

# Regional Office

## Eastern Europe



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### 2009 Accomplishments

- Registered as an NGO in Ukraine.
- Helped establish a new center in Russia.
- Engaged with a new group in Armenia.
- Conducted strategic planning for EERO.

### 2010 Goals

- To hold a leadership summit for LIFE family center directors and board members in the region.
- To advance the EERO's presence in the local community.
- To produce printed materials for centers in the region.
- To work with LIFE's head office in assessment of regional office approach, in order to guide the establishment of future regional offices.

### Eastern Europe and Abortion

	ABORTIONS IN A YEAR <sup>1</sup>	GLOBAL ABORTIONS	PREGNANCY CENTERS <sup>2</sup>
EASTERN EUROPE	3 million	7%	50
U.S. and CANADA	1.5 million	3.6%	2,500

### LIFE's Partner Centers in Eastern Europe

-  Budapest, Hungary
-  Cluj, Romania
-  Chisinau, Moldova
-  Kharkov, Ukraine
-  Bucharest, 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.

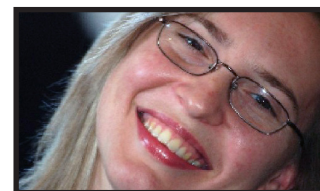
—Ed Bergs, Hungarian center director

### 2010 Prayer Requests

- For opportunities to share on the sanctity of human life in the churches of Ukraine.
- For the organization of the director summit.
- That the EERO will raise the necessary funds to carry out their ministry.
- For the development of the EERO website.

### 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 here'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: info@lifeinternational.com or (616) 248-3300.**



<sup>1</sup> Singh, S., et al. (2009). Abortion Worldwide: A Decade of Uneven Progress. The Alan Guttmacher Institute.

<sup>2</sup> Based on LIFE International's observations and experience