Ministry to victims of abortion has double edge

The victim receives ministry and possible remuneration, and the abortionist is forced out of business. Those are the goals of Legal Action for Women (LAW), a ministry founded in July 1987 by Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. (Mike and Vicky) Conroy of Pensacola, Florida.

"We are not lawyers," Mike quickly states when asked about LAW. The ministry's corporate name is The Litigation Project, Inc. While the Conroys are not attorneys, LAW provides an avenue for women injured by abortion to locate attorneys who are willing to help in suits against the abortionists. LAW also provides Christian counseling for abortion victims.

Dr. D. James Kennedy, director of Coral Ridge Ministries in Fort Lauderdale, says, "This is a unique approach to the problem of abortion and the injuries many of these women receive as a result of the abortion procedure. I am excited about the possibilities."

Years ago the Conroys, themselves parents of six and with a seventh child due this winter, were grieved by the brutality of abortion. They began to study the issue and saw that not only were babies being killed, but many women were being hurt by legal abortions, a procedure supposed to be safer than the back alley abortions prior to *Roe v. Wade* in 1973.

The Conroys soon learned that legalized abortion was a big money maker. As they began to discover tragic stories of women suffering from botched abortions, they also found that many doctors not qualified in obstetrics and gynecology (or surgery at all) were performing abortions. The Conroys concluded that something must be done. In the meantime, the couple was very involved in the pro-life movement.

Mike explains what happened next: "Then the Lord began impressing on us that in order to fight abortion we should go after the true source of abortion—**money**! We added it up, women were being hurt and the doctors were making a lot of money, sometimes taking cash they didn't report. Florida is a very litigious state. All this pointed to one thing. Sue them! **We in no way favor unfounded lawsuits** as so many doctors have been subjected to, but the abortionists we are trying to stop are out of line and can't be considered giving proper care. We were seeing it all the time on the news. Obstetricians who were bringing life into the world were being sued for malpractice to the extent that they are having trouble staying in business. Why not sue those who were taking lives? Why not make those responsible who are doing the most damage?"

Rita McDowell—16 years old. Suction aspiration in her second trimester-abortion was incomplete. Emergency treatment was administered for removal of remaining parts of aborted child. Rita died in shock.

In addition to Dr. Kennedy's endorsement, Dr. Bernard Nathanson, author, producer of "The Silent Scream" film on abortion, and former abortionist himself, calls LAW "an innovative approach with great merit and deserving the attention of the pro-life movement."

Pro-Life Action League's Joe Schiedler says it is "the quickest way to close clinics yet thought of." As part of LAW, the Conroys prepared broadcast quality video tapes, both 1" and 3/4" tapes, and radio spots for circulation. These tapes can be purchased through pro-life groups interested in helping women injured by abortions. These groups can then buy time to air them on local media. The message on the tapes is clear: Consult a proper attorney and sue!

"We'll help you find one," says Conroy. "We also have printed ad slicks for newspapers and so forth. We think these would work very well in college newspapers. That age group has the greatest number of abortions, and abortionists like to set up shop near campus."

The rationale for this approach is that lawsuits tie up the time of the abortionists in court and raise the rate of malpractice insurance. As the Conroys point out, if they hurt enough in the wallet, they can be put out of business. However, hurting the abortionist is **not** LAW's basic intent; it is only the necessary means to an end—which is to save lives.

In fact, Conroy emphasizes the Christian aspect of the ministry. In a letter to pastors, Mike says they know they will not be able to legally help every woman who calls, but that if they are able to tell them about forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ, the ministry is working.

In their home, the Conroys operate an 800 telephone line to counsel women who have been hurt through legalized abortions. The

Sylvia Moore—18 years old, admitted to Presbyterian St. Luke's hospital in shock and without a pulse or blood pressure, within a few hours after abortion. An emergency hysterectomy was performed. Sylvia died.

number is available for use around the country. Concludes Conroy: "We need to set up branches all over to counsel and minister to injured women. The toll free number brings everything together so we can start compiling data. We are willing to do the research, and produce the materials to be used nationally."

For more information, write: LAW, 1145 Candlewood Circle, Pensacola, FL 32514; or call 904/474-1091.

Goals of LAW

1. Educate the public to the dangers of abortion, using all types of media and ads which seek injured people.
2. Raise malpractice rates for abortionists.
3. Develop a system where lawyers have a vested interest in getting involved.
4. Bring about change in insurance company policies. Insurance companies can require all kinds of safeguards that government can not. It may be legal to have an abortion, and illegal to require parental notice, waiting period, or informed consent, but you can't require the insurance company to write a policy.
5. Extend the time limit on the statute of limitations on abortion injuries.
6. Track data. Presently, no one is required to keep track of abortion related injury and death so information is not available. LAW is willing to be a national clearinghouse for abortion injury information.
7. Increase the cost of abortion. Give people opportunity to look at alternatives that don't cause a lifetime of heartache.
8. Pay for the above with money from the pockets of abortionists, clinic operators and pro-abortion groups themselves.
9. Fund a foundation to assist pro-life groups starting new projects and services nationally, again using the money of the abortion industry.

Needs of LAW

1. Churches, groups or individuals to contribute monthly to the ministry. Thirty churches giving $100, 100 individuals giving $30, or some combination thereof will provide funds necessary for LAW to continue its ministry as projected.
2. Churches to be a point of contact when LAW locates injured women in their areas.
3. Committed Christians to pray for the ministry.
4. Christian attorneys willing to assist injured women.
5. Legislators to introduce bills in individual states to extend the time on the statute of limitations for filing suit on abortion malpractice.

Atlanta: Murder in the morning

By Walter E. Adams

In order for freedom to have a soul it must first be motivated by a conscience to achieve good. It must first be emboldened by a compassionate spirit and empowered by a heart for the weak. It must first rise up to protect the unprotected. It must love the innocent. Challenge wrongs. Generate kindness. Bask in the sunlight of truth. And in a leadership role, be overbearing in its defense of human life.

Thus it was..., with this understanding in mind that the authors and signers of the Declaration of Independence agreed to the fact that there are certain truths which belong to a free people which are SELF-EVIDENT: 'That all men are CREATED EQUAL, that they are endowed BY THEIR CREATOR with certain unalienable Rights, and that among those are LIFE..."

Enough babies have been brutalized and slaughtered. It is time to hear the shout for life.

But now the blight of abortion threatens the very fabric of freedom in America, and robs it of its soul. Ultimately, there can be no peace or meaningful prosperity in a land which freely kills its unborn. No justice. Nothing holy. For wherever true freedom exists it brings hope to the life of the most downtrodden. By contrast, the act of abortion destroys a human life in every instance.

The only visible aftermath of years of legalized abortion in America, is that it has scattered blood soaked body parts from one end of this great nation to the other!

So it is that abortion inanely declares how the child which has to be hacked apart in the womb of its mother in order to be stopped from growing-was never alive in the first place!

At six-thirty in the morning the police of Atlanta are ordered out. During the days of the pro-life demonstration in that city, the police, in full riot gear, have been given the task to protect the right of the city's numerous abortion clinics to conduct business as usual. To protect their right to kill at all cost!

For those who love life the understanding is coming that the battle for the lives of the unborn must be carried from the dead halls of Congress, and from the unjust halls of the Supreme Court into the streets!

In every town and in every hamlet across the vast expanse of this nation the call must go out. In civil disobedience, in strife, in jail, the pro-life movement must show itself to be a force to be reckoned with.

Let the murderous blood red doctors cry discrimination! Enough babies have been brutalized and slaughtered. It is time to hear the shout for life. A determined people must arise—for no longer can a free people allow four to five thousand babies to be sliced apart, hacked apart, or burned alive in the wombs of their mothers each and every day.

It is time for the pro-life movement to move into the streets!

How thoroughly those who authored and signed the Declaration of Independence would have condemned out of hand this nation for allowing its own heritage to be deliberately butchered so as to placate an immoral lifestyle.

How clearly the early visionaries of this nation would have seen an 'abortion crazed America' as a nation devoid of compassion, love, opportunity, right, morality, equality, or hope.

How good it was to see the battle for life arise in Atlanta; to declare the message of an inspired pro-life movement; to declare the message of a rejuvenated pro-life movement, that it will tolerate no more killing!

Each day of the demonstrations, before dawn, on the nearly deserted streets of Atlanta, the police moved to errect barricades to protect the 'killing clinics.' The ritual was unchanged. Public money was spent to protect the killing. Public money was spent to arrest the pro-life demonstrators. Public money was spent to fail and feed the demonstrators.

The mother splashes cold water on her face. It is time for her to be up and moving. This is the day she will exercise her right under law to dispose of the unwanted child developing in her womb. She is resolved. Her husband will drive her to the abortion clinic and wait outside while their child is slaughtered. They have talked it out. They don't want to be saddled with the expense of another child.

The doctor is pleased as he reviews the day's schedule. In spite of all of the angry shouts and chants of the pro-life people outside his clinic, forty-three abortions are on the daily log. It will be a busy, profitable day for both him and his staff. Later that night he will dine with his wife and children on lobster and steak. In the past year alone his wife has given nearly a thousand dollars in support of Jerry's Kids.

Mayor Andrew Young, formerly of the civil rights movement for racial equality, is today standing at the political helm in Atlanta. And even though he himself once marched to help secure the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for his people, it was he who ordered the police of Atlanta to squash the effectiveness of the pro-life movement.

Another young teenage girl fights her way through the circling throng of pro-life demonstrators. Her ears are deaf to their pleas. She is escorted by her father. He will pay the bill to kill his grandchild. There is no show of emotion on his face.

These are strange times.

Freedom is being wronged in the name of increased liberty.

The Rev. Jessie Jackson, who once marched shoulder to shoulder with Martin Luther King for the cause of freedom for all, now supports the pro-killing factions in America. This, when you would think that he, as a "man of God," would be telling the people of his multi-racial "Rainbow Coalition" that no child of God has the right to butcher another.

The baby the mother aborted was a boy. There is no possible way that HE was in any way a natural extension of HER physical body—to do with as she pleased.

The teenager is bleeding profusely. An ambulance has to be summoned. At the hospital they don't know whether she will live or die. Her plight is not reported by any of the news media in their national outlets.

There must be a return to Atlanta time and again—to rescue the babies who are scheduled to be murdered in the morning.

Under the Dredd-Scott law of 1857, the black people of America had their 'right to life' taken from them by law. In that law it was determined that black people in America were sub-human, and the right was given to their masters to kill them as they might please.

Under the Roe verses Wade decision of 1973, the unborn children of America had their 'right to life' taken away from them by law. In that court decision it was determined that the unborn children in America are sub-human, and the right was given to their mothers to kill them as they might please.

The work of the pro-life people in Atlanta must be maintained.

Freedom demands the carnage of this unjust law be rectified.

The killing must stop!

There must be a return to Atlanta time and again—to rescue the babies who are scheduled to be murdered in the morning.

There must be a return!