. Focusing on Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE), she said in human rights funding, ideological colonization means: "If you're going to do the grant...there are some cues that need to appear in your proposal or else you can be sure there's no funding. So ideologically, you have to change fundamentally how you think, or else you miss out on crucial funding that helps you do the work you're supposed to do." She also enumerated:

- Donor money is being used to fund targeted litigation forcing ideological colonization.
- Such conditioning portrays Africa as backward, retrogressive and repugnant, and women and girls experience self-loathing unless conforming to those anti-life norms.
- Imposed comprehensive sexual education (CSE) is not even developed by Kenyan parliamentarians or by its teachers/educators, but rather by some western country's "age appropriate" board room standard. Mdivo commented: "Sometimes you read it and it's a bit scandalous, even for me, a 40-year-old woman. And somehow it is supposed to be age-appropriate for my middle schooler? That's a hard pill to swallow."
- Mdivo also stated CSE must be developed by parents, teachers, or others interacting with Kenyan children on a daily basis CSE must be culturally sensitive.

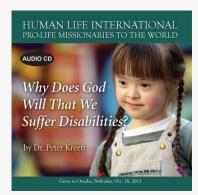
And finally, Ms. Mdivo emphasized Africans and their governments need to use the internet, media and other measures to spread the wealth of African culture. African professionals and intellectuals at the forefront should watch and counteract ideological colonialism. Ultimately, she said, "People of faith should be unafraid to defend their right to live according to conscience, without any fetters or victimization." Amen to that.

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Peter Kreeft is a professor of philosophy at Boston College and at the King's College in New York City. He is the author of numerous books as well as a popular writer of Christian philosophy, theology and apologetics.



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