

JULIE'S HEART CRY

Bringing Hope to Women Globally

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Dear Friends and Partners,

Part 1 of 2

We often focus on a small portion of the larger issue when we determine to defend the sanctity of life. Our attention is often focused on the result and not the causes. Many young ladies have had to contend with unimaginable challenges that are foreign to many of us in the Western world. I will attempt to simplify this complicated reality and go a bit deeper, while trying to help you see more clearly, just what takes place in the lives of millions of women, long before an abortion is even an option for them. For many Westerners, this will be difficult to even imagine, let alone comprehend.

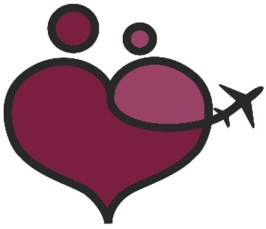
From somewhere around the middle school age to the university level, young ladies fully understand that education is their ticket out of poverty; it will provide them the financial stability and social standing needed to have a better life. However, the majority of pregnancies occur at the secondary and college levels. Several female students are forced to give themselves to a teacher or a professor, otherwise they'll receive a failing grade. Some are also forced to give their bodies in exchange for sponsorships/scholarships, given by local business men and women who are actually just sexual predators. These women are truly stuck between the Proverbial a rock and hard place.

As difficult as this might be to believe, these are highly common practices of those who are in a position of privilege. Those who can give much needed help and provide a noble and worthy service, instead, recognize a marginalized community and choose to abuse the people and pervert the system.

These are just a few of the harsh realities for many women around the globe. We must intervene with the gospel and teach the significant value of human life, both born and unborn. We are also obliged to rescue these girls from predators and thousands of unwanted/unplanned pregnancies that eventually lead to abortions. Preventing abortion is paramount. However, we must also work hard to understand the mitigating circumstances surrounding them. We must be willing to sit across from some of these girls, when possible, to hear their stories and why they have chosen such treacherous paths.

There are thousands, if not millions, of children who are being sponsored annually around the world, through companies like you see advertised on television. Sponsorships, for which, the children are not only very grateful, but they could not survive without them. Sadly, many of these children come from extreme poverty and cannot afford higher education, leaving the door open to predators as they age out of their childhood sponsorships.

The young boys and girls in refugee and displacement camps are voiceless, invisible, and forgotten. They too, make decisions out of hunger, desperation, necessity, and lack of self worth. Matthew 9: 36 says, "When he saw the crowds (in this case, these precious young ones), he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Let us show Christ-like compassion and facilitate their introduction the One True Shepherd. Only He can bring an end to the place of harassment and helplessness where they exist.



UPDATE

Once again, I don't possess the words to thank a supporter of Julie's Heart Cry enough. Last month, they recognized the educational needs among the vulnerable in East Africa and donated \$200,000! That will cover a full academic year for 72 University Students, Vocational School Start up packages for 150 students, and School tuitions for 350 Primary school children, and so much more.

(All these fees will be covered within a Christian School.)

JHC has painfully learned that advocacy through speaking to young people in conferences and in churches is not enough. There has to be tangible action. These actions must be holistic and comprehensive, therefore they will be costly.

One tangible benefit from this major financial investment will be many girls will never have to dread a call into the office with a teacher or professor

ANSWERED PRAYER: The funds for the water well came right after the January newsletter was sent. Sadly, this information was not included in the February newsletter.



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