

A note from *Sandy's* Desk:

For months, we have been praying that women who have been hurt by abortion would speak out. We believe that abortion hurts women and that the public has the right to know. Recently, the press has been revealing cases of inappropriate and illegal abortions. Last week, a prominent news reporter detailed the dangers of amniocentesis testing and the possibility of a resulting miscarriage. Another major national television program exposed a doctor who did abortions without proper certification in gynecology. They also reported that over half of all abortions in Israel are done privately and illegal and are not government regulated.

An article on *YNET* (one of the leading Hebrew-language dailies) reported on an Israeli couple that had numerous prenatal tests and doctors suspected their baby was carrying the chromosomes for Down's Syndrome. The couple was urged to have an abortion, only to discover later that the baby was misdiagnosed. They are now suing three different hospitals.

Israel leads the world in sheer number of prenatal tests it offers to pregnant mothers. I have heard of numerous cases where the test results were incorrect. Yet, abortion is promoted as the quick and simple solution to any possible problem, without any consideration of the repercussions of that abortion on the woman or her family.

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“Ladies in Waiting”

Fatima and Yonit's stories:

Cooperation, partnership and unity are key factors in the work of saving babies from abortion in Israel. In a women's home in a Jerusalem suburb, this partnership is being lived out.

Two congregations and two other Pro-life organizations aside from Be'ad Chaim, fund and provide shelter for unwed mothers in crisis, and the emotional and practical support they need to pull through.

The pro-life organization, “A Future and Hope” in Haifa, has sent one of their clients to this home. Fatima is a beautiful Muslim woman whose life was threatened when she became pregnant out of wedlock. In the safe confines of the home, Fatima has found friendship with other young woman and is protected from her family.

Another local pro-life organization also placed one of their clients in this home.

Yonit is a delightful, young Ethiopian woman whose family was not supportive of her during her pregnancy, and she needed to distance herself from her environment.

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Ladies in Waiting

Sandy's notes continued:

Another story in *Ma'ariv* newspaper (a national daily newspaper) reported on a couple whose baby was born in the 22nd week of pregnancy. There were many complications, and the parents were told that the baby was stillborn. When the father took the baby to wash her he was shocked to discover that the baby's heart was beating. He called for emergency help. Though still alive, the hours of neglect were lethal to the newborn and she passed away the next day. The official statement from the assistant director of the hospital was: "According to Israeli medical literature, the fetus at this point is not considered a human being." (not until the 25th week)

This, my fellow prayer partners, is exactly our concern – that children in the womb are not considered human beings here in Israel. We realize, of course, that babies born at such early stages of pregnancy are often unable to survive, yet the attitude of the medical establishment should be to save lives and not disregard their potential. Last month, this issue became very real to us when two of our Be'ad Chaim babies were born prematurely at 22 weeks and died. Please pray for their mothers - 17-year-old Molly in Jerusalem and Noreen in Acco - who are still grieving the loss of their babies.


At Be'ad Chaim, we have been praying about lobbying in the government and press in order to further increase public awareness

Orli's story:

Orli is a quiet, 21 year old girl from the center of the country. She has had a very difficult life. Her father left her mother and her four siblings many years ago and is rarely in contact with them. In recent years, two of Orli's brothers and her boyfriend tragically committed suicide. Orli admits that she feels very badly about herself and has very little self confidence. Looking for love and acceptance, she has had numerous physical relationships, and aborted three times at the ages of 16, 17 and 18. All three abortions were legal and paid for by public health insurance. The last abortion did not go well and Orli's doctor told her that she would not be able to have children again without IVF (fertility treatments). She returned to this same gynecologist when she suspected her present pregnancy. The doctor was amazed that she conceived and cautioned her not to abort again as she may never be able to have another child. Although Orli planned to abort, she decided that she would continue the pregnancy if she could find financial assistance.

We are thankful that Orli's friend told her about us! Be'ad Chaim will be providing Orli with all of the necessary baby equipment, diapers, clothes and any of her baby's practical needs for a full year through our Operation Moses project.

Alongside the practical help, we're able to offer Orli emotional support during her time of crisis. We have discussed life style choices with her and have had the opportunity to tell her of a loving Father in heaven who would not abandon her as all the other men in her young life have. She will also be attending our bi-monthly prenatal classes to prepare herself for birth and mothering. Please remember her in your prayers.



of the dangers of abortion to women. As a result of much prayer, we see early signs of this already taking place to a certain degree, yet we believe that further action needs to be taken. As a first step, we have decided to increase our advertising in major newspapers and to publish the testimonies of women who have been hurt by abortion alongside articles on those who've continued pregnancies despite difficult circumstances. Please pray for wisdom and resources as we pursue a major change in public opinion on abortion. Thank you for caring – for together, through prayer and action, we will succeed to turn the tide of abortion in this nation.

In Waiting (cont)

Fatima and Yonit's story cont.:

Fatima and Yonit come faithfully to our bimonthly prenatal classes and enjoy both the fellowship time and the excellent teaching by a licensed midwife. At our last meeting, Fatima had the joy of meeting another Arabic-speaking woman and they became fast friends. She and Yonit also met with Gila who will be their "doula", or birth coach, during their births.

Both Fatima and Yonit will receive baby supplies through the Operation Moses project. These include: a bed, stroller, changing table, bathtub and monthly diapers and other baby needs. It is a blessing to work together with a common goal of saving babies' lives.

Laura's story:

Laura is 17 years old and lives with her single mother in one of the small southern towns in the Negev. When Laura told school officials that she was pregnant last year, she was not allowed to continue her education. Her choice to keep her baby was hard, but her mother supported her decision and continues to help her.

Laura's son, Nuriel, was born very prematurely on November 1, 2009. He weighed only 1.596 kilos and has been in the preemie intensive care unit since then. Laura lives a great distance from the coastal hospital where her son is, so this month has been very difficult.

Doctors say that Nuriel, who now weighs 2.452 kilos, may be able to go home within a week.

Please pray for his health, pray for strong bonding between mother and child and for direction for Laura and her future. She has already arranged the baby's room with furniture given to her through our Operation Moses Project.

Life Stories:

Tikva's story:

Tikva gave birth to her son Natanel (given by God) on October 11th. Natanel is a beautiful little boy with lovely black curls. Shortly after the newsletter came out in September, Tikva's life was changed when generous donors agreed to cover her living costs. This freedom from the pressure of finances enabled her to decide to keep her baby rather than give him up for adoption.

Tikva had a very short, easy birth and then went home to live in her own apartment with her female cousin, a soldier who helps her with the baby.

At first, Tikva, only 18 years old, was nervous about bathing and caring for Natanel, but with time and the help of her aunt and cousin, she has developed into a wonderful, loving mother. Last week, she attended our monthly meeting for new mothers and proudly showed us her new son. What a wonderful joy to see this young woman holding the baby whom God enabled her to keep and raise.



New Babies!

During the months of September, October and November 18 babies were added to the Be'ad Chaim family nationally. Two women are waiting to deliver any day now. We rejoice to see these precious treasures in their mothers' arms.

We welcome newborn boys: Adiv, Ron, Yossi, Amit, two babies named Natanel, Nitai, Nuriel, Yonatan and one yet unnamed. Our baby girls: Talia, Sinai (daughter of Dalia, June newsletter) Eila, Maya, Shira, Stephanie, Liam and Merav.

I want to personally thank you for praying for our clients and their babies. Your prayers and care make a difference to these moms.

Prayer Requests

Thank you for supporting us in prayer. Here are our current needs:

- New Be'ad Chaim counselors: Three training sessions for new counselors took place in November. Several promising counselors emerged. By God's grace, we plan to open a new office in Tel Aviv in the very near future. Please pray for this important new location in the heart of a city which promotes abortion and in an area where there are numerous private, illegal abortion clinics.

Women from other cities have also indicated interest in being Be'ad Chaim counselors in Ariel, Carmiel and Nazareth. Please pray for God's direction and guidance as we expand the prolife network into more cities in Israel. Pray especially for an expansion of the work in Nazareth that has been difficult to develop until now. Pray also for the new counselors recently established in Ashkelon and Rishon L'Zion. We know that the opening of new offices is a spiritual battle which demands much prayer.

- L'Chaim International Conference, March 1-7: The theme of our conference this year is "Preparing for the judgment of the Lamb". Please join us as we stand in the gap to ask God for forgiveness for the shedding of the innocent blood of unborn children. The conference will take place at the beautiful Karei Deshe guest house on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Updates:

Ahuva (Lady in waiting in Sept. 2009 newsletter) is now in her 27th week of pregnancy and experiencing some contractions. Ahuva continues to have peace now that she lives with her father, and seems to have put her old lifestyle of working in nightclubs behind her. She eagerly awaits the birth of her daughter and is relieved that she will receive all of the furniture and items necessary for the baby through our Operation Moses Project. Please pray for God's protection for mother and baby and for God's perfect timing for the birth.

Our deadline for registration has been extended to January 15, 2010. So please contact Alison to reserve your place: lchaim2010@hotmail.com

- Forest of Life: Please continue to pray for the development of this special forest which will be used as a memorial to the unborn. The forest will be dedicated during our International Conference in March. We are currently finalizing a contract and preparing to clear the ground.
- *Prolife Answers to Prochoice Arguments*, by Randy Alcorn, is finally being printed after many years of translation and editing work. Please pray for the successful distribution of this book and for it to change the way that medical professionals, social workers, teachers, army personnel and others perceive abortion. May we have much wisdom and grace as we freely distribute it to the public.
- Advertising: As we increase our exposure in the press, please pray for wisely written articles and for proper placement in the media. Pray for discernment and finances for the lobbying process.
- A wonderful 6 minute movie-clip called "Blue Eyes Like Janey's" is now being broadcast weekly on Middle East Television. Pray that this thought-provoking story of a young couple who regrets their abortion will touch many hearts.
- Hebrew Website: Pray as we renovate our website to make it more interactive and available to women in crisis pregnancies. Up to now, it has been primarily educational, but our goal is to be in direct contact with the women going through their crisis, warning them that abortion hurts women.

We still have copies of the DVD "The Land Cries Out" available. Please contact us to order your complimentary copy of this powerful documentary (HaTikva Films) on abortion in Israel, the U.S. and Great Britain.

Our new 2009-2010 calendar is now available at the reduced price of only \$10 including shipping and handling. Your donation will help us save babies' lives. Contact our office to order.

Thank you so much for caring about Israel's children, families and future.

Many Blessing!

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