



# Mission Report

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## In A Moment of Crisis, Chifunilo Turned to You

Your education programs save lives—even years later!

Abortion or suicide. Which was worse?

Chifunilo didn't feel like there were any other options. She questioned her parents, her instinct, and her own ability to live. To the young girl from Malawi, the future seemed hopeless.

**YOU BROUGHT  
HER THE HOPE SHE  
SOLEMNLY NEEDED.**

Chifunilo made mistakes. She trusted a young boy. Then she realized that she was pregnant. The situation was overwhelming to the young teenager. And her parents hadn't made it any easier. When she told them about her pregnancy, they were furious.

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**Alone and pregnant, Chifunilo feared the future. Because of your pro-life education programs, she chose life for her beautiful baby girl!**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have some great news to share!  
Last year, you helped pass a law in Hungary, which requires mothers considering abortion to hear the heartbeat of their child.

After months of anti-life stalling, this law finally went into effect on September 15! Thank you for making it possible.

This law will save lives. Many Hungarians understand that a heartbeat shows that a child is alive. When women hear the heartbeat of their child, she is more likely to choose life.

**Thanks to you, this law is saving an estimated 5,000 children per year from abortion.**

Thank you for all you do.

Yours in Christ,

Father Shenan J. Boquet



Fr. Shenan J. Boquet  
President

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**Chifunilo's parents issued an ultimatum: get an abortion or leave home.**

Her parents did not want the shame of an unwed mother in their family. If she didn't get an abortion, they told her that she must go live with the father of her child.

The 14-year-old schoolgirl didn't know what to do. Anxiety and confusion overwhelmed her. And despair sunk in. Chifunilo contemplated suicide.

In her intense darkness, you were her light.

### **CHIFUNILO SUDDENLY REMEMBERED YOUR MISSIONARIES—THEY COULD HELP HER.**

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**Fr. Zikomankhani of HLI Malawi had visited her school and shared the pro-life message with the students.** Even though it had been a long time since that visit, **Chifunilo remembered what he said.** Abortion was dangerous. And every child deserved life and love.

**Chifunilo sought out Fr. Z. If anyone could help her, he could.**

Fr. Z listened sympathetically. He urged Chifunilo not to commit suicide. He would help her keep her child. She wasn't alone.

Together, they approached her parents. Fr. Z asked them to allow Chifunilo to keep her child and still live at home. She could return to school after her child was born.

Chifunilo's parents agreed.

### **BECAUSE OF YOU, CHIFUNILO KEPT HER CHILD AND RECONCILED WITH HER PARENTS.**

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Months later, Fr. Z received a call. Chifunilo had given birth! She wanted to share her happy news with him, and with you who supported her through a crisis. You allowed her to experience the joy of motherhood.

Today, this delightful child can grow up with a mother's love. Thanks to you, Chifunilo's parents are delighted with their granddaughter! They are thankful to you and your missionaries for saving her life.



Your missionaries continue to support Chifunilo and her daughter.

### **YOUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS MADE THIS POSSIBLE.**

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Many teenagers in Africa have never heard the pro-life message. Anti-lifers tell them that contraception is essential. They say that abortion solves problems.

You allow Fr. Z to refute these lies. He teaches the students about the importance of living a chaste life. He shares God's plan for the family with them. **Your message is powerful. And for girls like Chifunilo, in that moment of crisis, it can save lives.**

When all seemed lost for young Chifunilo, you shown a bright light into her life. Thanks to you, she reconciled with her parents and has a beautiful little girl.

# Surviving the Odds: The Story of Angelo

Doctors prescribed abortion as a cure for Down syndrome. You offered a life full of love and joy.

Excitement and happiness shattered.

Every parent wants a healthy child. And a prenatal diagnosis crushes these dreams.

At least that's what it feels like.

For Angelo's parents, the diagnosis of Down syndrome hit particularly hard. Angelo's father had recently lost his job. Plus, the economic situation in Spain was unstable. Now their pre-born son had a genetic disorder. Their entire future rocked unsteadily.

The medical recommendation—abortion—made things worse.

## WHEN THEIR DOCTOR CALLED FOR ABORTION, YOU OFFERED A BETTER OPTION.

At first, it seemed like everyone's reaction was the same: *Down syndrome? Well, an abortion can fix that. You ARE getting an abortion, right?*



Family, friends...almost everyone told Angelo's parents that abortion was the best option. One woman even said that having a child with Down syndrome would destroy their life.

**Every time they went to a doctor's appointment, the medical staff pressured them to get an abortion.**

**But your missionaries from HLI Spain offered a voice of encouragement.**

They reached out to Angelo's family. His parents wanted to keep their child. But the dismal



predictions of their community discouraged them. It was overwhelming. They didn't know what to expect.

## YOUR MISSIONARIES KNEW EXACTLY HOW TO HELP ANGELO'S CONFUSED PARENTS.

They reminded his parents that their child deserved their love. Angelo was their tiny, pre-born son. He was already alive. And he would bring his family such joy.

Not only did your missionaries counsel Angelo's parents. They did something even better. They contacted another family who had a child with Down syndrome. This family also knew exactly how to help because they'd had the same experience.

Thanks to you, Angelo's parents had a support group! Now, they had friends who could answer all their questions. These friends encouraged them through the entire pregnancy.

Today, Angelo happily lives in Spain with his parents and his older brother.

**Thanks to you, Angelo's parents didn't choose death as a "solution" to Down syndrome.**



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**YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE. YOU SAVE LIVES.**

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Angelo beat the odds. But some children with Down syndrome don't.

Each child prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome faces an extreme threat. Nine out of ten of them die from abortion. Your compassion can change this.

Pro-life people like you care about these children. And your missionaries want to help families like his.

They know the fear and confusion that a prenatal diagnosis creates.

Your missionaries at pregnancy care centers know how to respond. **Because of you, these pre-born children have a chance to live a full life. In 25 countries, you make this work possible.**

Thanks to you, Angelo has a bright future. His parents will experience the joy and love that he will bring them. Their future that once seemed overwhelming is now filled with hope. And it's because of you.

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# Your Education Events Empower Pro-Life Priests

From high-school to priesthood—you inspired Fr. Bancug.

Twenty years ago, a high school senior sat in the audience of a pro-life talk. The gentleman presenting spoke eloquently about life issues and human dignity. This teenage boy listened, fascinated.

The man giving the talk? Your missionary, Dr. Bullecer of HLI Philippines.

**TODAY, THIS BOY IS AN AVIDLY PRO-LIFE PRIEST.  
YOU CHANGED FR. BANCUG'S LIFE.**

That talk was just the beginning. It struck a chord with teenage Abel Bancug. Dr. Bullecer told him all about the beauty of human life, and why it needs protection. It made sense. And Abel knew it was important. He needed to fight to defend life.

A couple years went by. Abel Bancug entered seminary.

He still remembered that talk from high school. And he sought out your missionaries. He wanted to learn more! Dr. Bullecer's discussions inspired the young seminarian.



**BECAUSE OF YOU, FR. BANCUG  
REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE  
OF DEFENDING HUMAN LIFE—  
ESPECIALLY AS A PRIEST.**



**Father Bancug says that your missionaries strengthened his vocation. Thanks to you, he is an avid pro-life priest!**

But he still knew he needed to get involved. So, the seminarian attended your pro-life events. At that time, the government of the Philippines tried to pass laws promoting contraception, abortion, and divorce. Bancug and his seminarian friends joined in HLI Philippines' rallies, which protested the threatening laws.

**Once Fr. Bancug was ordained, he brought your pro-life work to the community around him.** He knew that his parish needed to hear about God's plan for the family.

Today, he has been a priest for a decade. He impacts the lives of thousands of young people as a university chaplain. He tells those students about their dignity as a human person—the same things that inspired him so many years ago.

## FR. BANCUG IS BRINGING YOUR MESSAGE TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Fr. Bancug still cares deeply for your mission.

He credits your work with forming him in his vocation. **Your missionaries strengthened him as a pro-life priest.** Now he can reach out to the young people at his college. His impact will go further than he knows.

Fr. Bancug is just one example of the work you make possible.

Priests are unique. They minister to entire communities. A passionate pro-life priest can inspire thousands of individuals.

But many priests don't receive the necessary training. To form pro-life communities, priests need to be able to spread the pro-life message effectively.

## SEMINARIANS NEED PRO-LIFE EDUCATION. THAT'S HOW YOU CHANGE LIVES.

Your missionaries love to educate seminarians. They know what a difference these men will make. And they know how to train them to become effective pro-life priests.

**Because of you, thousands of seminarians receive pro-life training each year.** And once they are trained, you don't abandon them. You ensure that they have the tools necessary to transform their



Fr. Bancug encourages thousands of college students to defend life. He inspires his community, and it's all because of you.

communities.

Fr. Bancug is only one man. And you changed his life. Now he changes the lives of those around him.

Because of you, these priests foster pro-life cultures in their communities. Your work continues to spread.

## THANK YOU for making change possible!

Every story you read in Mission Report is a snapshot of your impact. Your gifts are saving lives and souls all over the world. None of this amazing work would be possible without you.

Thank you for building a pro-life world. Please pray for the mission. I'll be praying for you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Shenan J. Boquet".

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