



# Julie's Heart Cry

*Bringing Hope to Women Globally*

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## A father's point of view on the sanctity of life

*Story by Chris*

I am a father of three children and a relatively new Christian. I have been a Christ-follower for about seven years, having come to Christ after being invited by some friends to a local church. Within six months of that initial visit, my entire families' lives were transformed. We were all on fire for the Lord, studying the Word and getting involved in various ministries. One thing that struck my wife and me was how repugnant abortion should be to the Christian and how offensive killing the most vulnerable must be to the Lord. We



*Chris meets children at the refugee camp (top). Chris' son and daughter pray over babies in a NICU in Kampala (above).*

began supporting a Christian charity that provides ultrasound machines to low-income communities, decreasing the abortion rate drastically for the women who saw the computer images and heard the heartbeat of their unborn children.

And then, about three years ago, the Lord

brought Julie's Heart Cry into my life. The work and commitment of this ministry helped broaden my perspective about the sanctity of life far beyond the issue of abortion. I was able to see that sanctity of life is a broad issue that encompasses all human life and all stages of life. Much of my journey with this issue involves the following groups of people.

### **Orphans**

In March 2018, my wife and I took our children on their first mission trip to Uganda. As I looked in the eyes of thousands of orphans, my heart broke. Many of those beautiful and vulnerable children began calling me "Daddy

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Chris," because their lives were largely absent of male role models. It struck me that each one of those lives was blessed, loved, and important in the eyes of our Heavenly Father — every bit as much as my own.

### **Refugees**

My family also visited a refugee camp in South Sudan with over 30,000 refugees. Widows, orphans and a spattering of men were living in primitive mud huts eating one meal a day of corn, most without the love of a family ... or hope. Despite their current life conditions, these people were created in God's image and are loved by our Heavenly Father.

### **Special needs**

Julie's Heart Cry helped me see that my oldest daughter's work with special needs students is part of the sanctity of life issue. Those with special needs are born in the image of God, and far too



*Chris' daughter paints a girl's face in a rural village.*

often they are ignored or marginalized. I realized I must overcome my discomfort in interacting with those with disabilities and find ways to love and support them.

### **Immigrants**

I also realized that the Bible study I led for immigrant teen boys was part of a sanctity of life calling. It troubled me to hear these boys share stories about their struggles and to witness their low expectations for themselves. Each one is important and should be seen as someone who can make a difference in

this world for God.

To me, sanctity of life now has a richer, broader meaning. As a man, a husband and a father, I feel empowered to make a difference in the world for life. While the need is overwhelming, the avenues to glorify Him through effecting change are many. I have the ability — and I believe the charge from God — to be a warrior in support of the sanctity of life.

### **An exciting journey**

I am excited as I wait to see where this journey with the Lord will take me next. Thank you, Julie's Heart Cry, for your role in opening my eyes to the wholeness of sanctity of life.

I know that every stage of life is important in the eyes of God and that *all* of us are created in His image. There is comfort, clarity and a calling in these truths.