



A volunteer branch of Pro-Life Action Ministries

## Why No Bus

By Jim Tuttle

Every year on the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a large pro-life rally is planned at the state Capitol on the same day that we in Duluth plan the Jericho March in remembrance of the same anniversary. This year when planning the Jericho March I was asked why don't we charter a bus and join the pro-life rally at the state Capitol on January 22. I have been asked this question several times over the years and it is a good question. Hopefully, I can give a good answer for the decision to continue our efforts here rather than going to St. Paul. Getting a bus to go to St. Paul does have some merit, however. It is an exciting outing with ample opportunity to fellowship with other pro-lifers on the two-and-half hour trip there and back. Secondly, larger crowds at the state capitol sends a stronger message to our state representatives. And thirdly, the psychology of being part of a large rally energizes the pro-life base.

But these positive outcomes of a bus trip to St. Paul are outweighed by the importance of our pro-life witness in the city of Duluth. Let me list my reasons. One, not everyone can afford the time and expense of a trip to St. Paul. A bus could hold only 60 or so and it would involve the whole day while, potentially, hundreds could show up at the Jericho March here in Duluth. Getting as many people as possible involved is a priority for the cause. Currently about 200 are involved in either the candlelight prayer vigil or the Jericho March on January 22 in Duluth. The potential to get more people involved is much greater by doing something locally rather than trying to get people to go to St. Paul. Secondly, with a local rally we can promote local pro-life ministries and show our solidarity and joint efforts. Thirdly, we can show our concern for the unborn by being a voice for them to the people of our community. If we take a bus, we export our witness to St. Paul. There are enough pro-life people in the metro area to get the pro-life message out if they wanted to. How much more effective if every town and city held their own rally rather than just one big rally—to have hundreds of rallies across the state and nation. Local “pro-choice” people, our neighbors, need to see and recognize us on the street speaking out against the injustice to the unborn. Fourth, we need to recognize the anniversary of Roe v. Wade locally because they are killing babies here! Going to St. Paul means our presence at the local abortion center would be missing during this critical time! The God-fearing people of this area have a responsibility to God for the innocent blood being shed here. Israel was required by God to measure the distance from a murdered body to the closest town. It was the elders' and leaders' duty of that town to offer sacrifices to God on account of the innocent blood that was shed (Deuteronomy 21:1-9). I am not suggesting that we return to Mosaic law but I believe a principle is being shown here for a local responsibility for innocent blood. I believe it would be a serious mistake to think we can ignore the fact that the murder of children in the womb happens in Duluth and that we have no responsibility for this fact.

There are other lesser, reasons for not getting a bus to go to St. Paul such as the money saved by staying home to make our voice heard. But for me, the reasons stated above are the major ones. These are times to travel to other cities and places to join others in their efforts to defend the unborn. I have often traveled to other cities to join them in their battle. But on January 22 you can't be in two places at one time and I believe it is important to speak up in our own community for the babies that are at risk in this area. They need us to speak up for them.

## Sidewalk Counseling Encounters

I wish anger could be taken out of the sidewalk counseling experience but often we have to work our way around and through it knowing that God can use even anger for his purposes. Recently, God used the anger of a woman who came to have an abortion to expose what they are telling women on the day of their abortion. On October 26, a client was so angry coming out of the Women's Health Center that she ripped up the 7 to 10 pages of forms that she had filled out in the Building For Women and threw them at my van. It was a rainy day and they stuck to my van, sidewalk, and street. After she and her friend left, I gathered up the papers.

I am guessing, she was too far along for an abortion or, as we learned from the papers she threw at us, her fiancé didn't want her to go through with the abortion. Whatever the reason, the boyfriend leaving with her told us she was not going to abort her baby.

From the forms and papers that this client throw at us in her anger, I learned critical information about what they are telling the women who go in for an abortion. Most important to me was the “informed consent” form which listed the risk factors for a surgical abortion at the Women's Health Center. It was rather lengthy and included death as a possible risk factor, and as part of the form they were getting clients to sign an agreement not to hold them responsible for any medical complications, nor were they to be held responsible for the legal expense if they were sued. (This portion of the form is pictured on the reverse side of the newsletter.) The document also advised them not to seek medical attention from a doctor not familiar with the abortion procedure (read “pro-life doctor”). To see the whole document, along with a fact sheet on what to expect on the abortion day, go to my website; [www.prolife4duluth.com](http://www.prolife4duluth.com) and click on “Informed Consent” tab.

Often the anger is directed at us but we know that we are not the root cause of it, or a least we try not to be. The root cause of this anger is the sin that is coming from the hearts of those who do not fear God and are acting in rebellion to Him. Knowing this helps us endure it. The sidewalk counselor who is patient in such situations will often see God use the anger for His purposes.



### Report for October 16 - December 15, 2010



Total ministry-wide saves this year at time of publication **96**

Total clients going into building **85**

Clients leaving before an abortion **4**

Confirmed saves in Duluth this report **2**

On the second floor of this building in Duluth, 583 abortions were committed in 2009.

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8. I consent to the products of conception to be disposed of by WHC in accordance to Minnesota Statute 145.1621 (cremation or burial).

9. I have been informed of the potential risks in the medical treatment and procedures relating to the abortion. I hereby waive, release, and relinquish WHC, their physicians, agents, employees and assistants, from any and all claims or liability, arising from, or related to the performance of this procedure, other than occasioned by their gross and wanton negligence. I agree to make no claims against WHC, I agree to be responsible for payment of all costs and attorney's fees incurred by WHC or any of its medical staff, agents, or employees in investigating or defending the claims.

These risks may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Uterine infection, which may require taking additional medication and follow-up care;
- b. Incomplete abortion, retained tissue or continued pregnancy, which may necessitate repeating the abortion procedure;
- c. Reaction to medication or products used;
- d. Heavy bleeding, hemorrhage and/or formation of blood clots, which may necessitate medication and/or transfusion;
- e. Laceration or tearing of the cervix, which may necessitate repair of the cervix;
- f. Perforation of uterine wall (an instrument passing through the wall of the uterus), which may require immediate surgery that may include the repair or removal of the uterus, fallopian tubes and/or ovaries;
- g. Injury to the cervix, uterus, fallopian tubes, bladder and/or bowel, rectum, intestines, blood vessels and nerves;
- h. Need for immediate surgery or other additional surgery, which may include a hysterectomy (removal of the uterus, fallopian tubes and/or ovaries);

**Stand up for the unborn on the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade, January 22, 2011, at the annual Jericho March and Candlelight Pro-Life Rally. Make your plans NOW to join us.**

**When: Saturday, January 22, 2011  
Where: The Building For Women, Duluth  
(32 East First Street)  
12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.  
&  
The Candlelight Pro-Life Rally  
(in front of the Courthouse)  
7:00-7:45 p.m.**

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While at the abortion center on Dec. 7, a father stopped to thank us for our witness, then began to cry and tell us that he was a father of a "murdered child". Here are the lyrics of a song he wrote in his child's memory. Men do feel the pain of abortion too.

#### AT HER FEET

(LYRICS BY: LOUIE SKÖGLUND)

SACROSANCT LIFE RIPPED AND TORN  
NEVER TO BE BORN  
A CHILD IT LIES IN PIECES  
AT IT'S MOTHERS FEET  
NOT CONCEIVED OF LOVE  
BUT THROUGH HER DECIET  
MURDER THE CHILD TO KILL THE FATHER  
NOT WITH GUN OR KNIFE  
BUT WITH MEMORIES OF SLAUGHTER  
HAPPINESS IT IS A MOMENTARY THING  
HERE AND GONE LIKE THAT AS IF IT WERE A SMOKE RING  
JUST LIKE A DEAD BIRD HE CANNOT SING OR FLY  
TORMENTED BY THAT AWFUL LIE HE JUST WANTS TO DIE  
AS SMOKE RINGS COME AND GO  
SO GOES HIS HEART AND SOUL  
WITH MEMORIES OF SLAUGHTER  
HE PRAYS FOR SON OR DAUGHTER

THIS SONG IS FOR ALL THE FATHERS AND THE CHILDREN WHO SHOULD BE  
(HE LIVES WITH IT - SHE DIES WITH IT)

### *2011 Planned Events*

(Watch for updates and more details in future issues)

**Jericho March, Noon–1:00 p.m., January 22**

**Candlelight Pro-Life Rally, 7:00-7:45 p.m., Jan. 22**

**Baby Bottle Campaign, April**

**Good Friday, April 22**

**Cemetery of the Innocents starts, May 24**

**100 Miles For Life, June 11**

**4th of July Parade, July 4, Superior, Wis.**

**Bike For Life, Saturday, August 13**

**Memorial Service, Sunday, September 4**