



# Clinica Pro-Vita Bucharest, Romania



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## Bucharest, Romania

- Romania's orphanages have the highest HIV rate in Europe.
- Bucharest is Romania's capital and largest city—2.6 million people (about 10% of Romania's population).
- Nicolae Ceausescu's Palace of Parliament in Bucharest is the largest palace in the world.
- Bucharest has been inhabited since 500 BC. and was once touted as "Small Paris."

## Romania and Abortion

- Romania has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest abortion rate in the world: 78 abortions per 1,000 women of childbearing age. In comparison, the U.S. is ranked 36<sup>th</sup> with 23 per 1,000.
- In 1990, an estimated 76% of pregnancies ended in abortion, compared to an estimated 42% in 2005.

## An Open Door

"Maiya" came in for a pregnancy test. A married woman, 40 years old, she was shaking as she awaited the result of the test. The doctor at the center asked her, "What will you do if the test is positive?"

"I will make an abortion. I cannot assume the risk for this pregnancy," Maiya said. Due to a medical condition, no doctors would assume the risk for her to bear a child. Maiya shared how, despite her doctor's pressure to abort, she had fought to keep her first three children. Later, she became pregnant again and aborted the baby because she was afraid. She said "I was very hurt and promised myself I would not let that happen again."

Now, in a similar situation, Maiya was again afraid. When asked how she felt and if she believed God forgave her for her first abortion, she said, "I still feel ashamed and guilty. I was at the priest and I confessed my sins. He read me some passages from his book and I hoped and I hoped the pain would go away, but it is still here...and now I am in the same situation again."

The doctor, while she did not know what to say, had a heart full of compassion for this woman, and recognized an open door to share Jesus' love for her and His willingness to die on the cross and prepare a way for her to be free of guilt, shame, and fear.

Maiya's heart was open to receive. She realized for the first time that not only did Jesus die on the cross, but that He died for her personal sins and rose again for her own salvation.

While there were no easy solutions or quick fixes to Maiya's problem that day, her story reflects the character of God to meet His children in brokenness and offer His grace. Sometimes there are no easy answers. But God is always faithful and true and always offers His healing and His salvation.

## Clinica Pro-Vita—Bucharest (CPV)

Founded September, 1998

(2008 Statistics include two CPV centers in Bucharest)

Client Statistics	2005	2006	2007	2008
Client Visits	1,938	1,641	4,253	3,335
Pregnancy Tests	231	132	553	450
Abortion-Minded Clients	25	20	227	225
AMC Decisions to Carry	20	17	158	156
Gospel Presentations	386	644	1,340	1,773
Decisions for Christ	172	99	239	98
Post-Abortion Counseling	91	122	38	93
Abstinence Presentations	732	155	1,368	3,711

## CPVB Goals

- To reach out to every client with the gospel.
- To connect with every woman who considers abortion and offer counseling.
- To develop ultrasound services at the new (2<sup>nd</sup>) center in Bucharest (established in early 2008).
- To increase the percentage of women we serve who are in a pregnancy crisis.
- To present CPVB's ministry to every church in Bucharest and challenge them to partner as volunteers.

## CPVB Prayer Requests

- For spiritual protection.
- For strength and love from Him for everything we do.
- For the team to follow the vision the Lord gave us and keep the final picture in mind (saving the mother, saving the child).
- For a director's assistant, one called by God, filled with His Spirit, and able to do the work with passion and love.

## How Can You Partner with LIFE International?

Individuals, churches, centers, and businesses can partner with LIFE through prayer and financial support. Every prayer offered and every gift sown into LIFE helps make possible life-giving ministries like CPVB. Will you join with LIFE and help nationals multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

**Questions? Want more information? Contact us at [info@lifeinternational.com](mailto:info@lifeinternational.com) or (616) 248-3300.**

