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*HLI wishes you and your loved ones a most blessed Advent and Christmastide!*

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Dear Pro-Life Friend in Christ,

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year, a year marked by highs, lows, successes, and disappointments in the service of Life and Family. Our ability to respond to the mandate of Pope St. John Paul II, "*to activate a great campaign in support of life*" (*Evangelium Vitae*, ¶95) is only made possible because of your care, support, prayers, and generosity. Together, we *are* making a difference – saving lives and families.

In my travels I have seen first-hand the struggles of peoples and families. Despite hardships, there are always signs of hope, like in Papua New Guinea and Malawi, whose stories I share with you this month. Our brothers and sisters in these countries, as in many others, face tremendous obstacles. They include the direct assault by anti-natalists determined to undermine their culture and values; yet, we were welcomed by this life-loving, joyful, and hope-filled people.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled," said Jesus. "I am with you always."

The holy seasons of Advent and Christmas remind us of the most precious gift of Life, Jesus. He is our strength and courage, our source of life, love, peace, and hope. We are a blessed people because *God so loved the world that he sent His only Son*. The Gospel of Life we proclaim is rooted in this single message, inspirational to all passionately committed to this wondrous mission.

I hope you find encouragement in this month's Mission Report. Again, **thank you** for all you do to support HLI and our global family. May the Lord of Life bless you and your family. Be assured of my prayers and heartfelt gratitude.

To you and yours a most blessed Advent and Christmas,

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet  
President, Human Life International



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# MISSION TRIP TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

*By Dr. Brian Clowes, Director of Education and Research,  
September 2018*

Human Life International's ministry is one of encouragement and empowerment, and the good people of Papua New Guinea are sorely in need of both. PNG is part of a beautiful island just north of Australia, but this tiny nation is struggling in the wake of massive economic exploitation by the West.

PNG's drastic decline in fertility over the past 40 years gives evidence to the fact that the population suppression cartel has done its deadly work extremely well. In 1975, the average woman had 6.1 children. The current rate is now roughly half that—at 3.59. By 2050, the Population Division of Worldometers projects the fertility rate will have dropped further to 2.64 children per woman.

Dr. Ligaya Acosta, Regional Director of Asia and Oceania, and I recently spent time in Papua New Guinea giving talks to teachers, students, priests, and other lay people about the many harmful effects of contraception and abortifacients and how these affect the family. Thanks to generous donors like you, we were able to reach hundreds of people with potentially life-changing information.

As we flew from Port Moresby to Alotau, we studied the terrain beneath us. We saw not a single highway, road, cart track, or footpath for half an hour. Neither did we see a single structure—not even a rude hut or fisherman's shack. In other words, **the land is almost completely devoid of people outside the major cities. Yet, despite this, all of the major population control suspects are there.**



Pictured left: Dr. Ligaya Acosta, Regional Director of HLI Asia and Oceania, speaks on "Understanding God's Plan for Marriage and Family."



## POPULATION CONTROL

Since 1996, groups such as Family Health International, FHI360, Pathfinder International, Population Services International, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and more than forty other organizations that merely dabble in population suppression have expended almost one billion dollars in population suppression activities in Papua New Guinea. That's more than one hundred dollars per person—one of the highest rates of any nation in the world.

Of course, there is also the notorious Marie Stopes International (MSI). This evil organization boasted at a 2007 London conference: "We do illegal abortions all over the world" (Source: Culture of Life videotape of remarks by MSI's Paul Cornellison). In addition, MSI relentlessly pushes abortifacient implants in PNG and in other nations. **Its so-called "healthcare workers" claim that, while they are trained to insert the implant, they do not know how to remove it—an assertion that strains credulity** since the patient information pamphlet that comes with each implant shows how to both insert and extract it. In our travels, several nurses told us stories about women who desperately wanted the implant removed

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## Two hours after Dr. Ligaya's talk, two of the ladies who had attended had already gone to the health center to have their birth control implants removed!

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because of its severe side effects, but who were refused by MSI workers.

### FAITH AND FAMILY BRING STRENGTH

During our first full day in Papua New Guinea, Dr. Ligaya and I spoke with 150 teachers and teaching students at the Sacred Heart Teaching College in Bomana, near Port Moresby. **Our two-hour message focused on the essentials: The great benefit to young people of living a life according to God's plan and all of the problems that result from refusing to do so.** We emphasized the primary principles we talk about everywhere—that science always supports the teachings of the Catholic Church regarding human sexuality and that there are only two things that can bring us true happiness and contentment: faith and family. The teachers told us that they had never before had these concepts explained to them in such a manner.

That evening, Dr. Ligaya and I spoke to a group of 90, including seminarians and priests from the Catholic Theological Institute, priests from several congregations, and several rectors from other seminaries who were in Port Moresby for a rectors meeting. As we lectured on the population control agenda and the negative impacts of various abortifacient contraceptives, we began to see an activist nature emerge among the participants. After initial shock, they became intent on doing something to stop this evil.

### SIDEIA

Three days into the mission, we took a bumpy ride across Milne Bay in a tiny dinghy to Sideia and were amazed to see about 40 students in full native costumes greeting us at the dock. They danced before us as we walked into a large hut where they served us snacks and a full dinner. Most of the students at the vocational school in Sideia are 12- to 15-year-old girls from the St. Ann Skills Training Institute School (SASTI) who are learning trades such

as sewing, cooking, and restaurant operation. They displayed their skills for us in lavish abundance.

**Sideia is completely isolated, without roads or internet, but HLI made it there. Most of its 30,000 population is Catholic, cared for by one very busy Filipino priest, Father Henry Ramos, RCJ.** Though this island possesses none of the conveniences we have all become accustomed to, it really is a kind of paradise. Electricity is only available by generator from sunset at about 6 PM to 9:30 PM—a time I remember quite well since the lights went out right in the middle of my first night's very cold shower.

During our stay in Sideia, we spoke to 500 students about chastity, about the harmful effects of contraception and abortifacients, and about the wisdom of God's plan for our lives. Dr. Ligaya spoke on "Understanding God's Plan for Marriage and the Family," which had a great impact on the girls. Indeed, **we learned at dinner just two hours after Dr. Ligaya's talk that two of the ladies who had attended had already gone to the parish-operated health center to have their birth control implants removed!**

In the evening, Bishop Santos, Dr. Ligaya, and the principal of the SASTI School met with the students and teachers outside under a huge spreading mango tree. One of the students admitted that her mother is a nurse who places the abortifacient implant in women's arms and stated that she would urge her to stop! Many of the students expressed their gratefulness for the talks we gave in Sideia that day.

### OPENING THEIR EYES

After our return to Alotau, **we spoke to over a thousand students** at the Sacred Heart Secondary School in Hagita, about ten miles outside Alotau. The school's motto is "To Bring Light to the World," and I hope we helped further its mission.

Thanks to your sacrificial gifts, we were able to give



Mrs. Genevieve Alabeti, the director of religious education, stacks of the “I Am a Responsible Boy” and “I Am a Responsible Girl” cards, which contain pledges for both boys and girls to remain chaste, pure, and to treat others with the dignity they deserve. These cards turned out to be extremely popular among the students.

It was an exciting day all around, especially for the kids. Father Neil Lams had 330 pounds of ice cream shipped in for the evening and had slaughtered one of the school’s steers to serve for lunch! It’s not every day that these children experience treats like this, and we were thrilled to be part of it.

## CONGRESS ON FAITH, LIFE, AND FAMILY

The main event began the next day. This was the Diocese of Alotau’s Congress on Faith, Life, and Family, held in the cathedral, which boasted some very interesting stained glass windows, including one that depicted Catholic natives in traditional dress rescuing Australian soldiers who were wounded during the Battle of Milne Bay in 1942.

Dr. Ligaya and I delivered talks on contraception, sexuality, and love, and gave half a dozen presentations from HLI’s new Pro-Life Missionary Training Program, which, because of generous benefactors like you, will be completed by the end of the year. These presentations included topics such as “The Wisdom of God’s Plan for Our Lives,” “The Population Control Agenda,” and “Media Myths on Abortion.” Our purpose was to cover the fundamental character and dignity of the human person and then give an overview of some of the more pressing anti-life threats facing PNG today. The 175 attendees included many priests and religious sisters and brothers, all of whom were eager to discuss these topics.

The urgency and importance of these issues were highlighted in a fantastic homily by Bishop Santos on the need to be unafraid. In fact, he said you are not really a Christian unless you are brave *and* do something about the evils in the world. **Pope Leo XIII once said that Christians are “born for combat.” We explained they must heed that calling and fight for the Culture of Life against those set on pushing the Culture of Death.**

After our final event, Bishop Santos gave us a very special blessing, then Father Neil Lams drove us to the airport. We don’t often have the chance to travel to places this far out of the mainstream, but these opportunities give us the ability to see that the greatest asset of a nation is its people—and the people of PNG are among the best.

As always, we felt a keen sense of sorrow upon leaving, but we have a feeling that we will be back—and, if God wills it, it won’t be too far in the future.

### I AM A RESPONSIBLE GIRL

I am a sacred person with God-given dignity.

My body is a temple of God—not a plaything.

God is everywhere, sees everything, knows everything. Darkness may hide me from people, but it cannot hide me from God.

Womanhood means strength of character, mind, body and heart. Lack of self-control is a sign of weakness. I want my boyfriend to know I am a woman of strength, honor, integrity and purity.

Virginity and purity are still virtues; lust and impurity are still capital (mortal) sins.

My kisses and affections are worth more than a party or a movie.

The first “NO” maybe difficult—after that it gets easier.

The way I choose to dress, act and speak may be a temptation to my boyfriend. I will observe modesty for his and my own protection, remembering my own sacredness and dignity.

My parents have done so much for

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### I AM A RESPONSIBLE BOY

I am a sacred person with God-given dignity.

My body is a temple of God—not a plaything.

God is everywhere, sees everything, knows everything. Darkness may hide me from people, but it cannot hide me from God.

Manhood means strength of character as well as body. Lack of self-control is a sign of weakness. I want my girlfriend to know I am a man of honor, integrity and self-discipline.

Virginity and purity are still virtues; lust and impurity are still capital (mortal) sins.

The parents of my girlfriend place their trust in me. I will not betray their trust by violating the sacredness and dignity of their daughter.

I will respect and honor my girlfriend in word and deed as I expect other men to respect and honor my sister and mother.

I will respect the dignity of womanhood: I will not ask my girlfriend to violate her dignity, to

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**Thanks to your sacrificial gifts, over 1,000 students in Papua New Guinea received these pledge cards to remain chaste, pure, and to treat others with the dignity they deserve.**

# MISSION TRIP TO MALAWI

*By Emil Hagamu, Regional Director of English-Speaking Africa,  
October 2018*

Although fertility and birth rates are falling throughout the world, Malawi's population is nevertheless still above replacement level (growing at 2.91%). Despite its massive promotion, contraception has predictably done nothing to alleviate poverty. In defiance of the Malawi law, which forbids abortion unless the mother's health is in jeopardy, I am aware of organizations like Marie Stopes International (MSI) performing illegal abortions in the country.

For two weeks in October, I traveled throughout Malawi. Except for the first five days, when I was in Lilongwe, which is located in the middle of the country, I visited parishes around Lake Malawi or in the east. These included Mangochi, Koche Parish, and Mtakatake, all of which are situated along what is known as the Lake Shore Valley.

I was privileged to give training to 32 postulants and novices at the Mlale Formation House of the Sisters of Thérèse of the Child Jesus. Mother Superior, Sr. Anne Mary Chulu, was there to accompany and help motivate the trainees. The training provided them with cutting-edge knowledge regarding life, marriage, and family issues, and also presented threats to them. ***For many, it was the first time they learned that anti-life forces are working to destroy human life and family in their country.*** Attendees also learned that contraception and abortion are not only intrinsically evil, but that both are responsible for a loss of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life around the world. With so many babies aborted, it naturally follows some of these children would have grown up to be members of the clergy



or other religious orders. These proliferators resolved to work unceasingly to educate their peers and those they encounter in their pastoral work. Mother Superior, pleased with our HLI program, hinted she may invite us to visit Chipata for a similar training. She said she would consult the diocesan bishop and Mother Superior at Chipata Formation House.

Meanwhile, Fr. Louis Chikaya, Deputy Director of Radio Alinafe, which belongs to the Archdiocese of Lilongwe, invited me for a radio interview to discuss the evils of contraception. Contraception is pushed on Malawi by Western population control organizations such as the World Health Organization and others wanting to limit Malawian population growth under the guise of "saving women's lives." During the interview, I stressed that "contraception is a rebellion against God the Creator, who asks us to 'be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.'" I further explained that contraception allows us to gratify the devil and produces grave consequences physically, psychologically, socially, morally, and spiritually. "Beware of the con-



Emil Hagamu, HLI Regional Director for English-Speaking Africa, gives a talk on chastity to Catholic students at Gracious High School in Mangochi, Malawi.

traceptive mentality,” I warned the audience, “because this dependence leads one to hate fertility, pregnancy, and motherhood.” Often the Catholic Church and apostolates like ours represent the only force contrary to abortion and contraception, as we explain the truth behind these evil realities...harmful to the family, the mother, and always to the baby.

In the same archdiocese, TV Luntha has always supported HLI. I had the pleasure of granting this station an interview at its newly opened studio in Lilongwe. I addressed aspects of contraception, as they always bear repeating! In my English-speaking region, people may be opposed to abortion, but not as many recognize the link between abortion and contraception. Population control zealots have made contraception their main weapon. Because the misinformed think of contraception as a good and abortion as bad, I illuminated both as evils confronting the individual, family, and society.

### **CELEBRATING THE PRIESTHOOD**

On Sunday, October 20, I attended Fr. Alphaeus Zikomankhani’s Silver Jubilee celebration. Father directs HLI Malawi. He thanked God for the gift of his priestly vocation and for the 25 years he has faithfully served the Lord. He challenged those in attendance to cherish the



**Emil Hagamu with Fr. Alphaeus Zikomankhani, the Director of HLI Malawi.**

sanctity of human life as a precious gift from God. “Your responsibility,” he said, “is to welcome new life into your families with gratitude and jubilation and to protect and defend it.” The family, he continued, is a holy institution where vocations into priesthood are born and nurtured. Father then introduced me to Mr. Francis Chadza, principal at Chikwawa High School in the Dedza diocese, who promised to arrange a training program for us at the school.

## **January 2019 Events**

### **Please pray for HLI’s Mission work in January:**

- January 9-14 HLI President Fr. Shenan J. Boquet and Director of Education & Research, Dr. Brian Clowes, head a Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life (CFC-FFL) mission in Dallas.
- January 16-19 HLI heads to the March for Life for its events in Washington, D.C. The actual March is on Friday, Jan. 18th. Please join us and pray for the success of the event.
- January 19-28 HLI Regional Director of English-speaking Africa, Emil Hagamu, travels to Comoros, Africa
- January 20-26 HLI Delegate for International Missions, Raymond de Souza will be on mission in Portugal
- January 26 HLI marks the West Coast March for Life in San Francisco, where Fr. Boquet is a keynote speaker onstage, airing on EWTN Global Catholic Network

**Watch for details of these events to be reported in future issues of HLI’s Mission Report.**



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After completing our mission in Lilongwe, we traveled to Mangochi where we had an interview on Radio Maria on Tuesday, October 23. Fr. Kim, the director of Radio Maria, has always encouraged us to use the radio for promoting the Gospel of Life. We saw the immediate impact of this live program, receiving 24 phone calls from listeners throughout Malawi. The callers urged us to promote the pro-life message in all Catholic parishes in the country and lamented that the message has come late, as so many women have been victimized. Furthermore, they admitted that they take contraceptives, but they thanked HLI for this mission and helping them better understand how harmful contraception is for women. In the end, they also admitted that contraception leads to a breakdown of marriages and the family.

### FROM THE MEDIA TO THE YOUTH

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From Radio Maria, we drove to Koche Parish, where we conducted two training sessions for Catholic youth on October 25. In the morning, we gave a pro-life talk to 50 youth in the parish hall on the sacredness of human life. Fr. Zikomankhani did most of the training in Chichewa, the local language. My talks focused on the population control agenda and on chastity, whereupon I invited those attending to promise to live a chaste life. Through your generous dona-



**Emil Hagamu on location at Koche Parish after a one-day training on the evil of contraception and the sanctity of human life.**

tions, I was able to present them with HLI's "I Am a Responsible Boy" and "I Am a Responsible Girl" cards, which contain pledges for both boys and girls to remain chaste and to treat others with the dignity they deserve. The message was well received, and the youth director, Fr. Kondwani Matupa, appealed to participants to embrace these beautiful truths and then to share them with others.

That afternoon, we had a wonderful encounter with 80 more young Catholic students at Gracious High School. Fr. Alphaeus Zikomankhani invited these young people to embrace the gift of life given to us by God. Then he reminded the youth about evil anti-life programs primarily directed toward them with the aim of destroying their innocence.

Being already fixed on the neo-Malthusian theories, youth have been exposed to misleading "family planning" propaganda. However, within the short time allotted, we exposed the inaccuracy of such theories and gave examples of European countries that have achieved economic boom at a time when, among other factors, their populations were high due to high birth and fertility rates. I also spoke again on chastity and they gladly committed themselves to it by reading loudly the "I am a Responsible Boy/Girl" HLI cards.

Despite the lower number of youth participants in the conference at Mtakataka Parish, the training made a powerful impact. The smaller group enabled us more personally to discuss the dangers of the Culture of Death and work toward a more active role in confronting this imminent danger. In

this region, the fertility rate is very high (6-9 children per woman), a good thing; however this makes Malawians a target for the anti-life agenda, making our work ever more critical. Through HLI training, these students are better able to confront the onslaught of propaganda that faces them daily.

On Sunday, October 28, I was blessed to meet and talk with Juliana Lunguzi, MP for the Dedza constituency. A staunchly pro-life parliamentarian, she was instrumental in defeating all attempts to legalize abortion in that country. When I asked if she thinks the abortion bill will resurface in the future, she strongly said no. Furthermore, she said that, even if it comes back, she will mobilize other MPs to defeat it.

During this visit I was accompanied by Frida Manga, one of our pro-life journalists working with Radio Tumaini. Her daily reports were a tremendous help, as she fed stories to Radio Tumaini and feature articles to the *Tumaini Letu* newspaper back home in Tanzania. By doing this, many more people were able to follow HLI on this trip. Through WhatsApp and Facebook, I received congratulatory notes from listeners and readers in Tanzania. At the same time, within Malawi, our mission work broadcasted through Radio Alinafe and Maria and TV Luntha made a huge impact on an untold number of listeners and viewers. As Radio Maria is an international broadcast, HLI's message reached beyond the borders of Malawi and Tanzania.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit guides our message to all who need to hear it and that their hearts may be opened. Thank you for caring and for your support making this great work possible.

## DONATE \$53 OR MORE TO HLI THIS MONTH AND GET OUR LATEST PRO-LIFE RESOURCE!

This month, when you donate \$53 or more to support HLI's life-saving mission, you'll receive our pro-life educational resource: ***Parts III & IV of HLI's Marriage Series booklets***. (Last month's *Mission Report* offered Parts I & II.)

A gift from God in the beginning, renewed and elevated by Christ, marriage is the great sign of how God loves us, pointing toward the flourishing of all persons and societies.

Men and women were created with complete, but at the same time complementary, natures. In a very real way, men and women were made for each other in both nature and spirit. The necessity for love and unity is built into our nature as men and women, and it is intimately connected with the fruitfulness of family life. Indeed, as we shall see, the sacramental union towards which men and women are called is inseparable from the manifestation of that very love's fruitfulness: children and the creation of society's most basic unit, the family.

**Please send your gift of \$53 or more to HLI today**, and we'll ship this pro-life resource to you immediately!



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