

A volunteer branch of Pro-Life Action Ministries

Good Friday at the Abortion Center

By Jim Tuttle

Nine pastors of different denominations united behind the significance of Jesus' death and the sanctity of human life and gathered along with about 50 people of faith at Duluth's abortion center on Good Friday, April 22, to preach, pray and proclaim the Gospel of life. Each man of God spoke from various Scripture passages with conviction and passion. Between messages people prayed for the end of abortion and one person held a large cross as witness to our Christian faith and to the Good Friday occasion. Matt Staple-Anderson led in the song *Christ Alone*. Nine roses were held as a memorial to the babies aborted the previous Tuesday.

Not unexpectedly the police were called, but all they could say was that we were welcome to exercise our constitutional rights to free speech (for the moment at least) and not to block the sidewalk, which we were very careful not to do. One television station did cover the event.

One wonders how long we will be allowed to proclaim the gospel in public, how long we will be allowed to defend and speak out for innocent life. One thing is for sure—if we lose our right to gather on the street to worship, we lose our right to defend human life. The two missions are so united that we can't lose one without losing the other. The Good Friday message—the message of the cross, is the very foundation of the sanctity of human life. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son...."*

Should we not take full advantage of this freedom? Should we not bring the church out into the public places to worship and proclaim what our forefathers believed as the basis of all our liberties and what we are commanded to do in Scripture? Or will we continue to be private about our convictions and faith and be content to only be theoretical and philosophical regarding our constitutional and God-given liberties?

I believe it is a good thing—a necessary thing—even a high priority, in these morally bankrupt times to take advantage of every opportunity to gather in public to express biblical truth. Jesus said, *"let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven."* Good Friday is a perfect time to rally at the very gates of death to herald the message of life—spiritual life and physical life.

The brave and faithful men of God who were willing to lead us on the street this year are: Pastor John Pressler of First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Eric Hastings of St. Benedict's, Pastor Daniel Runke of Mount of Olives, Pastor Glen Johnson of Friedberg Chapel, Pastor Billy Ferg of Living Faith, Pastor Mike Hardesty of Alliance Community Church, Pastor Steve Weissman of Gethsemane Covenant Church, Pastor Eric Reinertsen of The Waters Edge, Pastor Darrell Grant of Superior Alliance Church.

Thank you all—those who came to pray and worship and those who came to lead us before the throne of God's grace.

Below: Throughout the two-hour vigil on Good Friday people came as their schedules allowed. It was a chilly day, but a surprising number of people stayed the whole two hours.



Below: Proof of Life! A picture of Sky and Sara's baby. (See March newsletter for details on this baby save from Jan 20 of this year.) It is such a blessing to have continued contact with this couple and the prospect of being able to hold this precious child. You can be praying for Sara who lost her father this past month in a tragic snowmobile accident.



Report for February 15 - April 15, 2011

Total clients going into building **63**

Clients leaving before an abortion **7**

Confirmed saves in Duluth this report **1**

Total ministry-wide saves this year at time of publication **34**

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

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We Press On

By Shelley Tuttle

“You win some; you lose some,” so the saying goes. But, for the pro-life movement, it seems like we’re winning some and losing a lot! Losing a lot because we’re talking babies here. One is a lot by pro-life standards. We don’t want to lose ANY—NOT ONE child do we want fatally taken from its mother’s body. Life is to be protected from conception to natural death. We’ve been fighting tooth and nail and for many years and have seen very little for our efforts. But not so of late.

What are we winning? Several states have promising legislation on their agendas. The Idaho state House approved its Pain-Capable law by 54-14. The Oklahoma state Senate voted 38-8 to pass similar legislation. Arizona has passed a law this past year to ban abortions based on the race or sex of the baby. Recently, Arizona’s Governor, Jan Brewer, signed a regulation that abortion clinics apply state requirements of their personnel and facilities to clinics that administer chemically-induced (RU-486) abortions which have until now only applied to surgical abortion clinics. Arizona’s Senate also approved legislation denying state tax deductions for charitable donations to abortion clinics. Legislation was recently introduced in Delaware that would require parental consent for minors under 18 as opponents are putting pressure on the General Assembly to regulate the practice in the wake of Kermit Gosnell’s heinous acts of baby killing.¹

Steadily taking back every inch of ground that has been lost in this grizzly war against mothers and children, we press on. Recently, we gained some ground when the new budget discontinued federal funds going to D.C. for the atrocious “hate crimes” being done mostly to little African American babies. That was a measurable win! The defunding of Planned Parenthood is long overdue, largest abortion provider that they are, raking in \$360 million annually in tax money. Prolifers have done their homework on Planned Parenthood, uncovering abuse of mandatory-reporting laws for victims of statutory rape and sex traffickers availing themselves of abortion favors for their girl prostitutes. And we await the tumbling of those Jericho walls which have been a powerful fortress embattling a baby’s right to life. It is the steady and determined turtle who wins the race. And like the fabled turtle, we will keep going on while the wily hare runs circles around us, gets distracted by hedonistic affairs, and really doesn’t care a whit about a woman’s choice anyway. Our prize is awaiting us—NOT ONE baby allowed by law to be put to death.

We must press on in earnest, which will require us to keep vigil at abortion clinics with our visage and voice, hold up our signs of truth, and inquire into and report on what is being done or not done. We will not quit calling our Congresspeople. And we will never give up because we have high standards, and we will continue calling upon our God, the Father of the sanctity of human life, who has called us all to the pro-life mission field.

¹*Pro-life Laws Thriving in the States*. 7 April 2011. National Right to Life News Today. 25 April 2011 <<http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2011/04/pro-life-laws-thriving-in-the-states/>>.

Also see:< <http://www.frcblog.com/2011/03/state-of-pro-life-legislation-in-the-states/>> for more state legislation in process.

For Theanne & Howard Long, Parents of Myles Waine Long
By Gramma DeBot Opelt 02/28/2011

Myles, Our Perfect Son

Our Perfect Son.

He'll never be hurt or suffer pain.

**He'll never worry or be bored,
or hunger or thirst.**

He'll never be disappointed or disappoint us.

He'll never be sad or make us sad.

**He'll never wonder if he's loved
and we'll never wonder if he loves us.**

He was conceived in love.

He was welcomed in love.

His life taught us the meaning of love.

Now he is enveloped in Eternal Love.

We have memories & photos of his smile.

We know he'll be there when we come.

**Thank you, Loving Father, for Myles,
our Perfect Son.**

2011 Planned Events

(Watch for updates and more details in future issues)

- **Cemetery of the Innocents starts, May 24**
- **10k Walk For Life, June 11**
(Formerly 100 Miles For Life)
- **4th of July Parade, July 4, Superior, Wis.**
- **Bike For Life, Saturday, August 13**
- **Memorial Service, Sunday, September 4, at Mount of Olives Baptist Church, 1500 Swan Lk Rd., Duluth MN**

10k Walk For Life

Saturday, June 11

12:00-5:00 p.m.

This prayer walk will start at the Miller Hill mall. We will stop for prayer for the ending of abortion at Planned Parenthood, the courthouse, and the abortion center at 32 East Second Street. Vests will be provided for each walker with the words “Pray For The Ending of Abortion” printed on them. Following the walk, we will meet at First Presbyterian Church for free pizza and refreshments. Please join us in this peaceful walk for the sanctity of human life.

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