



Pregnancy Resource Centre of Jamaica Montego Bay, Jamaica



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Jamaica

- Violent crime, drug trafficking, and poverty are a significant problem in Jamaica.¹
- Abortion is illegal in Jamaica except to save the mother's life or to preserve physical or mental health.²
- Jamaica has 20,000-30,000 illegal abortions a year.³
- Forty-five percent of 15 to 24-year old women report at least one pregnancy by age 19.⁴

Joy Etched with Pain

The work of the PRC can be at once daunting and fulfilling, filled with joy while etched with pain... Caring for clients, keeping records, establishing and maintaining standards, listening to God, directing affairs, encouraging others...the list goes on. Everything gains purpose in the light of a soul that's saved, and in the joys of holding yet another precious little one, saved from abortion. Knowingly, they seem to peer at you, from eyelids barely open, others sleep or gaze awhile, and we rejoice in every smile.

Nevertheless, with that joy, we have also experienced the unplanned-for-sorrow of the saved child/children dying in infancy, or miscarried at 6 or 7 months. We find ourselves in the roles of pastors, care-givers, intercessors, counsellors, and friends. Such it was, in the year 2010, when three young mothers (one with twins) chose life for their babies, yet lost them through pre-mature birth and death. Hospitals, underequipped with medical resources...who could be blamed for these loss of lives? Whatever is the cause, we grieve. Volunteers and staff at work, we bear the weight of loss, together with the parents, family members, and friends whom we direct to the Cross... for them, all is not lost.

What God Did Through PRCJ in 2010

- 33 pregnant abortion-minded clients chose life.
- 58 people confessed Jesus as Lord after hearing the Gospel presented.
- Over 1000 students between ages 10 and 19 received Abstinence, Fetal development/abortion, and STD awareness presentations in schools.
- 70+ Pastors and leaders became aware of the reality and practice of human trafficking and abortion in Jamaica.

PRCJ 2011 Goals

- To reach more clients.
- To equip and empower leaders, parents, and youth to embrace a biblical worldview of sexuality and the sanctity of human life.
- To become self-replicating and self-sustaining.

PRCJ 2011 Prayer Requests

- That all PRCJ Board and staff be hungry for God's presence and direction.
- That prayer be a distinct part of the ministry.
- That the Lord saves abortion-minded clients that receive our services, and turns their hearts towards their children.
- For the development and expansion of a parenting coalition.
- For community ownership on projects, that PRCJ will garner the support needed for stability and success.

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 equip ministries like PRCJ. Will you join with LIFE and help multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

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



—Christina Milford, Director PRCJ

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