



# Silent Voices Kitwe, Zambia



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## Zambia

- 50% of Zambians are unemployed; 86% live below Zambia's poverty line.
- One in six adults live with HIV; an estimated 710,000 children have lost at least one parent to AIDS.
- Zambia has one of the highest percentages of orphans—23% of children under age 15.
- Zambia is sparsely populated by more than 70 ethnic groups.

## Zambia and Abortion

- In Zambia, abortion is legal when it will preserve a woman's physical, mental, or socioeconomic health and she has the consent of three physicians. Due to the difficulty of getting three physicians' consent, Zambia has far more illegal abortions than legal.
- Abortion has been legal since 1972.

## She'd had a Lifetime of Pain by Age 15

Towela's parents died when she was nine. Her relatives mistreated her and refused to let her attend school. Towela ran away and lived with a Good Samaritan for five years, until the Good Samaritan was transferred to a distant city. Towela found another person to live with and a job and was happy. At 15, she got involved with a man who promised to marry her; Towela thought all her problems had disappeared. But when she became pregnant, he disappeared. She lost her job and home. Soon she had nowhere to go.

Then she came to us. We sheltered her in our maternity home, disciplined her, and trained her to earn her living by sewing and selling bags, doormats, dresses, etc. She gave birth to Charity and in early 2009 was discharged, excited to join society and be a happy, responsible mother at age 16.

"I thank God who...connected me to the people at Silent Voices who heard my cry and the cry of my baby in the womb," Towela said. "Had it not been for Silent Voices, I could have died on the streets. Men on the streets took advantage of me...because I was vulnerable. Thank you so much, Silent Voices. Continue with the good work."

Please pray for funds so we can purchase sewing machines to give to girls like Towela who finish our program. Thank you all for all your continued support and for taking time to pray with and for us in this noble task.

—Barbara Mwansa, director

## Silent Voices' Client Statistics

	2007	2008
Client Visits	473	357
Pregnancy Tests	76	49
Abortion-Minded Clients	89	64
AMC Decisions to Carry	75	38
Abstinence Presentations	5,375	1,971
Gospel Presentations	3,213	1,791
Decisions for Christ	806	1,199

## Silent Voices 2009 Goals

- Open a new center.
- Train more volunteers and board members.
- Develop a maternity home on five-hector land.
- Double the abstinence program, hosting them at universities.
- Increase the number of clients using an ultrasound machine.
- Revise the bus project and other fundraising projects.

## Silent Voices 2009 Prayer Requests

Pray for:

- Life-saving decisions to be made by abortion-minded people.
- Staff members, volunteers, board members, and partners.
- Changed lives and skill development among the girls.
- Building funds and operation funds for the center.
- God's presence to be with us always.

## 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 Silent Voices. Will you join with LIFE and help establish life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

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

