



A FUTURE AND A HOPE

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JUST TELL THEM WHAT YOU DO!

Each organization is different with its own approach towards conducting its affairs in order to achieve its registered purposes. With regard to our newsletter, we regularly tell people that we try not to bombard people with Newsletters, by sending our updates around three times a year. We have frequently been told that in order to succeed as a non-profit society, we need to "be in people's faces" all the time. We believe this is a worldly approach towards spiritual matters.

Our goal is to provide life-saving information and to encourage women in crisis pregnancy situations to consider life for their unborn children. In this regard, we provide counsel, encouragement, and physical, emotional and spiritual guidance and support, often throughout most of the course of their pregnancy.

We also provide assistance for the newborns in a practical way, through our First Year of Life Program. Through this program, we arrange for, and pick up the cost of, all of the newborn's essentials. On the day the infant arrives home from the hospital these items are delivered from a store.

In addition, we provide a monthly cash voucher redeemable through a pharmacy, which enables the mother to supplement the needs of her newborn. This, too, is provided for the period of a year.

This assistance is in addition to providing baby diapers from birth until they are no longer needed. During this time, to the extent that we are able, we also supply formula, clothing, and toys. All of this is intended to ease the burden of the once abortion-minded mother, who has chosen life for her preborn child.

In addition to providing information about all aspects of life in the womb, we provide free ultra-sound testing,

usually as a second opinion, as well as on-going counseling to each woman, who usually has a package of issues to deal with when meeting with us for the first time. The background of the women (as well as men and children) seeking counsel usually includes some form of abuse. Hence, we provide assistance to help them deal with and overcome these issues.

Some of the women have made life-changing decisions and turned their lives around. It is an inexplicable joy to see someone—once involved in prostitution, drugs and other forms of criminal activity—repent and become a productive member of society, instead of a burden. Some have made professions of faith in Messiah Yeshua and are now active participants in local congregations.

There are times when in-office counseling takes place every day, several times a day. At other times, hours are spent on the telephone, encouraging women to consider the life of their preborn child.

During the past year about 8 out of every 10 pregnant women who have come to us for counsel have chosen to continue their pregnancies. This invariably becomes the singular event that brings about a change in perspective and behavior. The life of the child enters into the thinking of the parent to be, and they begin to think of someone other than themselves.

So, when people tell us that we need to be "in people's faces," we respond by telling them that we tell people what we do, and trust the God of all creation to enable us to carry out His purposes through this organization. This should not be interpreted to mean that A Future and A Hope does not have needs. It certainly does. But our prayer is that the Lord of Life will place our burdens on the hearts of his servants to labor together to bring forth a fruitful harvest for His glory.

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“Is it well with the child?” ... “It is well.” (2 Kings 4:26)

Often we think of a child’s well-being in terms of creature comforts. The necessities of life are simple: food, clothing, and shelter are what is needed. But, there is a more basic need—to be given the opportunity to come forth from the womb. It is here that the well-being of the child receives the parents’ initial concern and ultimate provision.

A Friend Brings a Friend

It is said that “the best advertisement is a satisfied customer.” This is true not only in the business world, but in the realm of providing counsel and assistance.

During the past year, we have repeatedly seen that women who came to us for counsel and help in the past recommended family and friends to us for similar assistance. Sometimes, those whom we have helped accompany their friends as they come for the first meeting. They introduce us with words that often embarrass us; yet we realize that they are expressing their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the help they received, often help that made the difference in choosing between life and death.

Such was the situation with “A,” whom we helped about five years ago. “A” brought her child with her when she accompanied her friend for counseling. We all celebrated together as her friend made her decision: Her baby would be carried through pregnancy and be born!

One not-so-ordinary situation involves a mother, who gave birth a year ago. The woman, a widow, immigrated to Israel a little over two years ago at the age of 40. She met a “nice fellow.” It wasn’t too long before she discovered that she was pregnant. She thought that having a child at her age would not be a good idea, but her 18-year-old daughter encouraged her to contact us for advice. She continued the pregnancy and the child is a year old, healthy and beautiful. Now, her daughter, “B,” who encouraged her mother to contact us, is pregnant with twins. “B” found herself questioning whether or not to abort and, like her mother, she turned to us for counsel. When she came in, she

brought a friend with her, who was also pregnant; both made life-giving decisions. The friend asked a multitude of questions about who we are and what we do, and finally asked: “**What’s the price? How much do you charge for your on-going counsel?**” We told her that we don’t charge and that “freely we receive and so freely we give.” “B’s” friend was amazed that there are people who are willing to give and help, without charge and without demanding something in return. Two pre-born children are on their way.

“C,” a mother of 3, came to us in her second month of pregnancy. She had a difficult background with drugs, but received help and was able to be rehabilitated. “C” knew that she needed assistance in making a “correct decision” and that she wouldn’t be able to go through with it alone. She comes for counsel and encouragement once a week, bringing her two-year old child with her (a bit of a mischievous lad, who likes to see how many things he can overturn, but who does not bother his mother or demand her attention during the sessions). “C” is now in her seventh month and is looking forward to the birth of her child.

When “E” contacted us, she said that she was referred by “D.” After receiving counsel and deciding that she would not abort the child growing within her, “E” was so encouraged that she told her friend, “F,” another friend who was pregnant and undecided about what to do. “E” and “F” decided to come into the office together and “F” also decided not to abort. Then, both of them encouraged “G,” yet another friend, who, subsequently came with both of them and decided on life for her child as well! All three were involved in joint counseling and are being encouraged as each draws closer to the time of the birth of her child.

Wow! We can’t help but to rejoice over God’s goodness and faithfulness in granting wisdom and encouragement to the women who were at a crossroad in their lives. But, more than that, we praise with thanksgiving the Lord of Life, who channels the hearts of these women, turning their thoughts from death to life and filling them with the joyful anticipation of motherhood.

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A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



Life is a gift and every child is a miracle.

You share with us the blessing of each life.

Your encouragement of us enables us to encourage others to choose life.

Government Certification

We are thankful that once again, after reviewing our various documents, the State of Israel granted us a **Certificate of Proper Management**, valid throughout all of **2015**. This Certificate attests to the fact that we have complied with all requirements imposed on non-profit organizations by law.

Sharing with Others

Our website is only available in Hebrew at this time: <http://hope4u.co.il>. Please do tell others about it; there are many Israelis overseas who could learn and benefit from what we share on this site.

We would be happy to hear from you. If you have a comment about this Newsletter, please drop us a note (*Prov. 15:23*).

Prayer Requests

1. For good health for our staff.
2. For regular monthly finances for our **"First Year of Life"** Program, and for food vouchers for needy mothers. With summer and war, we would encourage you to pray with us to be able to meet the needs of this Program.
3. For salvation of the unsaved women whom we counsel.
4. For wisdom to counsel with love and grace, to help cleanse this land from the shedding of innocent blood.

With thanks and blessings,

Marvin S. Kramer
General Manager

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