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Jenny Gurry, the keynote speaker at the Annual Dinner, revealed to us she almost didn't make it. Her 26 year-old single mother, backpacking a long way from home felt totally isolated when she discovered she was pregnant. The doctor suggested that

abortion was the only solution to her dilemma.

In 2010 Jenny is the Director of **DIAMOND PREGNANCY SUPPORT** and works with young women assisting them through the decisions and traumas of an unexpected pregnancy. Her passion and commitment for these women was evident as she spoke at the dinner and related some of the stories and successes that have marked the past 3 years since she began DPS. Jenny has a 97% success rate.

Jenny can be contacted via her website www.diamondpregnancy.org.au

Diamond Pregnancy Support is now expanding with the establishment of a **support and counselling centre in Kingswood** in western Sydney. With the support and direction of



Andrew Green, a shop-front will soon be opened within 50 metres of an existing abortion clinic! Andrew has had a long-term vision for such a centre and he is inviting **interested people to email him (prayfast@pnc.com.au) for counselling training and other roles within the centre.**

THE PASSION4LIFE TEAM provided inspirational music—songs they had written themselves to express their real passion for the unborn



and the mothers who make difficult decisions in challenging circumstances. The 4 young ladies, aged from 13-15, gave an update on the Blue Mountains Walk4Life scheduled for early July (a report follows). They have been invited to be involved in the new pregnancy support centre in Kingswood.

JAMES THOMAS, CEO OF REAP (Relief, Education, Evangelism and Aid Program www.reapintl.org) affirmed the role that



Bruce will have in India in initially training 100 teachers to take the message of the value of life, especially of the unborn, to the villages in the Hyderabad hinterland.

Young Australians deserve to know the scientific facts, ethics and attitudes surrounding the commencement of human life.

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PASSION4LIFE

BLUE MOUNTAINS WALK4LIFE

8-10 July 2010



After a gruelling 90 kms this was a welcome sign marking the end of 3 days of walking on behalf of the unborn. They began at Lapstone on a chilly Thursday morning and arrived at the base of the Mount Victoria Pass in the fading light of Saturday evening. The walkers were indeed a *VOICE FOR THE UNBORN*.

Ebony, Liana, Grace and Jacinta have visited some 12 churches and spoken on two radio stations to share their vision and have raised over \$5000 in sponsorship for Choices of Life and Diamond Pregnancy Support. Well done!

Ebony typified the determination of these young campaigners. She was not deterred from this marathon when she injured her foot a week before the event. She still walked the vast majority of the distance on crutches - with the amazing support of her friends.

If you would like to get the Passion4Life newsletters send an email to youthp4l@gmail.com and read the story of a man they met in one church who confirmed why they needed to do the walk!



Thank you to those who have sent stamps—more are always welcome

Post them to PO Box 459, GORDON NSW 2072 or give them to Bruce when he visits your school or church!

FROM THE eMAIL inBOX

As a teacher of **Christian Education**, I often get close to children and become involved in their lives as a confidant. I wrote this poem the day one of my 15 year old students came to me crying and confused. She believed she was pregnant. She had told her mother, who was organizing an abortion for her. I could see she was all alone and the whole situation had been



taken out of her hands. It made me realize how easy it was for us to take complicated issues and oversimplify them. I also saw that while some churches in Australia educate against abortion, we are not really good at helping pregnant teenagers and loving them in a way that helps them make good decisions or find forgiveness and healing.

Love Me

Created life from passion's foolishness
Is quick to grow but just as quick to fade,
For death is near as secret plans are laid
And love and care are lost in selfishness.
A young girl caught within a lonely gaol
Is crying for release, to live again,
But every choice she has brings only pain.
"Does anyone love me?" is her sad wail.
Must mother and her child feel so alone?
Is suffering and death their only end?
Does God in heaven care or even hear?
In silent cries, a life, so dear, has flown.
In silent cries, a young girl's heart won't mend.
A nail scarred hand goes out to wipe a tear.



Bruce's Travel Diary

In between country and interstate appointments Bruce often has school engagements in and around Sydney

July 19 —20 **Gundagai**

July 21—23 **Wagga Wagga**

July 24 —26 **Finley and Deniliquin**

July 28 — August 9 **Adelaide**

August 11—**Wodonga**

September 1—17 **Darwin**

September 27—29 **Miracle Education Conference in Canberra**

October 10—15 **Geelong**

October 16 - 23 **Melbourne**

November 16 —24 **Hyderabad, India**

TRANSFORMED STUDENTS

with a pro-life conviction

One very perceptive student said: “*The presentation has given me more depth and meaning in life—children are our future and we are theirs.*”

Female secondary students:

- One of my friends has had an abortion—she’s only 16 and **I know it will affect her all her life**
- I believe everyone should know this truth
- It showed me many things you’re often not told about abortion—thank you
- Before this I was thinking abortion is OK in some circumstances but **now I know it’s never the answer.**
- I was neither for nor against abortion and that a woman can choose what she wants to do but you have helped me to see that **a baby is a life and shouldn’t be destroyed**

Male secondary students



- Most of my friends don’t know about abortion and **they need to hear**
- I thought that abortion had nothing to do with the father—**but it does**
- This presentation was extremely enlightening, convincing and intriguing—**it changed my view on abortion**
- The presentation helped me realise **how valuable life is**—we are the only life created in God’s image
- Abortion is bad no matter what—**we need to spread the word.**

There are numerous comments from students and teachers in Primary and Secondary schools on the Choices of Life website.

www.choicesoflife.com.au/wordpress/
“What do the Schools Say?”



CHOICES OF LIFE IS ON FACEBOOK

Keep up with pro-life issues and events that you don’t hear in the news

MORE STATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Since the resolution of the situation with the NSW Department of Education in November 2009 Bruce has had the opportunity to speak at more State Primary Schools in NSW in 2010 than in previous years.

MAY 2010 QUEENSLAND OPPORTUNITIES



From May 7—26 Bruce made contact with schools along the Queensland coast. He spoke at schools in Townsville, Hervey Bay and Brisbane. He also developed new links with schools in these cities as well as in Cairns and Rockhampton, in anticipation of a return visit in the future.

RESERVE THE DATES

3rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND FAMILY CAMP 14-16 JANUARY 2011

Keynote speakers
Sonja Couroupis and Linda Broekman
from Life Network Australia
www.lifenetwork.org.au

Life Network aims to link pro-life Australians and bring about life-affirming change.

A number of young pro-life enthusiasts and campaigners will also be on the program!

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES SENT TO PARAGUAY



Choices of Life sent a selection of pro-life resources to Alex and Elizabeth Holowaty to use in promoting the value of life in Paraguay.

COMPLACENCY OR ACTION?

ABORTIONIST IN HONOURS LIST!

One of the recipients of an Order of Australia in the 2010 Queen's birthday honours was Dr Joanne Wainer for "service to the community as an academic and researcher in the area of women's reproductive health rights" For the latter euphemism read "abortion". She is a long time feminist and pro-abortion activist. Dr Wainer celebrated the passage of the Victorian abortion legislation in 2008 by saying: "Thirty-six years ago my late husband and I shouldered that risk and set up Australia's first openly operating abortion service. ... The Abortion Law reform act 2008 was a unique opportunity for the state to repair 150 years of neglect and torment of women ... the number, rate and incidence of abortion will not change and ... for the first time women will be recognised as the authors of their own lives. With that comes our full citizenship." (as quoted in part from Culture Watch www.billmuehlenberg.com/). **Where are we as a society when we honour as a hero someone who destroys the unborn!** A person who says that a woman's citizenship is determined by her right to abortion! It is also a shame that Jo Wainer didn't read the following report that the rate of late term abortions increased 600% in Victoria after the passage of the bill!

LATE TERM ABORTIONS ON THE RISE IN VICTORIA

"There has been an alarming rise in late term abortions in Victoria since the abortion law was passed—insiders at the Royal Women's Hospital; told *Seven News* that before the law was

changed there was one late term abortion every two weeks whilst now there are about 3 every week.

Leslie Cannold, an ethicist who campaigned for the change in the law, used the revelation to call for the government to insist that other hospitals—who are apparently not prepared to do these abortions—be forced to carry out the abortions." (*Seven News*, 17/4/2010 as quoted in salt Shakers Vol 15 No 5 June 2010 www.saltshakers.org.au/).

OPINIONS OR FACTS?

On 4 July 2010 *The Adelaide Advertiser* reported that, according to a Medical Journal of Australia survey (800 people), "most people think that abortion should be lawful without question in a woman's first trimester, lawful depending on her circumstances in the second trimester. Views on abortion in the third trimester after 24 weeks were evenly split." Flinders University lecturer in law, Mark Rankin, described Victoria and the ACT as "shining lights" because they were the only states in which abortion is not defined as a serious crime in at least some circumstances. Will the *Adelaide Advertiser* also report its own online survey which stated that 76% of 777 people (as at 5 July 2010) thought that abortion should not be lawful! However I don't believe either survey should be used as the basis to change the law—rather the law should be founded on facts, not people's opinions in suspect surveys. And the fact is that abortion is the intentional taking of a life, a fact that in any other circumstance would be called murder.

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