

Regional Office

Eastern Europe



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Accomplishments

- Printed and distributed a ministry brochure in Russian.
- Assisted with five conferences in East Europe.
- Guided the Moldovan center through a transition in directors.
- Advised a team that is starting a center in Moscow in 2008.
- Set up office in Kiev, Ukraine and hired a half-time assistant.
- Raised 5% of budget within the region.

Eastern Europe and Abortion

	ABORTIONS IN A YEAR	GLOBAL ABORTIONS	PREGNANCY CENTERS
EASTERN EUROPE	3.1 million	7.5%	50
U.S. and CANADA	1.4 million	3%	2,500

Goals

- Register as an NGO in Ukraine.
- Help establish a pregnancy center in Moscow.
- Coordinate a regional conference for people interested or involved in life-giving ministry.
- See Eastern European pro-life organizations come together in unity and the sharing of resources.
- Raise funds for the operational budget and network with local churches.
- Help all Eastern Europe centers develop an annual plan and a three-year strategic ministry plan.

LIFE's Partner Centers in Eastern Europe

	Budapest, Hungary		Bucharest, Romania
	Chisinau, Moldova		Syzran, Russia
	Brasov, Romania		Kharkov, Ukraine
	Cluj, Romania		

The Regional Office's Aim

- Multiply and oversee life-giving ministries in the region.
- Speedily respond to requests for training and counsel.
- Become the first networking hub for life-giving ministries.
- Translate, print, and distribute media in regional languages.

What People Are Saying

I'm extremely excited that LIFE opened this office. For me, it's an answer to prayer. I've been to cities with two pregnancy centers who didn't know the other existed, so for one, it's the networking. It will also become the place to go to in order to find and order resources in Russian, Ukrainian, Georgian, etc.

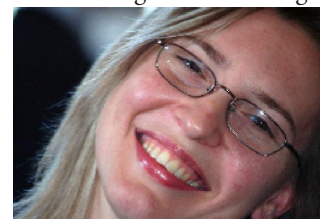
—Carolyn Rice, post-abortion trainer in East Europe

We need help...can Larysa visit us for a month? I know—when you first told me about Larysa, I said, "A Ukrainian? You should have hired a Hungarian!" But now that I've met her, I know you made a good decision. —Ed Bergs, Hungarian center director

Like Aaron and Hur Did for Moses

Eastern Europe is dying. It needs ministries that uphold life, and these ministries need people to equip them, hold their hands up, and help them be more effective. When you're the only center director for 100 miles and trying to produce fruit, you need someone to say, "I believe in you. You are doing something worthwhile. And so-and-so is doing the same thing in such-and-such country, and where's what worked for them." When Americans give advice, it's easy to say, "Well, that's just America," but when they hear it's working in another post-Communist country, it means something.

—Larysa Ploskonis, regional director



How Can You Nurture Life in Eastern Europe?

Centers, churches, groups, and individuals can partner with the Regional Office through prayer and financial support. Will you join with Larysa and help train leaders to reach women for Christ?

Have questions? Ready to partner with us? Contact us:
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