

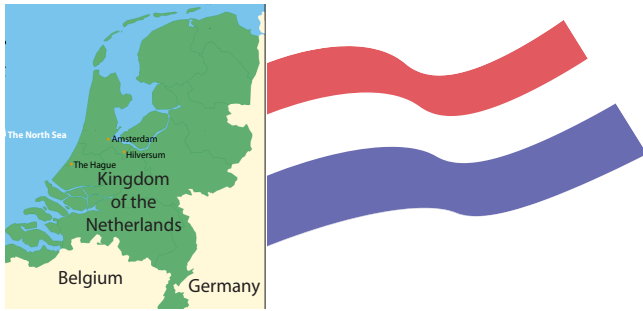
Cry for Life

Hilversum, Netherlands



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- Hilversum is the media capitol of the Netherlands, home to many radio and television networks and studios.¹
- Hilversum's population has declined from 101,238 in 1960 to 83,815 in 2008.²
- In the Netherlands, abortion is legal with no restrictions.³
- Since 2002, euthanasia has also been legal.⁴
- Between 1996 and 2003, the abortion rate in the Netherlands increased by 31%.⁵

Counseling at Cry for Life

Hanna called us at 5.30 pm. I was just intending to go home. She cried, she had just learned that she was three and a half month pregnant with twins. Her boyfriend wanted her to have an abortion. He already had two children out of an earlier relationship. Hanna was a Christian, still she had already an abortion a year ago.

She did not know what to do. She felt hopeless and very guilty. My heart went out to her. We had a long conversation on the phone. I asked her what her circumstances were. She lived in an apartment, had a good job, her two brothers were Christians and her mother too. I asked her about God. She felt very guilty towards God. She felt ashamed for the people in the church and did not dare to tell her pastor. I could tell her about the forgiveness of Jesus and that an abortion would not relieve her guilt. I told her that it was good to inform her brothers about her pregnancy and with the help of her brothers, she could later tell her mother. I prayed with her. Finally, she stopped crying and felt relieved.

Some days later I called her and she was doing much better. She had decided to keep the babies. She had informed her brothers. One brother had spoken about her pregnancy with her mother. Her mother was upset, she mentioned abortion. Hanna had not expected that. But now her mother got used to the situation and wanted to help her.

I sent Hanna a book with a lot of practical information about single motherhood. We still have contact with each other.

Cry for Life 2009 Accomplishments

- Expanded the ministry.
- Found women to partner with to do "Forgiven and Set Free" Bible studies throughout Holland.
- 25 mothers chose life for their babies.

Cry for Life 2010 Goals

- Hold a new training for volunteers.

Cry for Life 2010 Prayer Requests

- That many women will come to Bible studies, that they may be set free.
- That many participants will attend and benefit from volunteer training.

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 life-giving ministries like Cry for Life. Will you join with LIFE as we multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists?

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



—Bert and Willy Dorenbos, Cry for Life Directors

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