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2007 MINISTRY REPORT



A Message from the President

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

Perhaps the best way to describe 2007 is like this: the Lord directed us to focus on overseas initiatives designed to multiply existing ministry while simultaneously strengthening our infrastructure to prepare for exponential growth. We worked diligently at what He called us to do and trusted God to provide and produce. We saw Him accomplish much! Here are a few highlights:

- To generate income, the Zambian center started a taxi service and the Guyanese center expanded a medical clinic. Centers in Romania and Ukraine developed business plans for medical clinics of their own.
- South American and Caribbean partners gathered for the first time to pray, build relationships, and grow in leadership skills at LIFE's Leadership Summit.
- Romanian partners multiplied life-giving work by training other Romanians to start similar ministries.
- We partnered with global ministries like the Evangelical Free Church of America.

Each of these accomplishments fueled our primary purpose to see people come to new life in Christ and pre-born lives saved from abortion. Through our partners overseas, He drew more men and women into the Kingdom (1,161) and rescued more children from abortion (622) than any year before! Praise be to our God and King!

Looking back, we see how God strengthened LIFE in preparation for greater expansion. He also released innovative strategies—and the funding to launch them!—for reaching tens of thousands instead of thousands. Soon, life-giving ministries will spread as quickly as a virus. We are humbled by how God provided resources for and produced fruit through LIFE. We're excited to forge ahead and see what more the Lord will do.



It's a privilege to join God in His life-giving work, side by side with men and women whose faith and sacrifice humble me. If you are a LIFE partner, thank you. I am honored to be on your team. If you do not yet partner with LIFE, I encourage you to explore our work and consider how you might help save lives in the mission field created by abortion.

His for life,

Kurt Dillinger

Kurt P. Dillinger, President

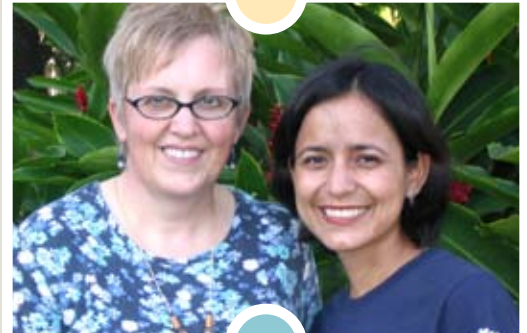
MISSION

To multiply healthy
life-giving ministries
wherever abortion exists
around the world.



PRIMARY PURPOSE

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CORE VALUES

We develop, empower, and release
national partners to establish
healthy, life-giving ministries.

We are pro-Jesus, not just pro-life.

We pray before we act.



The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. —ISAIAH 50:4

BRAZIL: Kelly and Carlos were 16 years old and had been dating for 18 months when Kelly suspected she was pregnant. She came to the center alone and afraid. When the pregnancy test came back positive, Kelly got depressed and desperate—she wanted an abortion soon.

The counselor talked with Kelly about abortion consequences and invited her to watch a video. In the midst of the video, Carlos called. Kelly left.

The center's intercessors started praying.

Two months later, Kelly called. She had decided to keep the baby, but her mom wanted Kelly to get an abortion. Again, our partners prayed. After all, if the Holy Spirit could convince Kelly, He could convince her mom as well.

A month later, Kelly called. God had answered their prayers; her mom had accepted the baby, but now it was time to tell Carlos' family about the baby. Would they press for abortion too?

Kelly and her mother-in-law visited the center for counseling. Carlos' mother thanked the counselor for helping Kelly avoid an abortion. Kelly was happy that her family supported her. More than that, she'd learned that God was taking care of every detail. Now she tells everyone how wonderful God is. 🇧🇷

UGANDA: "I am Janice. I am 17 years old. When I got pregnant, my mother disowned me.... I was chased away from home, and abortion was the only choice suggested to my situation by my friends. But I couldn't afford money to have an abortion in the clinic.

"One evening my sister came across the sign post of The Comforter's Center offering free services.... She accompanied me to The Comforter's Center the following day, where we ended up in the hands of ladies who greatly moved us to realize that in a time of need, in difficult and confused situations, people need to be surrounded by true and unconditional love.

"I went for abortion, and...I ended up surrendering my life to Jesus in the counseling room.

"The touch of love in these ladies moved my sister also to confess the abortion she had carried out six months ago...and my sister is now attending the weekly post-abortion healing Bible study at The Comforter's Center.

"In December 2007, I gave birth to Baby Samuel. I praise Jesus for The Comforter's Center!" 🇺🇬

For more testimonies of God's work in hearts overseas, visit www.lifeinternational.com.

Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel—PHILIPPIANS 4:3A



LIFE has a solid presence in Eastern Europe: eight partner centers in five countries. Yet, with 6.4 million abortions a year and only 50-100 centers, the region needs so much more. LIFE's primary effort in Eastern Europe is to multiply life-giving ministries. We are doing this through our regional office, directed by Larysa Ploskonis.

Ultimately, the regional office will partner with new teams to start life-giving ministries all over the region. In its second year of existence, the regional office built a framework for multiplication. This involved strengthening current ministries, creating a network of partnering ministries, and printing ministry tools in regional languages.

Strengthening LIFE's Ministries

Larysa gave each center prayerful advice and oversight. She facilitated a board retreat for our Romanian partners' four centers and walked the Moldovan center through a transition in directors. She helped the Ukraine center develop a plan for starting a small medical clinic to generate income and helped each center develop strategic ministry plans for 2008.

"I'm extremely excited that LIFE opened this regional office. I've been to cities in the former Soviet Union where there were two pregnancy centers and neither knew the other existed, so for one, it's the networking. The second thing I'm extremely excited about is having a place to find and order resources already translated into Russian, Ukrainian, etc."

—Carolyn Rice, *Forgiven and Set Free* trainer

Building a Network of Partnering Ministries

Though post-Communist countries struggle with denominational walls, Larysa formed partnerships with other ministries right and left. She helped teams in Moscow plan two simultaneous conferences, one for the Russian Orthodox Church and one for evangelicals, and arranged for LIFE trainers to speak. It was at this conference that a planning

The Regional Office

- Multiplies and oversees LIFE ministries;
- Translates, prints, and distributes media in regional languages;
- Speedily responds to requests for training and counsel; and
- Serves as networking hub for the region.

committee was formed to start an evangelical center in Moscow. Larysa also talked with other organizations like Healing Hearts and International Stewards about partnering together to jumpstart post-abortion ministries in Ukrainian churches and to help centers become self-sustainable.

Developing Ministry Tools in Regional Languages

In 2007, Larysa oversaw the translation and printing of ministry brochures in Russian and Serbian. She also coordinated with post-abortion trainer Carolyn Rice, who's arranging for Russian copies of *Forgiven and Set Free* to be distributed through LIFE's regional office.

For more information about LIFE's work in Eastern Europe, visit www.lifeinternational.com and see our latest news.

Fruit of Life-Giving Ministry

	Client Contacts	Children Saved	New Christians
1998-2005	40,917	1,453	1,931
2006	5,205	138	329
2007	12,199	622	1,161
TOTAL	58,321	2,213	3,421

Every day, our partners minister to abortion-vulnerable women. Some clients decide that day to ask Christ into their lives, give life to their pre-born child, or both. Such decisions for life are recorded (see left). Other clients make life-giving decisions days and months later, unknown to us. Therefore, these numbers are merely the firstfruits of the lives changed by the truth spoken in love, for God's word never returns void.

Our Partners

Africa



Barbra Mwansa
ZAMBIA



Veronica Nakyewe
UGANDA

Asia



Keiko Tarashima
JAPAN



Friends
VIETNAM

Latin America



Caty Tate
ECUADOR



Christina Milford
JAMAICA



Rose Santiago
BRAZIL



Donna Sylvester
TRINIDAD



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MOLDOVA



Luba Kazatshaia
RUSSIA

West Europe



Larysa Ploskonis
REGIONAL DIRECTOR



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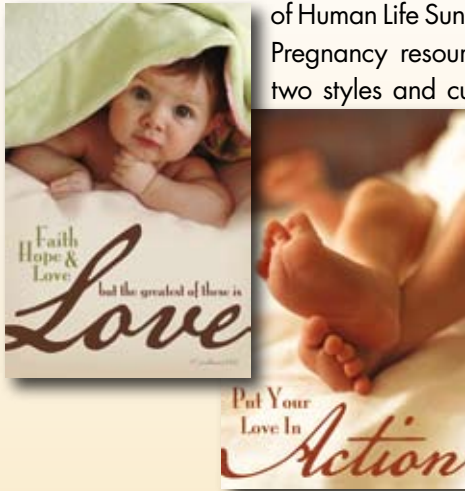


Frontlines Products Enhance Ministry Impact

Since its inception in 1998, Frontlines Publishing has developed biblically based educational, training, and communication tools to empower and equip life-giving ministry wherever abortion exists. In 2007, our focus was on improving existing products and releasing new products to enhance ministry impact. Frontlines' impact was reflected in a sales increase of 23%.

Faith, Hope, and Love are Put into Action

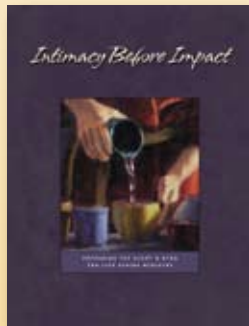
Over 1.5 million bulletin inserts were sold this past year for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday on January 20, 2008. Pregnancy resource centers chose one of two styles and customized them with their contact information.



The inserts enabled centers to invite local churches into their ministry through prayer, volunteering, and donations. We were pleased to collaborate for the fourth year with CareNet on this project.

Pregnancy Centers Embrace the Heart of LIFE International

In 2006, we released a new volunteer counseling training manual, called Intimacy Before Impact (IBI). We've been excited to see American centers catching onto the IBI paradigm, because it is the heart of LIFE International: developing intimacy with God before impacting others. By late 2007, we released a second edition, including medical updates and layout improvements. In addition, we developed a companion PowerPoint and introductory video. Overseas, we've distributed over 60 free IBIs in 12 countries, and IBI is being translated into Russian and Spanish!



Frontlines Product Impacts Ground Zero of Abortion in the U.S.

Los Angeles Pregnancy Services (LAPS) sits among eleven abortion clinics. LAPS Director Astrid Bennett says her neighborhood is known "in the pro-life world as the 'death zone' and one of the ground zeros of abortion in the U.S." In an effort to reach out to her primarily Spanish-speaking community, Astrid ordered 10,000 copies of our Spanish brochure "Embarazada." Frontlines was proud to release this Spanish translation of "Making an Informed Decision about Pregnancy" in 2007, which contains research about fetal development along with the physical, emotional, and spiritual risks associated with abortion. In December, Astrid's team went door to door, distributing welcome packets containing information about the center, a description of the services they offer, and "Embarazada."



Astrid appreciates the brochure because "it is written in a clear, sensitive, and beautiful manner.... One of the counselors was educating an abortion-bound mom, and she was deeply moved by the images of the unborn child." LAPS uses the brochure in counseling sessions to explain to the women step by step the beauty of life and the tragedy of abortion.



Volunteers assembling welcome packets

Street distribution of "Embarazada"





O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.
—JEREMIAH 10:23

Teach me your way, O Lord, lead me on a level path.
—PSALM 27:11



Global Ministry on our Knees

Prayer has been our first priority since LIFE's birth. In 2007, LIFE fulfilled a long-held dream by launching the International Prayer Center for Life to mobilize 24/7 prayer on behalf of the pre-born, their families, and those who minister to them. We shared about this prayer initiative online, in written letters, and at conferences, inviting others to participate. Every month, people contacted us, committing to pray for life in the nations. In its first year, the Prayer Center logged over 420 hours of on-site prayer for life by volunteer intercessors.

Prayer Undergirded All Our Advancements

In answer to prayer, God supplied provision beyond what we'd imagined. He connected us with global ministries for partnership. He also gave us key strategies for multiplying life-giving work. As we saw Him answer time after time, it fueled our zeal to increase prayer for life.

Through prayer, we battled for and with our overseas partners in the challenges they faced. Some were intense. One partner nearly died in a car accident, had a leg amputated, and is now back at the center, serving God. Our regional director hurdled many challenges moving her office to Kiev. God also matched her up with a gifted assistant.

Prayer Guided All Our Steps

God often gave us specific direction as to where and when to be involved. He directed us step by step as we partnered with people in Russia to offer training at two conferences simultaneously in Moscow. We were able to help bridge denominational gaps, equip many for life-giving ministry, and advise a team which plans to establish one of the first evangelical pregnancy centers in Moscow.

Prayer also prepared the way for LIFE's Leadership Summit (see right). Though Guayaquil airport's weeklong closure required us to change the Summit's dates last-minute, all participants were able to attend. It was a powerful, encouraging time for our South American partners.

2007 Leadership Summit

In November, LIFE hosted our first regional Leadership Summit for partners in South America and the Caribbean. Seventeen directors, board members, and volunteers from six centers (Bolivia, Brazil, Guyana, Jamaica, and Ecuador) gathered with seven of us from North America.

Most of our partners in this region had never met each other. These directors are pioneers in their cities, coping daily with challenges greater than they have the capacity to manage. Repeatedly, they said what a blessing it was to meet the others and know there are people in their region with the same passions and struggles.

Biblical Leadership Training

Keith Yoder (Teaching the Word Ministries) trained us in biblical leadership, pointing out the four components of Jesus' training of the disciples: spiritual, relational, experiential, and informational. In applying this training, each center team created a plan and objectives to develop and equip one of their leaders. In addition, LIFE gave training in donor events, grant writing, and starting micro-enterprises.

Prayer and Worship

Half of our time was spent in prayer and worship. Attendees worshipped and prayed together for one another, their countries, and their region. They also received personal prayer ministry. It was effective on two fronts: it strengthened them for their mission, and it inspired them to further integrate prayer in their centers.

"Words fail us to express our heartfelt gratitude.... We endeavor to give back to our Centres the 'Life' that we received from you!"
—Summit attendee

It was a privilege to serve these precious, diligent laborers: to refresh them, introduce them to peers, pray for and with them, study and practice Jesus' leadership with them. Today, they're praying for each other, developing leaders, and serving abortion-vulnerable women with a renewed spirit.

Our Next Steps

One of the most exciting things to come out of the divine-human cooperative of 2007 was a set of new strategies (and initial resources) for spreading life-giving ministries as quickly and uncontrollably as a virus. These strategies were formed through advice from experienced leaders of global ministries and our partners overseas. Donors whose hearts and minds were captured by the vision provided the finances to launch these initiatives. In the coming months and years, we expect these plans will help us train, equip, and develop leaders wherever we find teams with a common vision. Here are our top two strategies for multiplying life-giving ministry exponentially:

- **LIFE International University (LIU)**—In the past, we've trained a maximum of three new teams a year, but with this online school we can train dozens of teams a year. LIU will offer webinars, podcasts, forums, and PDF manuals in six arenas: spiritual foundations, operating a ministry, counseling, leadership, development, and cross-cultural ministry.
- **Center in a Backpack**—Our goal is to develop, empower, and release pastors and church movement leaders for this work. God has already been providing opportunities for LIFE to speak to them, many of whom approach us afterward for more information and training. We plan to create a series of backpacks filled with the essential tools and knowledge needed to start a life-giving ministry. This allows them to return home and immediately begin building the ministry to which God's called them and eventually train others as well.

Meanwhile, we'll support and strengthen our partners overseas, including:

- Help the Ugandan center start a **taxi service** to generate funds.
- Help Russians start one of the first evangelistic **centers in Moscow**.
- Host the **2008 Leadership Summit** in Eastern Europe.
- Print and distribute our **training manual in Russian and Spanish**.
- Increase prayer for life in the nations through the **International Prayer Center for Life**.

We continue to submit our plans to the Lord, seeking not only His steps, but His timing. Since it is His mission we are on, we purpose to let Him lead in all things. Join us! It's an amazing adventure, being part of this divine-human cooperative to help people come to new life in Christ and save pre-born lives from abortion. We value every prayer, every dollar, every talent, every hour given to save lives in the mission field created by abortion.

For more information about LIFE International's work overseas, or to find out how you can get involved, visit www.lifeinternational.com.

LIFE International Staff



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Financial Statement of Activities* year ending December 31, 2007		Statement of Financial Position* as of December 31, 2007	
Income		Assets	
Contributions	\$1,395,789	Current Assets	
Frontlines Revenue	84,759	Cash	\$974,623
Other	7,178	Accounts Receivable	6,784
Total	\$1,487,726	Inventory	10,588
Expenses		Other	145
Programs		Total Current Assets	\$992,140
International Outreach	\$519,403	Fixed Assets	
Frontlines Publishing	131,015	Facility, Equipment, & Fixtures	\$738,380
International Prayer Center for Life	51,273	Less Accumulated Depreciation	<90,430>
Total Program Expenses	\$701,691	Total Fixed Assets	\$647,950
Support Services		Total	\$1,640,090
Administration	\$283,586	Liabilities and Equity	
Development	158,833	Liabilities	
Total Support Expenses	\$442,419	Accounts Payable	\$22,010
Total	\$1,144,110	Deferred Income	250,000
Net Revenue	\$343,616	Other	9,773
		Total Liabilities	\$281,783
		Equity	\$1,358,307
		Total	\$1,640,090

*unaudited