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ADOPTION, THE NEGLECTED OPTION

Abortion in our country is out of bounds. The newly elected Trump administration wants to reverse this course. During the cabinet confirmation hearings, Robert F. Kennedy Jr told the Senate: “I agree with President Trump that every abortion is a tragedy, that we cannot be a moral nation if we have 1.2 million abortions a year, that the States should control abortion [1].”

More protective laws for the preborn child have been enacted in several states. The majority of Americans want legal limits on abortion; 60% think that, at the very least, abortion should be limited to the first trimester. They widely support the work of Pregnancy Resource Centers [2].

But the reality is that abortion on demand remains widely accessible and utilized up to nine months of pregnancy in many States.

Adoption should play a greater role in addressing crisis pregnancies. Sadly, less than 1% will have recourse to adoption. A recent study shows that “for every 70 women who choose to parent, 50 will seek an abortion, and only one will choose adoption [3].”

Vice-President JD Vance in his speech at the March for Life, commented: “We failed a generation not only by permitting a culture of abortion on demand, but also by neglecting to help young parents achieve the ingredients they need to lead a happy and meaningful life [4].

Instead, many parents choose to end their child’s life. Their concerns are multiple he says, from career to education, inadequate income, relationships, and family.
Vance continued: “A culture of radical
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ARTICLES IN THIS ISSUE ARE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, LOUISE ALLARD

AN UPDATE FROM UGANDA

We’re giving you this update from beautiful California. Some regions have been severely tried by recent devastating fires but we have been spared since we are not in close proximity. Even so, our heart is with the afflicted.

Emily reached a church congregation of 90 people when she instructed them about the Billings Ovulation Method. The reception is usually good. Women were not aware about an effective and easy-to-use natural method of family planning. Several were enduring the adverse effects of contraception without knowing they were the cause. The most frequent complaints are weight gain, irritability, depression, irregular or persistent bleeding, high blood pressure, and blood clots. Many have implants in their arms or intra-uterine devices. **(Cont. p.2)**

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individualism took root [5].” Even so, he enjoins us: **“We need a culture that celebrates life at all stages, one that recognizes and truly believes that the benchmark of national success is not our GDP number or our stock market, but whether people feel that they can raise thriving and healthy families in our country [6].”**

Surely, adoption has a role to play in addressing this crisis which leads to so many babies suffering the violence of abortion.

So far, abortion propaganda, including the portraying of adoption as inhumane, and a lack of information about adoption are major factors that lead women to choose abortion.

Facts about adoption must become widely known. For example, private adoption is when the birthmother has great control over the process. Through a specialized agency, she can choose the adoptive parents, receive substantial support from them during her pregnancy, and choose what type of relationship she prefers to have with the adoptive parents and the child. Open adoption allows negotiated contacts with the child while closed adoption does not. In the US, 95% of private adoptions are open adoptions. It is preferred for its emotional healing effect on the birthmother [7].

It is costly for those seeking to adopt a child that way. Even so, 1-2 million people are eagerly waiting to adopt [8].

Public adoption occurs when the State terminates parental rights and seeks adoptive parents for the child. The child is usually in a foster family (cont. p. 3)

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It takes persistence, education, and encouragement to help women in their transition from artificial methods to the BOM.

The later takes four months to learn. After the initial two-hour teaching, Emily meets the women in person or via phone to review their charting, reinforce the teaching, and correct misunderstanding. It is an intensive labor of love and dedication. Emily did 56 follow-ups in December.

Women regain their health and productivity. Couples adjust to a new rhythm: periods of abstinence alternating with sexual encounters free from barriers. Couples’ communications improve as they learn how to relate in other ways. In the end, it is all worth it.

Emily promotes the BOM on our weekly radio program, *Life Matters.* During the past month, she discussed family structure according to biblical principles, role of parents and their responsibility in teaching God’s law and disciplining their children. She taught couples how to plan for their families. She taught men especially, how to plan and look after their families. Many were raised without a father presence in the household.

It is a wonderful ministry to families.

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We pursue the St Raphael Hospital Project of western Uganda. An engineer and a new architect are revising the designs to reflect several recommendations they made. We must ensure that the pediatric facilities are able to operate on their own. We're adding office space, outside toilets, security office, etc.

We expect the designs to be ready on Feb 20. Afterwards, we will submit to the Board for review, to the Kibaale District, and to the Ministry of Health for their recommendations.

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment will be completed around the same time as the assessor is waiting for information which will come with the revised designs.

We're utilizing this time to reach foundations for funding. You are enjoined to recommend us as this is often the only way to reach them.

The bakery and Vocational Training Center continue their operations. We will provide a more detailed report next time.

We are so grateful for your continued support. You are enabling us to save and change lives for the better. We are so blessed that you are partnering with us.

We would love health professionals to join us in June. We accept gifts of used laptops and smart phones. God bless you mightily.

awaiting placement. The cost for the adoptive family is minimal. They may even receive a stipend to help care for the child [9].

There are State laws that regulate adoptions. There is little attention paid to education and the keeping of statistics. Funding is often a concern [10].

How can we support adoption? In our culture, sex is often separated from marriage and often seen as recreational. It has led to a culture which considers the child the enemy; therefore, the emphasis on contraception and abortion.

When the child is seen as part of a family, the emphasis is love and stability. Even when the couple is planning their family and postponing a pregnancy, care should be taken not to make the child a major burden. Natural Family Planning represents a natural approach that respects the potential child even though modern methods of NFP are very effective.

Christians parents are especially positioned to communicate a positive view of marriage, marital love, and welcoming biological or adoptive children in their families. This foundational message is needed to reverse the view that children are too costly or burdensome.

Texas Right to Life is focused on changing the perception of adoption in their State. In 2025, they are planning:

- an Adoption Awareness Campaign in schools and hospitals
- to promote funding for Pregnancy Resource Centers in their support of adoption
- to promote open adoption as best for birthmothers
- to ensure that mothers receive detailed information about adoption from health professionals
- to support post-adoption assistance to help in the transition [11].

That's what every preborn child deserves: a chance at life in a loving family.

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Alliance for Life International is a Catholic Christian, non-profit educational and charitable organization committed to assist and encourage States in building cultures of life in which preborn children are welcome and the lives of those who are vulnerable are protected. The lack of essential medical care in Uganda is a reflection of health disparities found in socially disadvantaged countries. We are leading and cooperating with church partners to bring modern medical care in Uganda.

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