



Life-Giving Ministry in Vietnam



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Post-Abortion Healing Training

Fifteen women attended our three-day training to learn how to lead small groups of post-abortive people into healing. They were from many different churches, ministries, and social programs. Two women rode a bus for 20 hours to attend. Most only knew one or two other people in the group.

The sad reality is that, given Vietnam's abortion statistics, likely many of the women in that room were silently grieving the loss of a child due to abortion. A Vietnamese priest in Canada had told me the women would not share personal pain of this nature. However, on the second day, two women shared their stories with the group. A third lady was weeping and nodding her head. There were many tears in the room. It was a courageous breakthrough for them personally and as a group. They prayed with and encouraged each other after this, a sign that they were already beginning to own this ministry.

One night we heard from five pastors who had come to be trained in the sanctity of human Life by another teammate. It was great to hear their passion for their people and a bit wondrous to hear how they follow Christ amidst persecution. Perhaps the awe I felt when listening to them was a great sense of the presence of God.

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 this one in Vietnam. Will you join with LIFE and help nationals multiply life-giving ministries wherever abortion exists around the world?

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



Vietnam

- This country has long suffered under Communist governance, and Christians are heavily persecuted.¹
- As of 1999 statistics, Vietnam has the #1 abortion rate in the world: 83 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-44.²
- Abortions are legal under any circumstance in Vietnam.³
- The Vietnamese government has implemented laws and policies to control the population, generally setting a limit of two children maximum per family.⁴
- With ultrasounds and abortion available on demand, many Vietnamese are practicing sex selection prenatally, creating a generation of many more boys than girls.⁵
- LIFE International works with Vietnamese Christians to further the first life-giving ministry of its kind to abortion-vulnerable women in Vietnam.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for favor so the volunteers can do this necessary work of counseling women to give life to their preborn children.
- Pray that all those in this ministry would draw near to the Lord, so their efforts would come from intimacy with Him.
- Pray for the 15 women who were trained—for their own healing, for protection, and for wisdom and endurance as they take the message of hope and healing to post-abortive men and women.
- Pray for the pastors as they speak out on the sanctity of human life—for protection, wisdom, and ears to hear.



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