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Memorial Service for Aborted Children 2011

By Jim Tuttle

This year's memorial for aborted babies (September 4th) was held at Mount of Olives Baptist church with Pastor Duncan Ross bringing the main message. He made a comparison between Christ's passion and abortion—how in some aspects they are similar and some aspects totally different. He pointed out that only through Christ is their hope for forgiveness and life.

The guest speaker was Tracy Radmacher from Big Lake, Minnesota, sharing her own testimony of healing and forgiveness from an abortion. Tracy pointed to Jesus as both a source of healing and forgiveness.

The service was held for the 479 babies who died in Duluth from abortion in 2010. A few churches from the area sent flowers in memory of the children. Lutherans for Life participated with Arlo Peterson reading a poem he had written and praying for the ending of abortion. Pastor Jerome Elnes shared and prayed for the abortive parents. Pastor John Pressler of First Presbyterian Church dedicated the plaque created in remembrance of these children. The plaque will circulate in area churches to remind each church of the tragic reality that children are dying every week in their own area of ministry—that they must not forget to pray and speak out against this great evil. Sidewalk counselor Sarah Winandy sang beautifully the hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father."

After the service, each person attending filed past the casket and flowers at the front of the church, pausing for a moment of reflection and prayer. Next year the memorial is scheduled to be at St. Mary's Star of the Sea on September 12, 2012.

While the battle goes on to end abortion we must not be so consumed in our efforts that we forget to remember the tiny victims as if they were just so much water over the dam. One is inclined to think that there is nothing more we can do for them so they become just a number that we use in the debate. Is that how we would feel about someone we personally know—a brother or sister, mom or dad, who passes away? Doesn't having a funeral for them say something about the impact of their lives—how we love them. The tiny victims of abortion are no less human, or the less loved by our Heavenly Father. We are compelled to do for them what we would do for any other person who was loved and died. By giving them a Christian funeral service we are giving them the dignity they deserve—we are giving to them consideration as fellow citizens of God's kingdom.

I do believe it is a possibility that we will someday, in the age to come, have the opportunity to look into their faces. What will we say to them if we did not fight for their right to life—if we forget their humanity, forget them altogether after their tragic end? I pray, that some day not so far in the future, instead of 60 people in attendance at our memorial service, we shall see hundreds.

Sidewalk Counseling Encounters

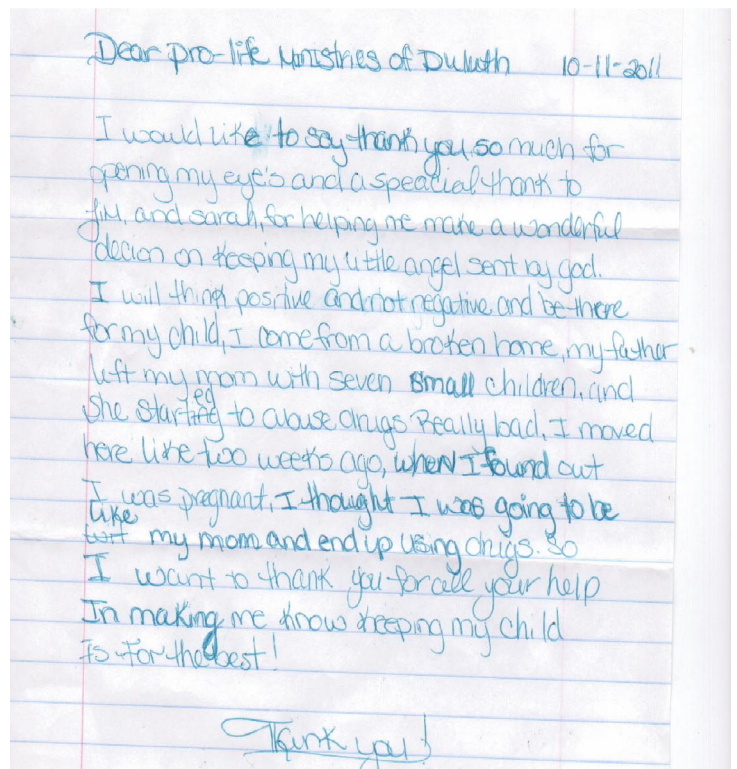
The following is Sarah Winandy's account of the most recent baby save. The following day I received a letter (shown below) from the mother.



I saw a young woman with her boyfriend cross the street heading for the building so I walked up and greeted them. The woman was friendly, and both slowed their pace to hear what I had to say, and then they stopped to listen. I was able to explain to her how the baby forms in the mother's womb and even at eight weeks in the womb the baby is well formed with feet, toes, hands, fingers, finger prints, heart beat and nerves, basically everything you and I have, and only needs to grow. I asked her if she was pregnant and she said, "Yea well--- sort of" (I never knew anyone that could be sort-of pregnant, but she at that moment wasn't willing to face the pregnancy and was planning to not be pregnant.) I showed her pictures of a developing baby, of which she was very interested and stopped me with the picture of a baby's feet at ten weeks, pointing it out to her boyfriend. I then showed her pictures of aborted babies, explaining how an abortion will require the abortionist to tear the little arms and legs and feet apart from the baby's body. I went on to explain to her that God's laws are written in our hearts and He said clearly, "You shall not murder," and told her the baby is a person right now, even from the moment of conception and to kill the child would be breaking God's law. I explained, no one can kill another person and not feel the weight of that sin grow from year to year because the judgment of God is upon them now for murder. I asked, "You're not going to do that to your baby, are you?" She shook her head and said no. I asked again, "You changed your mind about having an abortion?" she said, "Yes!" Praise God! When Jim asked, "What changed your mind?" she replied, "What she said to me enlightened me."

She was given a diaper gift bag with helpful information and we encouraged them to keep in contact with us. We learned that "J" moved here two weeks ago from Chicago and is living with her mother in an apartment. Over this weekend "J" called saying her mother kicked her out of the apartment because of her decision not to abort the baby so one is living in a temporary shelter right now.

Please pray for "J" as we hope to support her through this pregnancy and after the baby is born. She will be going through much pressure which might try to sway her the wrong way. Pray that we will be able to share the gospel and for her salvation.



Pro-Life Message at Missions Conference

by Shelley Tuttle

We were invited by Northwoods Community Church to their first annual Missions Conference on October 15. Jim spoke about the ministry endeavors and the recent baby saves. Sarah Winandy spoke about her plans to speak to women in churches to give them a message of mercy and truth relevant to abortion. I spoke about Planned Parenthood—about the injustices this organization perpetrates, using tax dollars to exploit children, offering them a multitude of “services”, often without parental consent.

I met up with this negligence when I was “inadvertently” given information about the lack of parental consent in regard to one student’s usage of Planned Parenthood in Duluth. I was a substitute teacher in the Duluth School District, and a student came into the teacher’s classroom and told me she would not be there for her class because she was going to Planned Parenthood. She said her mother didn’t know about it. Wow! What an opportunity to try to warn this girl of the dangers she was opening herself up to. I first told her that whatever she was going there for could be taken care of by her doctor. Then I told her that her parents were the ones who were a safety net for her and she should make sure that they understood what it is she was going for. She told me that her mom knew she was going, but didn’t know *why* she was going—very interesting! Then I said something that I was hoping would explain to her more about what I felt she was getting herself into (knowing that her parent wasn’t aware): I told her that Planned Parenthood is a bad place. Well, I lost her with that remark. Her countenance fell, and she was not going to accept anymore of my warning. She turned and walked out of the room; I asked after her if she would be there for any part of the class to which she replied in the affirmative. But I never did see her again that day.

I told my audience that when I reflected on this interaction, I was glad I said what I did and spoke truth for this young girl’s (tenth grader) sake, however “dangerous” it could have been for me. I warn students all the time of things such as texting while driving and abiding by the Wisconsin restrictions for first drivers that requires them to



have no more than one friend in the car for the first nine months. Warning her was important for me to do as her “teacher,” and I only wish I had had more time with her to explain. I ended my talk with promoting Abby Johnson’s book *unPlanned* and the other resources we had available for them to become educated and for the possibility that someday they would also be in a position of “parenting” someone.



Report for August 16-October 15, 2011

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| Total clients going into building | 58 |
| Clients leaving before an abortion | 1 |
| Confirmed saves in Duluth this report | 1 |
| Total ministry-wide saves this year at time of publication | 77 |

On the second floor of this building in Duluth, 479 abortions were committed in 2010.

Pictured below is Caitlin. She is the child born in August to a mother who changed her mind on January 20th of this year. Many have been praying for this couple through the ups and downs of the pregnancy. The mother of this child, Sara, had been hit hard by the sudden and unexpected death of her father. The baby’s father has been out of work and called on us several times to help them through. They still need our prayers, but we praise God for the life of this precious child.



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The Anniversary of Roe v. Wade 2012

This year the anniversary of Roe v. Wade (January 22) falls on a Sunday making the annual Jericho March impractical at the traditional time of 12:00—1:00. What we are planning instead is a pro-life rally indoors at 4:00 pm (at First Presbyterian Church, 300 East Second Street) and a candlelight march to the Building for Women after the rally. Once at the BFW, we plan on a half-hour prayer walk similar to the Jericho March. The two events will be about an hour-and-a-half long with only about thirty minutes outside. At the indoor rally we will be featuring a guest speaker and local pastors to challenge and encourage the pro-life community to not grow weary in the battle.

Watch for more details in the January 2012 Newsletter.