San Jose Rescue Saves All The Babies

San Jose, CA—On Saturday, May 5th, approximately 120 pro-lifers converged at Pregnancy Consultation Center in San Jose. Praise God for a successful rescue. We do not always know of the fruit that comes from a rescue.

On Friday (the day before the rescue) Ken Reed, Art Tomlinson and Jeff White were on KFAX's Lifeline program. A young woman called in and said that a friend was to have an abortion the next day in San Jose. It turns out that she was scheduled at PCC. We called her later Saturday afternoon and found out that the woman did not even go near the mill after seeing all the police. Praise God!

The pro-aborts were extremely physical and pushed and shoved us all morning. Four of them were arrested that day for assault, one for felony assault. The man arrested for the felony sat on and kneed a young lady in the back. She had to be taken to the hospital. After an examination at the hospital, she was released in good condition. Another pro-lifer was bitten on the arm. (This appears to be a new pro abort tactic.)

The only pro-lifer that was arrested was arrested for using a bullhorn without a permit. He was reading the Bible using the bullhorn. He spent about two hours in the paddy-wagon witnessing to a pro-abort. The pro-abort was very interested in the testimony and wanted him to get back to the conversation after each interruption. Later, the pro-lifer was released at the rescue site without any citation being issued.

One pro-lifer preached the gospel to about 40 pro-aborts at the front door. They were quiet at times and appeared to be engaged with the preaching. They saw explicit pictures of later term abortions and were upset by what they saw. They called the pictures lies. (See sidebar).

Susan Hammer, the council woman running for San Jose mayor, was seen with the ACLU attorney trying to use her influence with the police to start making arrests. They said they would make arrests when they were ready to and not before. No arrests were made on rescuers!

On Monday, we found that the doctor at PCC performed NO abortions that day! We are thankful that no babies were killed that day and that we had at least one confirmed save...the girl who's friend called!

All this with no arrests and we left the rescue site early. It just goes to show that God is not constrained by our own plans as long as we are open to His changing them. We don't look on the outward, but looking in faith to the unseen, God's promise, God's redemption. ■

Photo: Jed White

Prayer supporters call upon God for the mothers and babies.

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Rescuers sit before doors and pray while escorts jeer.

With The Lord

Rescuer, JoAnn Murphy, 61, died peacefully in her northern California home surrounded by her husband, Dick, and seven of her nine children. JoAnn also leaves 17 grandchildren. She first rescued in 1988 with Operation Rescue. She went to be with the Lord with a 120 day sentence left to serve for a Sunnyvale, CA rescue. ■

Graphic Pictures Save a Baby

A few weeks ago a young woman arrived at PCC, an abortion mill in San Jose for her appointment. Upon seeing pictures of aborted babies outside, she broke down in tears and talked for a while with one of the sidewalk counselors.

Later that week she asked some friends at work if they could refer her to a good OBGYN doctor, as she still wasn't sure what to do. She was given the name of a doctor who no longer does OB care. he then referred her next door to Dr. Steve Belton, a pro-life Christian. The appointment she made with him was at the very end of the day, so he was able to spend ample time with her. Dr. Belton was also able to confirm all of the positive feelings she had about the baby, and she has decided to continue her pregnancy. God's providence is truly amazing! ■

Mother's Day: Women's Rescue

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Los Angeles, CA—Mother's Day is an important time for many in the pro-life movement, both for those who have had many babies, as well as those who have aborted their babies and yet have found healing—and a ministry—in what used to be a source of shame, guilt, and failure in their lives.

The Mother's Day "all women" rescue took place May 12th in San Bernardino. Rescuers arrived almost an hour before most pro-aborts so the five doors were quickly secured. However, during that time, the hired Family Planning Associates "guards" were not happy with the rescuers blocking their doors so they began assaulting the rescuers. The police eventually intervened and the guards left the area. This was in direct contrast to a similar situation during Holy Week when the LAPD stood idly by and allowed the FPA guards to beat-up rescuers.

Police began arresting the women rescuers at 9:30 am. Most went limp and the police used various forms of pain compliance torture while dragging the rescuers over 100 feet to the police bus. Pro-aborts lined the path and yelled derogatory jabs at the courageous rescuers as they were dragged by. Many of the women rescuers had tears streaming down their cheeks as they identified with the pre-born children scheduled to die that day. One woman had her hand broken as a police officer twisted her hand suddenly.

Eventually the police did gain access to the abortuary by shifting the arrest to a door that was much less protected. The police then escorted the abortionist, his staff, the mothers and their pre-born children into the building. Within fifteen minutes, one mother quickly exited the building thanking the rescuers for caring about her child and declaring that she would not get an abortion after all.

At the jail, the 42 arrested rescuers were booked for trespassing and resisting arrest (ie. going limp). The parents of three juveniles, and their attorneys, were not allowed to see their children/clients, nor have them released to their custody until the next morning.

One pre-born child was confirmed saved with fourteen turnaways. In addition, five people at the jail accepted God's free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. ■

Photo: Robert Fowler

Police carry away a mother from all mother's rescue.

Pro-Life Forces Gather In Belgium

by Steve Baughman

Brussels, Belgium—On May 19, 1990, over 200 Belgians gathered near Brussels for the largest-ever evangelical, Pro-life conference. Just weeks before, the Parliament had passed the first pro-abortion law in the country (Ireland is now the only country in Europe which prohibits abortion). The Catholic, Pro-life king vetoed the law, but the legislators then got enough votes to enact the law despite his efforts.

The bilingual conference (Dutch and French) was organized by Hospital Christian Fellowship, a Belgian pro-family, pro-life organization. The ten-hour conference was filled with legal, scientific, and Scriptural information about abortion. Several lawyers, doctors, pastors, and theologians were invited to speak. The Operation Rescue video (translated into French) was shown twice, and several copies were distributed. A rescuer was among the invited speakers, and after the conference, several Belgians indicated that they would soon be planning to begin rescues in Belgium. These few will be helped in the leadership area by newly-experienced leaders from France and Holland. There was also a fruitful time of worship, and a significant time spent in asking God for direction, strength and courage.

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Information is not as readily available in these languages, and the traditional Catholics and evangelicals are very few in number, thus it was very encouraging to have such a good-sized group, and such good Belgian speakers. most of the already-existing pro-life groups were represented and some other new, local groups began to form from the contacts made that day. Also present were a few experienced representatives from Pro-life groups that work in schools and women's homes in Holland, England and France. These representatives from small groups which have been fighting abortion for years in their respective countries had much to say to encourage and help inform the Belgians. Although it was sad to think that the lawmakers of another country had succumbed to the surreptitious lies of the international pro-abortion forces, it was good to see that these Belgians would not be caught off guard, or accept this without a fight. ■