

Sanctity of Life Ministries

December 2008/January 2009

From Generation to Generation

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**Merry Christmas
& Happy 2009!**

"But My righteousness will be forever. And My salvation from generation to generation."
(Isaiah 51:8b)

Hibatullah (whose name means, "Gift of God") is pictured here with first lady, Laura Bush. 'Hiba' has been in and out of Children's Hospital for years and was selected to attend a special storytelling hour at the hospital that highlighted Mrs. Bush reading to children battling serious medical conditions.

How does SLM know Hiba?

Three years ago an SLM counselor developed a relationship with Hiba's mother—a Muslim—who ultimately prayed to receive Christ. As you may recall in an earlier SLM Newsletter story, she had dreamed Jesus appeared to her and pointed to two roads—one shadowy and dark and the other full of light. In the dream she took Jesus' outstretched hand and they walked towards the road of light. Calling her counselor the next morning, she excitedly told about the dream and only a few minutes later, responded to the invitation to receive Christ.

Becoming a devout follower of Christ, the woman's faith soon ignited the faith of her 3 little daughters (9 year old twins and an 8 year old sister).

As you read through the following true life vignettes, be encouraged with the generations yet to come!

Hiba: The tiny child featured with Mrs. Bush, though 9 years old, weighs only 43 pounds. Her courage and sweet spirit has not gone unnoticed by her medical doctors.

Battling serious medical challenges has been ongoing throughout the years. Last spring, at Children's Hospital, Hiba was undergoing preparation for still another life threatening surgery when she noticed her mother fighting back tears. "Don't cry, Mommy! I have Jesus with me and He will take care of me all the time." Then she bravely plunked her thin little arm towards the Dr. to begin the IV.



Laura Bush visits Hibatullah and other children in Children's Hospital in Washington, DC

Aya: 8 year old Ayatullah (whose name means, "Word of God") also has a love for Jesus. It has been said that, "The Spirit of God is, 'caught not taught.'" Aya's happy, loving ways greet all who meet her. The lyrics of her favorite television show—"The Doughnut Man"—can often be heard throughout the household as Aya sings, "...without Jesus is like a doughnut in your heart."

Mana: 9 year old twin named Manatullah (whose name—like manna—means, "Bread of Heaven") is a gifted autistic child who functions unusually well with language. Her devotion to Jesus is reflected by a love of prayer. Her mother says, "Mana prays all the time" and indeed she can often be heard praying aloud in the next room. One day the girls were with their mother at the super market when Mana noticed a male shopper whose lower limb was missing.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Sanctity of Life Ministries exists to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ by compassionately offering biblical, life-affirming alternatives to people facing unplanned pregnancies and other sexual crises/decisions.

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Often impulsive, she bolted towards the young man, then, staring in alarm, asked what had happened to his leg. The mother quickly apologized for the intrusion but the young man, a soldier, reassured her. "I don't mind explaining," he said. "When I was stationed overseas, a roadbomb blew up and took my leg." Mana, hearing this, looked horrified. "I'm sorry you got such a bad boo boo!" Then, she asked, "Can I pray for you?" As the little girl proceeded to pray, the young man's composure began to visibly break; a moment later, he was weeping. Again, the mother apologized but he shook his head, "No, no, it's okay-- this has actually made my day."

A hurting stranger. A prayerful child. The gift of a passing encounter. May a soldier's deepest longing find restoration in our Lord and Savior...born that we might know Him...from generation to generation.

Open House

Fairfax
pregnancy help center

Tuesday, January 13, 7:00pm-9:00pm

RSVP: Nancy, 703-278-5433

Alexandria
pregnancy help center

Sunday, January 18, 1:30pm-3:30pm

RSVP: Margie, 703-780-4700

LifeChoices
resource center

Thursday, January 22, 7:00pm-9:00pm

RSVP: Holly, 703-323-8060

Sanctity of Human Life

On Thursday, January 22, 2009, the Roe vs. Wade anniversary marks 36 years of legalized abortion and 48 million babies aborted in the United States. Abortion not only represents loss of life but also quality of life as women and men experience shame and guilt after an abortion decision. We are grateful to be able to share

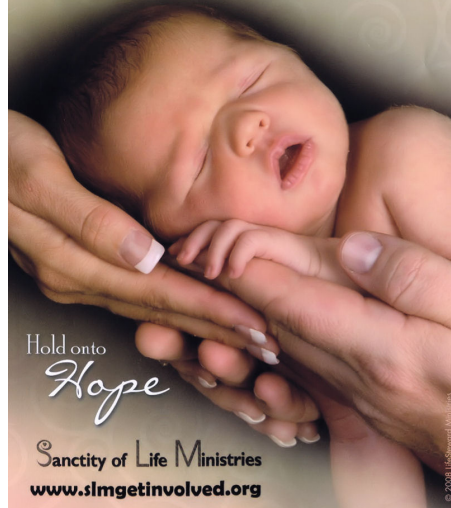
a life-affirming and redeeming message to women and men who come to us for help.

Even though the official date is January 18th, your churches message about the Sanctity of Human Life can be on any Sunday in January or February.

Contact Nancy Cheng at (703) 278-5433 for more information.

Celebrate Life

"According to His great mercy,
He has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..."
1 Peter 1:3b



Volunteer In-Service

Monday, January 27, 2009

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



RSVP: Nancy Cheng
703-278-5433 OR
nancy.cheng@slmpregnancy.org

Donate to SLM through:

- ♥ United Way #8309
- ♥ Commonwealth of VA Campaign #8102
- ♥ Combined Federal Campaign #69997



SLM Praises & Prayer Requests

to receive a weekly Prayer Focus via email, contact Laura at laura.lavelle@slmpregnancy.org

We Thank God for...

- ♥ Life Choices GMU Student organization application was approved
- ♥ 17 Churches participated in the Fall Baby Campaign
- ♥ Generous proceeds from Calvary Road Baptist Church consignment sale were donated to SLM
- ♥ 109 clients have prayed to receive Christ so far this year
- ♥ 130 babies have been born this year

Please Pray that...

- ♥ Staff and volunteers will abide in Christ
- ♥ The Lord will give us all boldness to share the love of Christ with those who don't know Him yet



Items Needed

- ♥ Diapers 1-5 and wipes
- ♥ Similac blue top formula
- ♥ Paper shredder for Fairfax office
- ♥ Grocery store gift cards for clients



Local Churches Supporting SLM

Sanctity of Life Ministries staff and board are very grateful for the local churches that support us through prayer, volunteer assistance, financial and material donations, celebrating Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Baby Bottle Campaigns, and Banquet table hosting,

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Alexandria Bible Church
Alexandria Presbyterian Church
Antioch Baptist Church
Barcroft Bible Church
Bethel World Outreach Church
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Bon Air Baptist Church
Braddock Baptist Church
Burke Community Church
Calvary Reformed Presbyterian Church
Calvary Road Baptist Church
Capital Life Church
Cedar Run Community Church
Central Christian Church
Centreville Baptist Church
Centreville Community Bible Church
Centreville Presbyterian Church
Charity Baptist Church
Cherrydale Baptist Church
Christ the Redeemer Church
Christian Assembly
Christian Center Ministries
Christian Fellowship Church
Church of St. Clement
Church of the Apostles
Community of Faith Tabernacle
Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Faith Fellowship Assembly of God
The Falls Church
First Assembly of God Church



First Baptist Church of Alexandria
Good News Baptist Church
Greater Little Zion Baptist Church
Groveton Baptist Church
Harvest Christian Fellowship
Harvest Church
Harvester Presbyterian Church
Holy Trinity RE Church
Image
Jerusalem Baptist Church
The Journey
Jubilee Christian Center
The King's Chapel
Knollwood Community Church
New Commandment Church of Praise & Deliverance
New Hope Church
Northern Virginia Mennonite Church
Oakbrook Church
Pender United Methodist Church
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Providence Baptist Church
Reality Gospel Church
Reston Bible Church
Sovereign Grace Church of Fairfax
St. Ambrose Roman Catholic Church
St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Chapel
Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Truro Church
United Wesleyan Church
Victory Baptist Church
Victory Temple Missions Baptist Church
Word of Grace



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Sanctity of Life Ministries
Annual Fellowship Banquet 2009
Friday, March 27
At the Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, Virginia

You and your friends are invited to a wonderful evening of inspiration and fellowship. Consider being a table host!

For more information contact us at
703-278-5433 or www.SLMgetinvolved.org



Mark Your Calendars!

DECEMBER 08

Tuesday, December 2
Counselors in Training Follow-up Meeting

Wednesday, December 10
Staff Christmas Meeting/Lunch

Monday, December 15
Banquet Team Meeting

December 24 - January 4
Closed for Christmas holiday

JANUARY 09

January 6, 12, 19, 26
Banquet Team Meetings

Tuesday, January 13
FPHC Open House

Sunday, January 18
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
& APHC Open House

Thursday, January 22
LCRC Open House

Monday, January 27
Volunteer In-Service

FEBRUARY 09

February 2, 9, 17, 23
Banquet Team Meetings

Saturday, February 7
Board Meeting

Monday, February 16
Closed for Presidents Day holiday

Saturdays, February 21 & 28
Counselor Training Workshop