



# Early Pregnancy Advisory Service Georgetown, Guyana



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## Guyana

- Georgetown, the capital city, is also Guyana's largest city at 213,000 inhabitants (2002 Census). It sits at the mouth of Demerara River on the Atlantic coast.
- The legal age of sexual consent is 16.
- 40% of the population lives below the poverty level.
- Guyana is religiously diverse: 50% are Christian, 35% are Hindu, 10% are Muslim, and 7% are Bahá'í.

## Guyana and Abortion

- Abortion became legal in 1995. Recently, Guyana's Ministry of Health decided to offer abortion services.
- Women living in rural or low-income communities are often unable to obtain safe abortion services.

## EPAS

EPAS is currently in a reorganization phase. Please pray as they prepare for future ministry.

## After Choosing Life, Life Was Hard—for a Time

Josie came for a free pregnancy test. Having another baby at this time of her life would be a disaster, she said. The counselor talked with her about alternatives to abortion and God's love for the unborn. Josie's heart changed; if she were pregnant, she would give life to her child.

The test was positive. Josie told the baby's father she was pregnant—he packed his bags and left. But, with the support of her parents and promised assistance from EPAS, Josie had hope.

On her due date, Josie was admitted to the hospital for a C-Section, but before they started the surgery, a doctor noticed Josie's blood pressure was way above normal level. He immediately transported her to the theatre where she could be monitored. Much later, she awoke to doctors' voices and questioning looks. They asked, "How did you make it? Women with your experience of high blood pressure who go into cardiac arrest don't usually make it."

Josie gave birth to a bouncing boy, but that's not all. His father reunited with Josie after learning of their son—they're planning to marry. When their son was four months old, Josie got the first job of her life!

## 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 ministries like EPAS. Will you join with LIFE and help nationals multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists around the world?

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



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