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Dear HLI Friends and Supporters,

This edition of *Special Report* takes you on two missionary trips to countries where the population control movement is threatening. In the Philippines, Dr. Brian Clowes explains how anti-life forces have been slowly at work there, culminating in the recent fight regarding the governmental bill on “reproductive health.” Then, Mr. Emil Hagamu, of HLI-Eastern Africa, tells of how Malawi is entrenched in anti-life propaganda, at the center of which is the extensive and unabashed promotion of condoms.

MISSIONARY TRIP TO PHILIPPINES—*Reported by Dr. Brian Clowes, July, 2008.*

My eighth trip to the Philippines was just as enjoyable as the first seven. The Filipinos are such hospitable, friendly and honest people that you cannot help but feel right at home there as soon as you step off the airplane. But, all of this might soon change.

ASSAULTS AGAINST FAITH AND FAMILY

The Philippines has been under heavy anti-life attack for more than 15 years now, because the nation is the bastion of Catholicism in Asia. **More than 90 percent**

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of Filipinos are Catholic, and more than two out of three hear Mass at least once a week. Huge churches seating thousands of people frequently have ten or more daily Masses, all very well attended, and priests are kept very busy hearing confessions.

Since Faith and family are anathema to the anti-lifers, they have done their best to destroy both—and they appear to be succeeding. When I first visited the Philippines in 1996, the first thing I saw when walking into Manila International Airport was a four-foot high statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Now, there are no such statues or images anywhere in the airport. It has been efficiently “sanitized” of religious items, perhaps for foreign consumption. In 1996, I heard traditional Filipino songs being sung in the countryside. Now, there is karaoke. In 1996, I saw a lot of fine religious woodwork in many different little stores. This time, in the EDSA Megamall, I saw ghastly “sculptures” that appeared to be large preserved reptile cadavers being pierced by various sharp instruments. In 1996, most Filipinos had charming names like “Policarpio,” “Felicitimo,” and “Angelito.” Now, sadly, names like “Britney,” “Hannah,” and “Nick” predominate.



The people who claim that “diversity” is their highest good seem to have no trouble with destroying it on a huge scale. They have embarked on a program of worldwide cultural homogenization, which aims to make good and mindless consumers out of everyone on Earth. More and more Filipinos are giving up their music for rap, their traditional colorful clothing for blue jeans and T-shirts, and their wide variety of food for Big Macs and Kentucky Fried Chicken. **The Filipino way of life is quickly slipping away, and there seem to be few mourners in the rush to modernization.**

DANGEROUS ANTI-LIFE BILLS

More troubling is the fact that the average Filipina had just under seven children in 1965; this has been cut by more than one-half to 3.2 children now, and the United Nations expects that the total fertility rate (TFR) of the Philippines will reach replacement in 2015 and a disastrously low 1.35 by 2040.

The population controllers in the Philippines are lavishly funded by Europe and North America, and they never give up. At least six “family planning” bills have been on the Congressional docket this year, including the most dangerous one, House Bill 17, which would set up a “National Policy on Reproductive Health, Responsible Parenthood and Population Development.” Note that the “family planners” don’t say “population control,” they call it “population development.”



One of a chain of illegal abortion mills in Manila, Philippines.

As usual, the pro-abortionists could not care less about what the people think. A very dangerous combined bill, which contained provisions from four previous “family planning” bills, was passed in less than a minute, and public testimony was prohibited. Then, the session was immediately adjourned and, when our head of HLI-Asia, Dr. Ligaya Acosta, approached the Presiding Officer about the anti-Democratic nature of the procedures, he simply told her that the bill had passed, and there was absolutely nothing she or anyone else could do about it.

Signs of the anti-life rot are everywhere. After a 28-hour journey to Manila, I noticed a brightly-

painted clinic named “FriendlyCare” across the street from my hotel, complete with armed guard standing outside. My host, Dr. Acosta, told me that this clinic is part of a chain of abortion mills that does thousands of “menstrual extractions” every year, the best way to get around the laws of a pro-life country.

As always, the Filipinos keep you moving. I suspect that there are no bedrooms in the people’s houses, since they never seem to sleep. At least they like to eat!

SPREADING THE GOSPEL OF LIFE THROUGH THE AIRWAVES

Our first event was a press conference on “Reproductive Health, Abortion, and Contraception” at the five-star Dusit Thani Hotel. Every major print and electronic media outlet in the country was represented, and I knew we would have a fair hearing when I saw that the MC of the press conference, Rey Langit, Chairman of the National Media Union, had a “little feet” pin on his tie.

Our lineup of speakers included Dr. Angie Aguirre, a bioethicist from the Department of Medicine at the University of Santo Tomas, Father Melvin Castro, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), Linda Valenzona, an economist and specialist in demographics from SAFE (Subtle Attack Against the Family Explained), Dr. Acosta, and myself. We talked for a total of about 45 minutes, and then had an hour and a half of questions.

This will certainly help our cause, which is really heating up here. Just the previous day, Archbishop Paciano Aniceto, Chairman of the Episcopal Commission on Family & Life of the CBCP, told the Catholics in Congress, “If you are a Catholic, you should behave like a Catholic. Otherwise, you are not what you profess.” A Monsignor from the Jaro Diocese also said, “We will stand by the principle of *Humanae Vitae*.”

GEARING UP FOR A RALLY ON *HUMANAE VITAE*

That evening, Dr. Acosta and I spoke to about 225 members of Couples for Christ, who got thousands of their people out to the big Friday rally in Manila, along with El Shaddai.

The next day, we visited Our Lady of Antipolo Cathedral near Manila. This Archdiocese is the second-largest in the Philippines after Cebu, with 3.4 million Catholics and less than 100 priests to serve them. Five hundred people showed up to hear Dr. Acosta and myself describe the terrible threat to Faith and family posed by the international population controllers and their corrupt “reproductive health” bills.

On Thursday, we were up at 4:15 AM to fly to Iloilo, which was hard-hit by a typhoon less than a month before. Mud and wreckage lies everywhere as the people work together to put their lives back on track as best they can. Our morning press conference saw about 20 members of the media show up to hear the presentations of our reconstituted “ABC Team” (Acosta, Dr. Rene Bullecer, and Clowes) and ask questions.



7,500 People at the Iloilo Rally July 24, 2008.

In the sweltering afternoon, we had our first major *Humanae Vitae* conference in the public grandstands in central Iloilo City. Three separate parades of people started walking from five kilometers away and arrived at the grandstands at almost the same moment. People continued to flow into the area, filled the grandstand, and

spilled into the streets. Just as the program began, clouds suddenly filled the sky and the temperature dropped about 15 degrees. The crowd swelled to about 7,500 by the time I gave my talk on the magnitude of the threat of the “reproductive health” movement to the Philippines. Dr. Ligaya gave her moving testimony on her time in the Department of Health, and Dr. Rene Bullecer got the crowd roaring with excitement (although I didn’t understand a word he said, since he spoke in Cebuano). It’s easy to recognize a great speaker by the reaction of the crowd, even if you don’t understand anything that’s being said. During the concluding Mass, Jaro Archbishop Paciano Aniceto gave a 30-minute homily on demographics and abortifacients, which informed everyone in the crowd exactly what they were up against.

TENS OF THOUSANDS CELEBRATE *HUMANAE VITAE*

Friday, the 40th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, was the big day. Dr. Acosta and I arrived early at the University of Santo Tomas football fields, and thousands of people were already there. More people in large groups continued to pour in from all over Manila, walking from distant points. **The Cardinal Archbishop of Manila gave permission for the city’s 30 Catholic schools to suspend classes for the day so their thousands of students could attend the rally!**

There were many prominent people there, including, of course, the great pro-life Lito Atienza, former three-term Mayor of Manila and now Minister of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

We had 20,000 people present to hear Dr. Acosta’s talk on the threats posed by the “family planners” from an inside perspective. I had the last talk of the day before the Mass on “U.S. International Policies on Population Control and Intervention in the Republic of the Philippines.” I concluded the talk by shouting “Hands Off the Philippines” several times, and the people loved it.



Ligaya Acosta Speaks to 20,000 at the University of Santo Tomas Humanae Vitae Rally on July 25, 2008.

Gaudencio Borbon Cardinal Rosales, Archbishop of Manila, celebrated the concluding Mass, along with 14 other archbishops and bishops and more than 100 priests. During the Mass, all of the nearly 100 churches in Manila rang their bells at exactly 6 PM for the program *Campana para sa familia, busina para sa buhari* (“Blow horns for family, ring bells for the life”).

FILIPINOS FIGHT TO KEEP FAITH AND FAMILY ALIVE

My long trip home began the next morning at 4 AM. I had plenty of time to reflect on the situation in the Philippines during the 13-hour, five-movie flight from Hong Kong to Los Angeles, and during another five-hour flight to Dulles. ***I wondered why the population controllers can’t just leave people in peace.*** Why are they such fanatical busybodies? These people, who seem to derive such unholy delight by telling us pro-lifers to “keep our laws off their bodies,” are actually trying to impose a two-child policy on the Philippines! Don’t they see their hypocrisy, or are they somehow blinded to it?

No matter how altruistic they try to look, their efforts to make their evil acts look benevolent are similar to spray-painting roadkill. They may make the mess look a little less ugly, but it stinks horribly just the same. My message in the Philippines was simple and direct: Money won’t make you happy. Nor will sex, drugs, rock n’ roll, power, possessions, influence, or popularity.

Only Faith and family do the job. And these are exactly the two things the foreign-funded population controllers are actively destroying in the Philippines. All they are doing is making *large* poor families into *small* poor families—and doing irreparable damage to the nation in the process.

For five centuries, the Philippines was colonized by foreign powers—the Spaniards, the Japanese, and the Americans. Now the so-called “developed” world is trying to colonize the *minds* of Filipinos, a far more deadly type of occupation.

It is far past time to just let the Filipinos make their own way and enjoy the benefits of their Faith, their families, and their own natural resources. Let them alone while North America and Europe disintegrate. If they survive all of this meddling, they will lead the world to a great spiritual revival in a couple of decades.

But perhaps this is exactly what the anti-lifers are terrified of.

It is time for all of us to say to the death peddlers: “Hands off the Philippines!” 卍

MISSIONARY TRIP TO MALAWI—Reported by Emil Hagamu, January-February, 2008.

When I left Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, for Malawi on Wednesday, January 23, the weather was sunny and very hot, but on entering Malawi the weather changed to cool and the land was very green. I could see farms of maize and tobacco everywhere. When my hosts, Fr. Alpheus Zikomankhani and Mr. Harris Kachaso came to pick me up an hour after I landed, I realized just how beautiful this tiny country was and why they call it **The Warm Heart of Africa**. The evergreen vegetation is a wonder in and of itself, and as I took in its beauty, I saw hard working Malawians in the fields—cultivating the land and planting seeds.

This was my fourth visit to Malawi in three years. The purpose of this visit was: 1) to introduce HLI to Church leadership, especially the bishop of Lilongwe Diocese; 2) to conduct a four-day leadership training workshop; 3) to present a pro-life/pro-family program to major seminarians and lay groups within and outside Lilongwe; and 4) to visit pro-life activists and encourage them to do more and recruit new ones to the movement.

TEACHING ON THE THREATS TO HUMAN LIFE

Fr. Alpheus drove us directly to his Madisi parish, where we stayed until Friday morning when we left for Lilongwe and Likuni. During our stay at Madisi, I visited some pro-life activists—those I trained at Chipoka three years ago and others I trained at Mangochi two years ago. On Friday, we traveled to Lilongwe, 80 km from Madisi. There were many pro-lifers who were eagerly waiting to meet us.

On Sunday, I met with 56 members from the Lilongwe Diocese’s **Christian Family Movement**. I gave a talk to them in which I highlighted the many dangers facing the traditional family today, including abortion, contraception, same-sex “marriage,” and sex education. On their part, they expressed appreciation for my talk and promised to be on their guard. More importantly, they promised to cooperate with our HLI office in Malawi—which is situated within the same compound—for further information and education whenever our assistance will be needed.

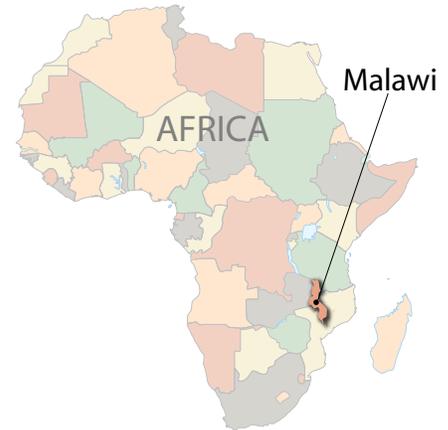
On Monday, our 4-day workshop began. There were a total of 13 participants from various parishes in the



High School Students at the Iloilo Rally.

Diocese of Lilongwe. The workshop took place at Aonenje Lodge, some 7 miles south of Lilongwe city. Presentations included:

- ✓ What is HLI, its Vision, and Mission
- ✓ The Miracle of Human Life
- ✓ Christian Marriage
- ✓ The Christian Family
- ✓ Threats to Human Life, Marriage, and Family
- ✓ Abortion and its Consequences
- ✓ A video presentation called *The Silent Scream*
- ✓ Contraception and its Consequences and Church Teachings
- ✓ NFP: The Billings Ovulation Method
- ✓ The Maputo Protocol.



WIDESPREAD KING CONDOM PROMOTION

Condom advertising has been entrenched in Malawi, making Malawians believe that, indeed, they are the SAVIOR against HIV infection and a method of family planning. On Saturday evening, as I was watching TV in my hotel room, I saw a condom program. In the program, the condom instruction began by defining what a condom is, and one condom was unrolled and showed to the viewing audience. As there is only one TV (MTV: Malawi Television) station in this country, certainly the program was being watched by many people. **The program continued by showing the viewers how the condom should be handled, unrolled, and fitted onto the male reproductive organ.** This was a very obscene moment! Imagine a program of that nature being shown on the TV without regard to the selection of the audience. Children were watching, as well as young adolescents, the married, and the elderly. Population controllers do not take into consideration people's cultures. Perhaps that is their aim: to destroy Malawi culture.

As I was walking along the streets of Lilongwe, I saw many vehicles with full condom advertisements, especially the special condom brand, "MANYUCHI." If you remember what I reported two years ago, **Manyuchi stands for the English word HONEY.** So, by advertising the condom as Manyuchi, and through photographs of beautiful women, Population Services International (PSI) wants to convince Malawi people that condoms are sweet as honey and therefore ideal and appropriate for use. ***PSI and all condom promoters know very well the failure rate of condoms. Yet they continue lying to people by employing the most deceptive language.*** The failure rate of condoms will always lead to the DEATH of the infected individual. Pro-lifers can only defeat these lies if they gallantly put in place counter programs and if the Catholic Church stands by their side.



One of the ubiquitous "Manyuchi" condom advertisements in Malawi.

SEMINARIAN WORKSHOP POSTPONED

A seminarian program was scheduled to take place after the four-day workshop. We were to travel to Zomba on February 1. There, I was expected to meet and address major seminarians at St. Peter's Major Seminary and Nankunda Minor Seminary. However, due to the illness of Mr. Harris Kachaso, the HLI contact person in Malawi, the program was postponed. Mr. Kachaso's health failed him even before we started the workshop. I had to do most of the work, planning, coordinating, and presenting all the workshop topics. On Friday, Mr. Kachaso became seriously ill, despite his heroic struggle to work with me. **On Saturday, he could not walk nor talk, and it was apparent that he was very seriously sick.** I took him to the hotel I was staying at and gave him a room where he could sleep and enjoy a peaceful environment. After taking

supper and praying together, I escorted him to his room. On Sunday morning, Mr Kachaso could not wake up. I rushed to pick up his wife and a few friends. With the help of these friends and his wife, I took him to a nearby Likuni Mission hospital. He was admitted there for further investigation and treatment. Until Monday, February 4, Mr. Harris Kachaso was receiving intensive care by the medical doctors and nurses at this Catholic Hospital. As I was leaving Likuni for Madisi, his health had slightly improved. He could recognize people who came to see him and could remember the day and date.

[Editor's note: After a brief recovery, Harris became gravely ill again and passed away in August. Please pray for the repose of his soul—he was an heroic pro-lifer! For more on Mr. Kachaso, please see his obituary in HLI's fall edition of FrontLines.]



Emil Hagamu, HLI Regional Coordinator for Eastern Africa.

BISHOP BLESSES HLI

On Monday, February 4, I had the privilege to meet with the Bishop of Lilongwe, His Lordship Remie Ste Marie. He is Canadian by birth and belongs to White Fathers Missionary Religious Congregation. Since I had previously sent him some pro-life material, he already knew my name and therefore he welcomed me very warmly. I gave him one copy of the books *The Facts of Life* and *The Case Against Condoms*, some brochures, and HLI's *Pro-life CD Library*. I also gave him copies of the four books I have written in Kiswahili. This was a momentous event indeed for the three of us who visited him, Fr. Alpheus Zikomankhani, Lilian, and myself.

In my talk with the Bishop, I made a brief presentation of HLI and its mission around the world, the branches, regional offices, and the many affiliates. I told him about our president, Fr. Tom Euteneuer, and his competent staff at HLI headquarters in Front Royal, Virginia. Then, I told him about the early development of HLI Pro-life Malawi. I mentioned the three formation workshops we have had and Dr.

Brian Clowes' visit in 2006, which was also instrumental in pioneering the formation of HLI Pro-life Malawi.

At the end of my presentation, I made three requests to the Bishop: 1) upon his discretion, to appoint Fr. Alpheus Zikomankhani, who has been assisting HLI Malawi over all these years of formation, as advisor; 2) if possible, to provide an office for HLI in one of his diocesan buildings since the current one at Likuni Printing Press is very expensive and we cannot afford to continue using it; 3) to bless and support the work that HLI has started for bringing the Gospel of Life and building a culture of life in Malawi.

In his response, the bishop expressed his appreciation for the great work HLI is doing around the world and the initiative it has taken to start a pro-life movement in Malawi, especially in his diocese Lilongwe. He said he has heard about HLI, and he has always supported the pro-life mission.

THE PRO-LIFE WISDOM

of

Fr. Paul Marx

THE APOSTLE OF LIFE

We will not rescue the family from today's sex mess until we teach the essential virtue of chastity once more and build effective, mandatory premarriage courses that teach *Humanae Vitae* and also *Familiaris Consortio*, the blueprint of family-life education and promotion.



Fr. Paul Marx

—*The Flying Monk*, page 44.

He fully gave his approval to the requests I made to him and promised to work with HLI Malawi in all matters that will need his support or advice. Finally, he thanked HLI for giving him the pro-life material.

I would like to sincerely thank HLI-Central for facilitating the success of this missionary trip to Malawi. Indeed, without the financial and material support from HLI-Central, this program would not have taken place. 🙏

Dear friends, God has truly blessed HLI with such inspiring and dedicated leaders as Dr. Clowes and Mr. Hagamu. He has also blessed us with you, our very generous supporters, without whom none of this world-changing work would be possible. Thank you for your unceasing dedication to the pro-life/pro-family mission around the world. Please continue to pray for this mission, and may God bless you and your family always.

God bless you always!



Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer
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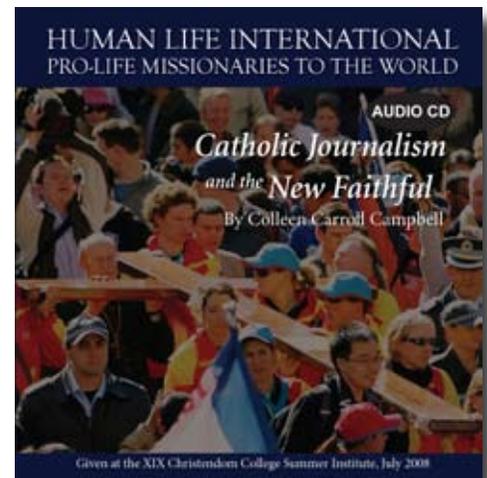
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The young Catholics that Mrs. Campbell has encountered endeavor to live their faith as a whole without picking and choosing the teachings they want to follow, which is in stark contrast to the moral relativism that many of these young adults were taught as children. They are the first generation to grow up in the shadow of the sexual revolution, widespread divorce, and a denial of evil, and they now are returning to the religion of their grandparents' generation.

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