Editorial:
Christian Activists

by Paul deParrie (a la Rooney)

Y'know what really bothers me these days? It is when people use the phrase "Christian activists."

"Christian activists." What an odd combination. To look at the Bible one would think that saying Christian activists was redundant—but to look around one might well believe that it was a contradiction in terms.

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I mean, if Christian activists are notable enough to indicate with their own special phrase, does this mean that most of the Church is comprised of Christian inactivists? Or is that the real contradiction in terms?

Are there supposed to be Christian slackers and Christian doers? Christian militants and Christian pacifists?

When the Bible says to put on the whole armor of God, do the Christian pacifists refuse and burn their spiritual draft cards?

What it looks like to me is that the vast majority of the Church in America has long ago burned their draft cards. It looks like they coined the term Christian activists because it was so rare when anyone took the Word of God seriously enough to actually do what it said. In large part, I think it was embarrassment that coined the phrase. Someone had to find a phrase that gave the nuts who *do* the Word a special—and separate—label.

It is like saying, "Missionaries." Those are people who go to far off—and distinctly uncomfortable—lands to preach the gospel. But more than that—they are somebody else. The same can hold true for other ministries.

But the Bible says that those who do not do the Word of God, have built their houses on sand. That doesn't sound too good for the Christian inactivists, does it?

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When we come before God, somehow I don't think He will think much of the excuse, "But I wasn't called to (Check One):

- ☐ Feed the hungry
- ☐ Clothe the naked
- ☐ Visit the imprisoned
- ☐ Rescue the perishing
- ☐ Speak up for the voiceless
- ☐ Any of the above, Lord! ■

Chad and David

by Paul deParrie

Chad Traywick couldn't stand it any more. Those pictures he had seen of aborted babies drove him to become involved in saving babies. But something told him that it would not always be pictures that he looked at. A deeper sense told him he would one day hold one of these children in his arms. In the meantime, one thing he planned to do was to begin regular picketing of a local abortuary. He had gone to Corpus Christi and done a rescue, but was unsatisfied with having done nothing in Houston.

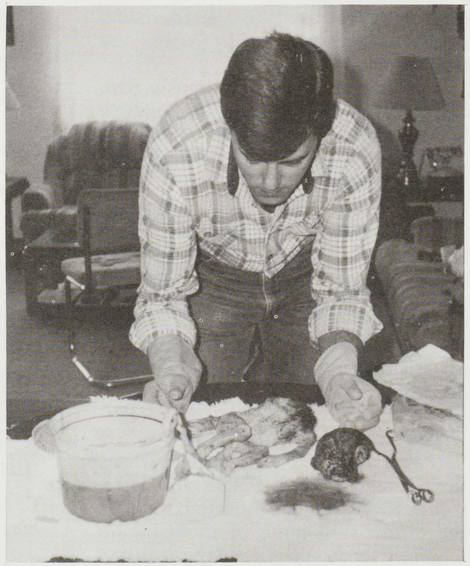
He wandered through the killing rooms and eventually came across a small room with small plastic, lidded buckets. He knew what the contents were.

In December of 1989, Chad drove to the nearest clinic to check where the best location for the picket might be. He wanted those inside to be able to see the signs. With him he brought his own two children.

There were no cars in the lot but the building was unlocked, so he entered, children in tow. No security guard patrolled the lobby, no surveillance camera panned the hallways. It was an eerie feeling to be inside the four-story apparently empty building.

When he arrived at the clinic, he called out. No one answered. Chad decided to take a tour. He wandered through the killing rooms and eventually came across a small room with small plastic, lidded buckets. He knew what the contents were. Quickly he scanned the labels for the most recent. It said, "12/8/89." Chad left.

To record his find, Chad brought in a friend with a camera. When the container was opened, he found a seven-month baby whose head and arm were brutally ripped from his body. The tongue was bitten clear through. The little boy had an incision where organs had apparently been removed—mute evidence that someone had sought more profit from the boy's death than the $1,800 the abortion had cost.



Chad Traywick and David.

Chad and Darda, his wife, could not bear the thought of this child with no name, so they called him David after the son he would never have.

Chad drove to the one-hour photo

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"TELL THE TRUTH: Rally for Life '90" Video Documents Crowd Size

Video Footage Shows 500,000 — Disputes 60,000 News Media Figure

WASHINGTON, DC — Attracting more than a half-million people, the largest pro-life rally in American history is sweeping the nation as hundreds of thousands of grass-roots Americans take the message by video back to their local communities.

This National Right to Life Committee rally, officially called "Rally For Life '90", featured such well known pro-life speakers as President George Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle, Dr. John Willke, Dr. James Dobson, Rep. Henry Hyde, and scores of celebrities, entertainers, elected officials, and religious leaders.

"TELL THE TRUTH: Rally for Life '90," the official video of this historic event, is now available. The video is produced by American Portrait Films International (APFI), the world's largest producer and distributor of pro-life films and videos.

"It'll be a timeless memorial of the largest gathering ever assembled to stop abortion," says APFI President John Hocevar. "But pro-lifers will also be able to use it as an effective mobilization tool."

"This inspirational video celebrating life is for rally attendees, as well as the millions of pro-lifers who could not attend," says Ray Jeske, vice-president of public affairs for APFI. "It also tells the truth about the crowd size which the news media intentionally underestimated.

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