



## Is “Medical” Abortion Riding the Coattails of COVID-19?

Families in Central and Eastern Europe look to you for a pro-life solution to crisis pregnancy.

By HLI Staff

The economic consequences of COVID-19 have thrown many Europeans into desperate circumstances, and at the same time made abortion pills about as accessible as Tylenol. This is a dangerous combination for pre-born children living near the HLI centers in Hungary, Ukraine, Romania and Poland. **Only God’s grace and your generosity stand between many of these**

**infants and a sudden death by “medical” abortion.**



In Poland, the abortion pill RU-486 is illegal. But pandemic response measures have opened channels for Polish citizens and other Europeans to order RU-486 online and receive it by post from the Netherlands. In

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**The RU-486 abortion pill is not the answer to economic crisis. With your support, our pregnancy help centers offer mothers in need the chance to choose life.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

This is an exciting time at HLI! I wish I could tell you all the stories we heard this month about lives that were saved, changed, and blessed by your generosity. We have achieved great things, yet there is so much more we can do with your help.

The coronavirus poses challenges to pro-lifers everywhere. Central and Eastern Europe are especially vulnerable because of their economic fragility and legacy of Soviet secularism. But thanks to you, our missionaries sponsor cultural change that lasts for generations! (See pg 4). With you, we can save lives, defend the family, and transform the world.

Thank you sincerely for your prayers and generosity. The world would not be the same without you. You are in my prayers always.



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President

Yours in Christ and Our Lady,

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the media, Lech Kowalewski of HLI Polska highlights instances when women have died along with their children after taking self-prescribed RU-486. This practice is spiritually and physically lethal, and **we need your help to prevent mail-order abortions from becoming the norm.**

### **FIGHTING MAIL-ORDER ABORTIONS WITH EDUCATION**

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As a first step, our missionaries in Poland produced a pamphlet

detailing the terrible reality of what RU-486 does to both mother and child. With input from a gynecologist-obstetrician, pharmacist, lawyer, and counseling center, this is a big step toward providing Central and Eastern Europeans with the information they need to properly understand RU-486 and its consequences. Thanks to you, we were able to promote this pamphlet online and distribute printed copies throughout several cities.



**Our pregnancy help center in Romania offers housing, counseling, and basic necessities. In the COVID-19 economy, they are “overwhelmed” with requests. We need your help!**

**Your generosity is opening countless eyes to the ugly truth about this “medication.” But our work doesn’t end here.**

### **YOUR COMPASSION SAVES LIVES**

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**With your support, our help centers all over Europe and the world offer a brighter future to families facing unplanned pregnancies.** Simple necessities like regular meals, a place to live, and a box of diapers make welcoming a child seem like a real possibility.

Of course, no economic or social circumstance can justify abortion. But when a society collectively decides that abortion is a legitimate option, it is no longer willing to do whatever it takes to make room for every pregnancy, every birth, and every child. Thus, the policy intended to give women “more choices” leads to less support and fewer options for mothers who wish to give life to their children.

**Your gifts help fill in the holes left by an unjust society.**





Some mothers choose abortion because they lack basic necessities like clothes and baby wipes. With your help, our affiliates are working to meet that need.

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS GOING

Our pregnancy help centers have seen an increased demand for basic supplies as the economic situation casts many families into crisis. During the lockdown, we have found ways to continue taking donations and providing food, baby clothes, diapers, medical

care, and much more to families in need. But as Gerda from HLI Romania reports, our centers are “overwhelmed” with requests. **We need your continued support to meet the needs of every mother who comes to us.** With your help, she can offer her child something better than abortion.

Your generosity and compassion perform little miracles every day. If we tried to tell all the stories here, this newsletter would come in a box instead of an envelope. But there is enough space in the following pages to tell you about two families you saved in Hungary this summer.



## HLI Celebrates 2020 Guidestar Gold Seal of Transparency!

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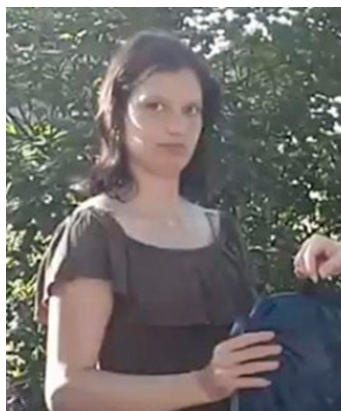
# 18 Years Later, HLI Rescue Baby Chooses Life

Generations of love spring from your gift of hope.

By Dr. Imre Téglásy, HLI Hungary

Rescuing mothers and children from abortion is more difficult during a pandemic lockdown, but with God's help, and yours, all things are possible.

Last winter, eighteen-year-old Dorina realized that she was pregnant. Her first child was only 8 months old, and she and her boyfriend, Levente, could not support another. Then the COVID-19



lockdown made an impossible situation even worse.

**She considered aborting her child but realized she couldn't go through with it because of something you did for her years ago.**

Meet Dorina. You saved her from abortion 18 years ago. This summer, she asked you to save her son.

## Buying or Selling A Home?



You can support Human Life International at no cost to you by taking advantage of the Real Estate for Life program.

For details, visit: [hli.org/myhome](https://hli.org/myhome)

## Your compassion saved Dorina's life, and she reached out knowing that you can save her baby's life too.

Dorina's mother also faced a crisis pregnancy. Scared and alone, it seemed to her that abortion might be the only way forward until she found HLI Hungary. Aided by gifts from donors just like you, our missionaries helped her to welcome her child into the world and found a wonderful adoptive family to love and raise little Dorina.

### YOU INSPIRED DORINA TO CHOOSE ADOPTION

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**She asked for a "nice and loving" adoptive family for her baby, and that's exactly what we found.** With your help, we created a virtual process for matching families with adoptive parents. Dorina and Levente met online with couples from our waiting list equipped with 41 hours of adoption training and hearts full of love. Before long, they found the perfect match.

Dorina's healthy baby boy was born this summer with great joy. Dorina and Levente gave him the name Bálint, his adoptive parents added the name Máté, and they proceeded with the open adoption as planned.

### LIFE FOR BÁLINT-MÁTÉ, AND RENEWED FAITH FOR HIS FAMILY

Bálint-Máté has four loving parents and a wonderful home, but that is not the only good that God has



done through your generosity. These events have inspired Dorina and Levente to baptize their first child, Bence, into the Catholic Church, and to accept the Sacrament of Marriage.

Dorina is profoundly grateful for everything you have done for her mother, herself, and her son. Thanks to our loving God, and thanks to you, their story has journeyed from fear and uncertainty to a truly happy new beginning.

**Bálint-Máté is safe, but so many like him are still in danger inside the wombs of mothers who are frightened and surrounded by lies.** With your continued support, we are reaching out to as many as we can. Sometimes a little bit of hope is all it takes to embrace a new life. Your gift is that hope.

Thanks to you, Dorina's son Bálint-Máté now has a new home with loving adoptive parents.

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## You Saved Fruzina and her Child from Abortion

As economies freeze, your gifts keep love alive. But there is more to do.

*By Dr. Imre Téglásy, HLI Hungary*

Fruzina was in her second trimester when Hungary declared a pandemic lockdown. She and her husband, Károly, were squatting in an empty flat until law enforcement evicted them.

The couple was stranded on the streets of Budapest. Shelters were forbidden to enroll any new residents. The economy shut down, employment was virtually nonexistent, and hunger a harsh reality.

**With prospects as bleak as this, Fruzina began to wonder if abortion was her only option.**

**IN HER MOST DESPERATE MOMENT, YOU WERE THERE TO HELP**

Because of your generosity, capable and well-equipped people are waiting to help when a crisis strikes. Fortunately, a bystander witnessed their sudden eviction and immediately notified HLI Hungary.

**Our missionaries reached out to the couple with the mercy and loving assistance that your support provides.**

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With the shelters out of commission, I turned to a local maternity clinic where HLI recently donated new incubators for premature babies. They were happy to take Fruzina in for a few days.

After realizing that she and her husband did not have to face this challenge alone, Fruzina chose life for her baby. The mercy you showed renewed her hope and helped her discover the joy of bringing new life into the world. Your generosity unlocks love and saves lives. Thank you.

### **A NEW HOME, AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE**

But the story doesn't end there. After the first few OBGYN visits, we had to find a new home for this young family. I wrote to all the relevant ministries and organizations for help with housing, and in the meantime, we set up a temporary shelter for them in a tent in Liget park, Budapest.

The tent was as snug as we could make it and our volunteers regularly supplied the couple with food, but the authorities would not respond to our pleas for a more permanent home. So I turned to the media. Under pressure from public opinion, the government finally took action and found them an apartment.

**Fruzina and her husband want to thank you for the chance to raise their child in a real home.** The next step is to find a job for Károly. I ask that you please pray to God to find a way for them to make a living on their own. With your support we can give this family a happy ending.

**We could never do it without you.**

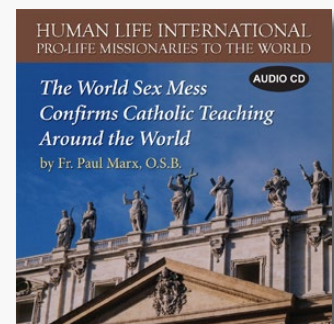


**Fruzina and her husband were homeless. Supported by your generosity, HLI Hungary helped them find a real home to raise their child.**

## **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 an illuminating talk by our founder, Fr. Paul Marx, O.S.B., entitled, *The World Sex Mess Confirms Catholic Teaching Around the World*.

In this talk, you'll "travel around the world" with Fr. Marx as he explains how the declining populations of so many countries is directly linked to the world's rejection of traditional Catholic teaching on abortion and birth control.



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