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

Your Compassion Healed Clara's Family

In Zimbabwe, an unplanned pregnancy broke this family apart. Your love for life brought them together again.

*By Monica Gatsi and Veronica Chawasemerwa, HLI
Zimbabwe*

Clara was unwed and pregnant with nowhere to go.

Can you imagine how alone she felt? She wanted to undo her mistake and earn her family's forgiveness, but how? It seemed like abortion was the only way.

In Zimbabwean culture, an unwed mother brings great shame on her family. When her parents discovered the preg-

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I pray that you are having a blessed Advent season!

This Christmas will be a joy for so many because of you. Take Clara (p1). She will celebrate this holiday with her family and her son Trevor. If not for you, she would be alone. There would be no Trevor to shower with gifts.

Whenever I hear a story about a child you saved (and it happens often), I think about the Nativity and its message of hope, healing, salvation, and celebration of divine love.

The families who come to us are searching for help just like Mary and Joseph. And you are *always* there to welcome them. As Jesus said, *what you did for one of these... you did for Me.*



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet
President

Thank you, and Merry Christmas.

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet
President, Human Life International

Clara's son Trevor is his family's greatest joy. They are so thankful to you for saving his life and helping them forgive each other.

nancy, they chased Clara from their home and told her to go to the baby's father. When she told her boyfriend that she was carrying his child, he refused to help her.

WHEN CLARA NEEDED YOU, YOU WERE THERE

This story could have ended tragically but thanks to you, Clara was not alone. She saw an ad for a pregnancy help center that you support. With nothing to lose, she decided to try one more thing before giving up.

At HLI Zimbabwe, she felt your compassion for the first time. Pro-life missionaries Monica and Veronica did not reject her. They welcomed her and her child with all the love and care your support provides. Their videos and booklets taught Clara that every child is a precious human being, including her own. With your help, she chose life.

But that was only half the battle. Next it was time to mend a broken family.

YOUR COMPASSION SPARKED FORGIVENESS

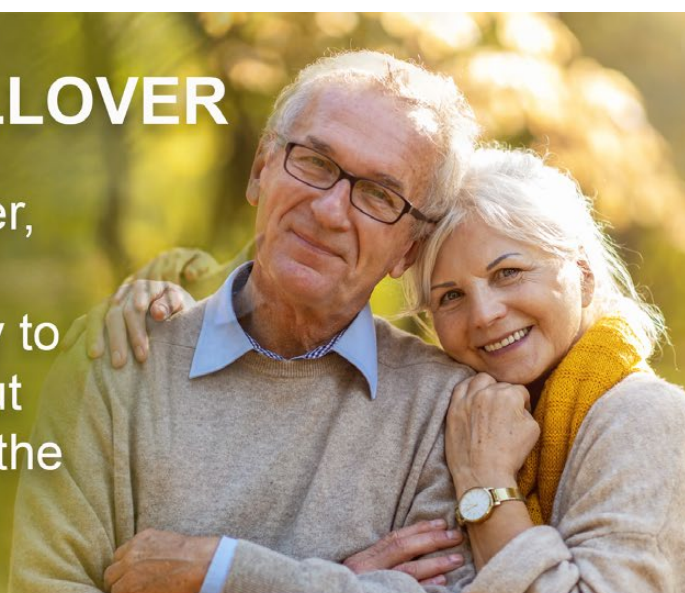
Your gifts do more than save lives. You defend life *and family*. You help people everywhere to live, love, and forgive as Christ teaches.



Your gift of hope saved Clara and her son from the violence abortion. Thank you!

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

If you are 70½ years old or older, you can give any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to Human Life International without having to pay income taxes on the distribution.



Learn more at plannedgiving.hli.org/ira-charitable-rollover



We have an opportunity to assist Human Life International in her global pro-life and family efforts. Through its AmazonSmile Foundation, the Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price on eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice – which could be Human Life International! HLI does not endorse Amazon because of its positions on life and family issues. However, if you choose to use this online shopping service, you have an opportunity to directly support HLI's pro-life cause.

Here's how to give directly to HLI through the AmazonSmile Foundation:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Choose Human Life International as your charitable organization to receive donations
3. Shop as you normally do



Reminder – be sure to use the address smile.amazon.com, rather than just amazon.com

Thank you for contributing to the defense of life, marriage, and the family!

With your support, Monica and Veronica visited Clara's family home. They counseled her parents to forgive and welcome their daughter and grandchild. It took some persistence, but love won out in the end. Thanks to you, Clara's family was healed. She returned home, found a job, and delivered her child safely.

A year later, Clara's son Trevor is his family's greatest joy. They are so thankful to you for saving his life and helping them forgive each other. Now **they are always eager to tell their neighbors what a gift every child is, and how blessed they are by people like you who sacrifice so much to share the Gospel of Life.**

DEFENDING LIFE AND FAMILY IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU

Without you, there would have been no flyer to bring Clara to a safe and loving place. If not for you, the pro-life resources that convinced Clara to choose life would not have existed. And without your support, Monica and Veronica could not devote their time to counseling families like Clara's. In short, you are



Thanks for helping Clara and her family forgive each other! Now Trevor gets to play with his grandparents.

absolutely essential to the defense of life and family. As Monica and Veronica said, **"We are very grateful to you for making it possible to help people choose life."**

Congratulations on Your Landmark Victory in Poland!

Thanks to you, Polish children with life-threatening illnesses will get care, not abortion.

By Lech and Ewa Kowalewski of HLI Poland

This October, the Polish Supreme Court declared eugenic abortion illegal! Last year, 1,074 pre-born babies were killed in Poland after being diagnosed with diseases such as Down's syndrome. Now, thanks to you, children like them are protected by law. The eugenic murder of Poles will stop for the first time since the Nazi era.

YOUR VOICE TURNED THE TIDE

In 1993, Poland banned abortion but left exceptions for rape,



incest, fetal disease, and life of the mother. With your help, HLI Poland has been fighting to save sick children from abortion ever since. For many years, yours was the only voice that spoke up to defend these children. But your persistence paid off. Little by little the people of Poland realized that eugenics are evil both in and out of the womb.

Three years ago, HLI Poland united with several other pro-life groups to ask the government to change the law. With your help, the petition collected over 830,000 signatures. This could never have happened without you! You supported the campaign in the media, developed pro-life resources for public schools, and promoted a downloadable fact sheet on social media.

POLISH SUPREME COURT FACES DOWN THE CULTURE OF DEATH

Pushing the petition through parliament was another challenge.

In Poland, left wing parties and pro-abortion groups get a lot of sup-



Your support for pro-life events in Poland pulled together a movement to end eugenic abortion.

port from abroad. With all this outside pressure, the many pro-life members of parliament didn't think they could change the law. But they were not ready to give up. Instead, they passed the petition on to the judges of the Polish Supreme Court.

Like US Supreme Court Justices, these judges are difficult to bully because they are appointed for life. They are bound only to the Polish Constitution, which states that "the Republic of Poland provides every human being with legal protection of life." The path forward was clear. The court took eugenic abortion off the table.

YOU CAN BRING THIS BREAKTHROUGH BEYOND POLAND!

Thank you for guiding Poland to this important milestone! You have saved the lives of thousands of future Poles and paved the way for other countries to do the same. Rolling back legal abortion is difficult, but you've proven that it can be done.

Because of you, prenatal tests are no longer grounds for execution. Now they are tools to help and treat the child in the womb. A pregnant woman who hears a troubling diagnosis won't be pressured to abort. Her doctors will do everything they can to help the child live.

Thanks to you, Poland is one step closer to the Culture of Life. But we are not finished yet! We need your help to bring blessings like this one to more countries in Europe and around the world. With your support, the Culture of Life moves forward every day. Thank you.



This little girl has a genetic disease that qualified her for abortion under old Polish law. Thanks to you, children like her are safe today!

You Gave Sara a Chance to CHOOSE LIFE!

20 years ago, Sara's twins held hands in an incubator. Now they are graduating from college.

By Luis Martinez, HLI Mexico

Sara dashed into HLI Mexico and asked how much we would charge her for an abortion.

She was 17 and unwed. Sara knew she had made a mistake but feared her family would never forgive her. She saw a sign for crisis pregnancy help and assumed we would help her "get rid of the problem." She didn't think anyone could solve it. But **because of your kindness and support, Sara chose life that day.**

YOU PROVIDE REAL CHOICES FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Abortion advocates will try to tell you that without abortion, a woman doesn't really have a "choice." The truth is exactly the reverse.

When Sara came to you for help, she didn't really want an abortion. She was afraid. She felt that if her father found out that

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she was pregnant, he might kill her. But you gave Sara another choice that respected all lives.

Thanks to you, Dr. José Aguilar and Dr. Maria García of HLI Mexico were able to take care of everything. They provided all of Sara's prenatal care. They even reached out to her father for her. He was angry but did not threaten Sara as she'd feared.

A DOUBLE BLESSING

Sara came back to HLI Mexico to deliver her child and got a lovely surprise. Twin boys! After making it through fears and struggles her gift from God was doubled. The nurses put Sara's sons in two incubators and let her rest.

But joy soon turned into worry. One of the babies wasn't thriving. He wouldn't eat. Dr. José and Dr. Maria tried everything, but he kept fading away.

Then the Holy Spirit inspired them to place the sick baby in an incubator with his brother. He cheered up right away, held his brother's hand and went to sleep. After that, he started eating and Sara took home two thriving baby boys.

SARA SAYS THANK YOU FOR TWO BEAUTIFUL LIVES

Sara's twins grew up to be fine young men. They graduated from college this year, and Sara brought them back to HLI Mexico so she could thank you for helping her choose life.



One of Sara's twin boys was sick, but got well when they put him near his brother. Look, they're holding hands!



My warmest wishes to you and your family this Advent and Christmas season!

You are an important part of the HLI family, and I'll be giving special attention to my prayers for you this Christmas season. If you have any special intentions that you would like me to add, please mention them on the reply device. I will see your message and take it to prayer. There may be a lot going on, but I always have time for you.

Merry Christmas,

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