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Your Missionaries are Changing Hearts and Minds in Venezuela

Thanks to you, students, professors, and public officials are prepared to defend preborn children.

Imagine telling policemen that abortion is the worst crime. And not just any police—police from Venezuela.

Venezuela is one of the most dangerous countries. Crime runs rampant, and innocent people die every day. Gangs, drugs, murder...these policemen see violence all the time.

How do you think they'd react?

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You inspire students to accept God's plan for marriage and family

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for protecting children. All too often, this world endangers children's lives and threatens their

innocence. But because of people like you, I have hope for the future.

You help build a world that values life, children, and family.

When you sponsor education programs, you



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President

invest in future generations. The students you train today will be tomorrow's leaders. Thanks to you, these future priests, doctors, and teachers will teach others to value and respect all human life.

Thank you for being such a compassionate pro-lifer. Be assured of my prayers for you. Please pray for me

Yours in Christ,

Father Shenan J. Boquet



Thanks to you, this dean rejected anti-life lies. She plans to review the curriculum for the university, so they can teach that an embryo is a human being, not just a group of cells.

YOUR MISSIONARIES TAUGHT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE THE TRUTH ABOUT ABORTION

Your missionaries went to Venezuela last fall. They offered training programs to students, teachers, journalists, and police. The talk they gave to the police was called "Let's Talk About the Worst Violence Against Women."

As you can imagine, the policemen were surprised. They'd never heard that abortion was violent. How could it be the worst form of violence? But your missionaries made it clear. **Now these men understand that abortion violently injures women and kills children.** Thanks to you, they're protecting all human life.

This is just one story from your mission to Venezuela. In just four days, missionaries gave over fifty talks. More than 1,000 people attended, and radio programs broadcast to thousands more. Because of you, police, teachers, medical professionals, and students now understand the truth about abortion.

THANKS TO YOU, FACULTY AT UNIVERSITIES ACCEPT THE HUMANITY OF THE PREBORN CHILD

Your missionaries spoke to medical students and professors at Francisco de Miranda National Experimental University. They explained that an embryo is a unique person with unique DNA. This human being must be protected.

Once they finished, the Dean of Faculty of the Medical College publicly apologized to the faculty and students. For years, her classes promoted the culture of death. Now she realized the truth. Thanks to you, this dean rejected anti-life lies. She

plans to review the curriculum for the university, so they can teach that an embryo is a human being, not just a group of cells.



Because of you, young people in Venezuela are prepared to defend human dignity.

YOU TAUGHT STUDENTS THAT LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION

Your missionaries also visited high schools, educating students about the dangers of abortion and contraception, the consequences of pornography and masturbation, and the evils of gender ideology.

Sadly, many young people in Venezuela are taught that life doesn't begin until the third month of pregnancy. This idea is very common. Thanks to you, many teenagers now understand that life begins at conception.

Your missionaries impressed these students. One said, "Thank you for teaching us when human life begins. We always doubted whether or not life exists at the moment of conception. I thought it was not a life, but simply a cluster of cells. Today I understand that all life is important and deserves respect."

Another said, "Recently, I had the opportunity to participate in a forum that focused on the female struggle for equal rights in sports and society. But now I realize that the first right is the right to life. The other rights are based on that. This is the real fight."

Your missionaries are changing hearts and minds. Many Venezuelans requested that your missionaries return soon. Thanks to you, hundreds of men and women will defend all human life, beginning at conception.



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Your Training Programs Transform Seminarians into Motivated Pro-Life Priests

Fr. Theodore attended your education programs. Today, he avidly defends preborn children!

The world needs more pro-life priests.

We need priests who motivate their parishes to defend life. Priests who help families to understand the truth about abortion through their Sunday homilies. Priests who form pro-life ministries, and help strengthen marriages.

Fr. Sam Theodore is one of these priests. And it's because of you.

YOU INSPIRED FR. THEODORE WHEN HE WAS STILL A SEMINARIAN

In 2011, Fr. Theodore was still a fresh seminarian at Sacred Heart Seminary on the Ivory Coast. Back then, he didn't know much about the pro-life movement. He knew all life was sacred, but he wasn't equipped to defend it.

But your missionaries provided pro-life resources for Fr. Theodore and his fellow seminarians. They answered tough questions. And they spoke eloquently about human dignity. Thanks to you, these pro-life events lit a fire under Fr. Theodore.

YOUR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS EQUIP PRIESTS TO DEFEND LIFE

Because there's so much to teach, seminaries don't usually focus on pro-life issues. But in today's culture, priests need an in-depth understanding of human dignity and Catholic family life. Parishioners turn to priests for guidance, so it's vitally important that these holy men know how to guide their flock.

Your missionaries in Africa understand this problem. And they have a solution. With your help, they host a yearly Seminarian Summer Institute. At this institute, your missionaries educate seminarians about abortion, contraception, and many other life and family-related topics. These seminars help young



Fr. Theodore teaches others about human dignity. Thanks to you, he's enthusiastically pro-life!

priests defend life.

Fr. Theodore attended your Seminarian Summer Institute in 2014. Then he attended again. And again. He ended up going four times! Each time, he learned more about life and family. You empowered Fr. Theodore to defend God's plan for the family.

THANKS TO YOU, FR. THEODORE USES ALL HIS GIFTS TO PROTECT PRE-BORN CHILDREN

Once ordained, Fr. Theodore took action! At his first two parishes, he formed pro-life groups. Thanks to your education, he inspired a new generation of youth to defend life. When he needed extra support, he relied on your missionaries. They were happy to help him! Even though Fr. Theodore has moved on to new assignments, these pro-life groups are still thriving.

Fr. Theodore uses all his gifts and talents to defend life. He's hosted radio programs, given talks, and even wrote a book: Abortion, A Human Scandal. He constantly reminds all Catholic groups that the pro-life message affects their work, no matter what they do.

Most importantly, Fr. Theodore uses your trainings to educate his parishioners about life. He often gives pro-life homilies. Thanks to you, he

better appreciates the challenges that his parishioners face. Father helps marriages prosper, by encouraging couples to reject contraception and be open to life.

This is what Fr. Theodore has to say about your work: "The formation I received at the Human Life International training courses are a complement to the training I received at the seminary. These sessions gave me something I could not receive through formal seminary training alone."

Your Radio Programs are Saving Pre-Born Lives

Clarisse almost got an abortion. But then she listened to your missionaries on the radio.

Clarisse faced a dilemma. Would she get an abortion or be homeless?

The young girl from Rwanda didn't really want an abortion. But raising a child without a place to live seemed impossible. Clarisse didn't know where to turn. No one was ready to help her.

Thank goodness Clarisse called your missionaries.

CLARISSE'S ADOPTED FAMILY TOLD HER TO GET AN ABORTION OR MOVE OUT

Clarisse is an orphan. A local family adopted her after her parents died. This family didn't love her. But they were proud of her. Clarisse didn't misbehave. She made their family look generous. So, as she got older, they permitted her to continue living with them.

Then the 19-year-old girl met a young man. He wasn't a gentleman. He never intended to marry Clarisse, but he tempted her. After Clarisse became pregnant, this young man skipped town.

Clarisse's adopted family was furious. Being pregnant out of wedlock is disgraceful in Rwanda. They weren't proud of Clarisse anymore. Her situation was shameful. They didn't want to be associated with her.

So, they gave Clarisse an ultimatum: get an abortion or leave their house. If she kept the child, she wasn't welcome anymore.



Your radio programs are lifesavers! Thanks to you, struggling mothers receive the help they need.

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BECAUSE OF YOUR RADIO PROGRAMS, CLARISSE ASKED YOUR MISSIONARIES FOR HELP

Thankfully, Clarisse remembered something she'd heard on the radio.

Your missionaries in Rwanda use the radio to defend life. Through their program on Radio Maria, they educate listeners about God's plan for life and family. They talk about the development of the human child, the importance of chastity, the dangers of abortion....all sorts of important topics.

At the end of these programs, your missionaries give out their phone number. They want to reach mothers considering abortion. Thanks to you, they can help these moms choose life.

Because of your radio programs, Clarisse learned about the dignity of her pre-born child. She wondered if your missionaries would help her. So, she decided to call.

YOUR MISSIONARIES FOUND CLARISSE A HOME. THANKS TO YOU, SHE CHOSE LIFE!

Your missionaries listened kindly, as Clarisse described her situation. They knew exactly how to help. She could keep her child. They'd help her handle everything else.

First, your missionaries set out to find a place for Clarisse to stay. She wasn't going to be homeless. A local pro-life family was delighted to accept her!

Next, your missionaries made sure that Clarisse received excellent medical care. Thanks to you, Clarisse didn't worry about financial needs. The young girl didn't have much money, so your missionaries helped her pay for her medical appointments. They also made sure she had enough food.

Finally, your missionaries made sure that Clarisse would be ok, even after her child was born. They'll help her out until she's ready to take care of her child on her own.

Because of you, a lovely baby girl was born in Rwanda. Clarisse named her daughter Maria—after your program on Radio Maria.

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.

Fr. Shenan J. Boquet