



# 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.<sup>1</sup>
- Abortion is illegal in Jamaica except to save the mother's life or preserve physical or mental health.<sup>2</sup>
- Jamaica has 20,000-30,000 illegal abortions a year.<sup>3</sup>
- Forty-five percent of 15 to 24-year old women report at least one pregnancy by age 19.<sup>4</sup>

## Speaking For Those Who Cannot Speak for Themselves

God is showing Himself strong on behalf of those who trust in Him, who seek after pleasing Him. He has enlarged our borders using various strategies, and we are thankful to Him for His many interventions, the babies that have been saved and the mothers who have either started a relationship with Him or renewed their commitments.

In Jamaica, the push for legalization of abortion has continued. PRCJ has been positioned to "speak for those who cannot speak for themselves" authoritatively on the subject with the experience we now have counseling both abortion-vulnerable, and post-abortive women.

As a nation, we have been influenced by Planned Parenthood, from the introduction of contraception to being totally brain-washed about its value, resulting now in a free-love, free-sex society that is fighting the effects of violating our covenants with God. Many who were teens in the 1970's aborted babies in pregnancies that occurred due to failed contraception. It was from these times that our nation's leaders began to ponder changing our abortion laws (which implicitly place value on human life). Could it be that the demand for abortion had become epidemic?

Today, God is intervening and saving lives, lives threatened by various fears.

## PRCJ 2009 Accomplishments

- Presented the work of PRCJ to children and teachers in several schools, shared information on abortion with 56 nurses in their training forum.
- Participated in training over 130 guidance counselors to present the True Love Waits Abstinence curriculum to students across Jamaica.
- 25 babies were saved from abortion and 58 women received Jesus Christ as Lord.

## PRCJ 2010 Goals

- To increase client intake.
- To increase donor base and hire a counselor.
- To develop a weekend Abortion-Recovery model for women.

## PRCJ 2010 Prayer Requests

- That clients respond without fear to invitations to the Centre and that God touches their hearts.
- That more schools/guidance counselors will believe the truth that the children can be abstinent.
- That mature post-abortive Christian women will become ministers to the others who are hurting—a launch of the Abortion Recovery Ministry.
- That we obtain a larger facility for our Maternity Home, hire a full-time program director and two house-mothers.

## 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 PRCJ. 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.**



—Christina Milford, Director PRCJ

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