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## You Saved Two Lives and a Marriage in Malawi!

More mothers threatened with forced abortion still need your help.

Mary came to HLI Malawi in urgent need of your help. Her husband didn't want any more children. He made Mary use contraceptives, and when those failed, he insisted on abortion.

Mary said no. She thought she would rather die than kill her child. But her husband promised to force her onto the operating table if she wouldn't change her mind.

HLI Malawi was the only chance she saw to save her child's life. If you couldn't help her, she planned to kill herself. At least that way she and her baby could die together.

## YOUR MISSION STOPS THE CYCLE OF CONTRACEPTION AND ABORTION

Mary's story reflects the heartbreaking reality of abortion and contraception in the developing world.



Abortion advocates claim that abortion is a "free choice." But in countries like Malawi loving mothers are often forced into abortions they don't want.

They also claim that contraception will prevent abortion. But, as Mary learned, it doesn't work that way. Contraceptives fail, and abortion follows.

Fr. Zikomankhani of HLI Malawi was so glad that she *Continued, page 2...* 

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sometimes you might feel like it takes all your strength just to live a Godly life in this crazy culture.

The anti-life movement is big. It can make us all feel alone sometimes, and like there's no way to push back.

If you ever feel this way, remember that you are not alone. You are part of a global family of faithful leaders who

save lives and put souls on the right track.

This family makes you powerful. You are helping people around the world to stand up to the anti-life forces in their culture.



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet President

You may never meet those whose lives you change, but you're connected all the same. And the Culture of Life is stronger today because of what you do for them.

Thank you.

Yours in Christ and our Lady,

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet



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came and sought help. He knew of four other women in similar situations who committed suicide that month.

## THANK YOU FOR PUTTING THIS FAMILY BACK TOGETHER!

## With your support, Fr. Z gave Mary the help she needed to save her child's life.

First, he taught her that suicide is never an option. God values her life as well as her child's and she must do what she can to protect them both.

Then he found a place for Mary to live and work



Mary says, "Thank you!" for helping her save her daughter and heal her marriage.

in the north of Malawi. She would be safe from her husband there.

That was enough to save the child's life, and Mary's. But Fr. Z knew his work wasn't done yet. There was still a marriage in shambles and a soul in danger because of contraception.

He set to work changing Mary's husband's heart toward his wife and child.

Helping someone accept God's view of life and family isn't always easy. But thanks to your unfailing support, your missionaries can afford to put in the effort.

With time and loving correction, Mary's husband came around.

#### YOU CAN HEAL THE CULTURE LIKE YOU HEALED THIS FAMILY

Meanwhile, Mary gave birth to a beautiful baby girl!

When her husband asked for her forgiveness, she gave it and agreed to come home. Now her family is reunited, and her marriage is open to life.

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But your life-saving work is not done yet. Malawian mothers are still threatened with forced abortions.

We need your help to protect those in danger. And most of all we need your help to stop the cycle of perverse sex-ed, contraception, and abortion in Malawian culture.

This may seem like a lofty goal. But with your support in funding and in prayer, it can become a reality.

## Thank You for Converting this Abortionist into a Pro-Life Leader!

## With your support, Alyona is helping her family and community respect life.

Talking to Alyona now, it's hard to imagine that she used to be an abortionist.

Before you reached her through HLI Ukraine, she spent 20 years ending pre-born lives. But when you taught her the value of every human life, she knew she could never abort another child.

After that, Alyona stopped performing abortions, returned to the Church, and became a pro-life OBGYN.

But soon she faced a fierce test of faith.



Alyona was an abortionist for 20 years before you taught her the Gospel of Life. Now she is a pro-life OBGYN!



#### YOUR MISSION HELPED THIS FAMILY SAY "NO" TO IVF

Alyona's son and daughter-in-law were told they could never have children. They were devastated and so was she.

They asked Alyona to refer them for in-vitro fertilization (IVF).

Alyona was tempted to say "yes." She wanted more than anything to be a grandmother. But **your missionaries had shown her the whole picture of human dignity.** She knew that IVF violates the sanctity of marriage and human life.

She convinced them to try natural family planning instead and trust God.

God rewarded this family's faith in Him with a healthy baby girl! Alyona is so grateful that she learned the truth in time to keep her son from making a terrible mistake.

#### NOW ALYONA WORKS TO SAVE LIVES

Your intervention helped save Alyona's soul and protected her family from the evils of IVF. But the effect you've had on the whole community through her goes much further than that.

Healthcare workers like Alyona are

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**key players in the abortion industry.** A woman's doctor often has a great influence over her decision to keep her child or end his life. Alyona used to recommend abortion to frightened mothers in difficult situations. Too often, they took her advice.

Thanks to you, now Alyona never tells a woman she "needs" an abortion. She shows all her patients a path to motherhood or adoption. With Alyona in their corner believing in them and guiding them, many mothers find the courage to choose life.

If it hadn't been for you, many of these little lives would be lost. And the other doctors in Alyona's town could not learn from her example.

#### YOU MAKE A LASTING IMPACT BY TRAINING LEADERS

Abortion has been the "go-to" response to crisis pregnancy in Ukraine since the Soviet era. It does

not occur to many doctors that abortion might be wrong, or not needed.

Alyona's conversion is forcing her colleagues to confront many moral questions. And she is proving that you don't need abortion, contraception, or IVF to provide great care to women.

Her new methods got a lot of push-back from other doctors. But Alyona stuck with it, and her example is inspiring some younger doctors to see things differently.

With your help, even communities deeply scarred by the culture of death can turn around. When you convert leaders like Alyona, they become a force for good in their part of the world.

Thanks to you, communities like Alyona's all over the world are learning to trust God and embrace life. Thank you!

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## Your Missionary in Uganda Helped Jane Escape Abortion

Thanks to you, this whole family learned that every life is a gift.

Your generous gifts change the lives of people all the way across the world.

One of them is Jane, a college student from Uganda.

#### JANE NEEDED YOUR HELP TO KEEP HER BABY

Jane and her boyfriend made a mistake. They had sex out of wedlock. And God chose to bless them with a child.

When Jane told her boyfriend about the baby, he pushed for an abortion. When she told her parents, they threw her out and told her to go to the baby's father.

Jane knows what it's like to feel pressured by the culture of death. Her place in the family, her education, her livelihood all seemed to demand an abortion.

That's how the anti-life mentality takes hold of

a person. When a girl like Jane makes one mistake, they push her to "fix" it with a much bigger one.



But with you

in the picture, she has a way out of this cycle.

#### YOUR MISSIONARIES HEAL FAMILIES

Early one morning Fr. Opio, your missionary in Uganda got a call from Jane. She was crying and saying, "you are the only person who can give me the help I need."

Thanks to your generosity, Fr. Opio really could help. He listened to her story, and then set about finding her a place to stay.

Jane's sister was willing to take her in, but she was

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too poor. You solved that problem by giving Jane some money for living expenses while she was there.

Then Fr. Opio set to work helping Jane's parents forgive their daughter and accept their grandchild.

This kind of personal counseling takes time. Fr. Opio could never manage it without your support. In his own words, "thank you so much for your gifts without which...I would not have been able to support Jane!"

#### THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS HAPPY ENDING POSSIBLE!

Thanks to you, Jane was able to return home two months before her delivery. She had a healthy son. Now he is weaned, and she is back in school.

Jane's whole family grew stronger from this experience. Jane learned the importance of chastity, and her parents learned that every life is a gift.

Thank you so much for supporting HLI Uganda!

Without you, mothers like Jane would have nowhere to turn. But with your gifts, God used her mistake to bring the whole family into the Culture of Life.



Jane's baby is alive today because of you. Thank you for helping this family embrace God's gift!

## Please make your best gift today to build a Culture of Life around the world!

\$24: Sponsor someone like Alyona to attend an event like the one that sparked her conversion.
\$90: Counsel a family like Mary's to embrace the gift of life and repair their marriage.
\$167: Help an abortion-vulnerable mother in Uganda make it through her pregnancy.
Thank you so much for making this sacrifice to spread the Gospel of Life! Please pray for our mission.
I will be praying for you. — Father Shenan J. Boquet