



DID YOU KNOW? 2017 CANADIAN STATISTICS

94, 030 **ABORTIONS**

BABIES ABORTED 21+ WEEKS = 706

38% OF **ABORTIONS** ARE DONE IN ONTARIO

A CALL TO PRAYER

By Jessica Clarke

We would like to start the year off with a call to prayer. A call to pray for the lives that are being conceived, and the lives that are destroyed through abortion.

Pray for the lives forever changed by the decision to abort. Pray for mending of broken hearts, and healing for those who are faced with these decisions.

Pray for the pregnancy support workers across the country who are called to help people in unplanned pregnancies, both young and old. Pray for wisdom and discernment when dealing with clients.

We live in fragile times and there are many new advances being made in the past months in North American pro-choice, and pro-life movements.

Continue to pray for Government leaders, that they would make godly decisions on our behalf, but more importantly, on behalf of the unborn.



RESURRECTION POWER

By Glen Slingerland

Mentions of spring often remind me of the resurrection. Trees budding, crocuses poking up through the dead earth, birds busy building nests for their anticipated young... these all point to one thing: new life! The days get longer, brighter and warmer...and it fills me with hope.

I recall God's promise to Noah that "seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter" would never end as long as the earth endures. Springtime is proof that God is a God of his word: he delivers on his promises.

He has also promised us that he will pour out his Spirit on his people (Ezek. 36:27); Paul tells us that "he who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life" to us (Rom. 8:11). But to what end? Paul goes on to tell us that by the Spirit we can put to death the deeds of the flesh (v. 13). On the positive side, we, by this same Spirit working in us, can learn to live out the righteous requirements of the lawthat is, to love one another (Rom. 8:4; 13:10).

No wonder Paul wrote that he wanted to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection! (Phil. 3:10). It is the new-life power worked in us by the Spirit that enables us to be the people he meant us to be. Resurrection power makes us more like Jesus!

Our biblical counsellors are blessed to see this happening in our counsellees. God grips people with his love, fundamentally changes them at a heart level, and empowers them to do things they could and would not do on their own. And in so doing, they act and speak more like Jesus Christ. Praise God for resurrection power!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the changing year, and the changing seasons, we look forward to all that the Lord has in store for us. In 2018 we were able to impact the region in many different ways. We held talks at local churches, engaged with likeminded agencies, spoke at events and more. To the theme of "New Life", we welcomed several children into this world who may not have otherwise been born. We were also blessed to see "newness of life" as our counselling clients made changes in their lives and came into a relationship with Jesus – or had a renewed and closer walk with the Lord.

We were challenged last year with many difficult cases in both departments. Thankfully the Lord is with us, and brought us through the difficult times. Our ministry is doing Kingdom work in Welland and the region. Please continue to pray for and financially support us. The need is great, and your support allows us to continue saving lives and changing lives.

The Lord bless and keep you,

Brent Thomas

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DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM?

HOW IT WORKS:

Are you a church leader? Partner with Elisha House to help support your congregation find hope and healing through Christ. This program is intended to help churches in Welland and surrounding areas by offering Biblical Counselling to your congregants. We are all a part of the body of Christ, and are all called to work together to help others.

Are you interested in participating in counselling? If finances are an issue, your church can partner with you and Elisha House to support hope and healing. Find out if your church has partnered with this Elisha House program today!

Your church pays for a number of sessions. Counselling sessions are not limited to the amount covered by your church. We offer other financial options for clients who genuinely cannot afford the cost of counselling.

AVAILABLE FOR: Individuals, couples and families.

YOUR OPTIONS: Evening appointments are available.

Competent male and female biblical counsellors are

available.

TOPICS: Anxiety, depression, abuse, marriage, addiction, post

abortion, miscarriage, pornography, sexuality, grief,

anger, identity, parenting, etc.