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Driggs shared testimonies that captured the hearts of everyone in attendance.

Friday, January 22, events were filled with life-saving efforts at six of the nine major killing centers in Dallas. Just the news that Christians were actually going to come closed down one abortion clinic — Central Square.

In some instances rescuers were able to get inside the clinics and counsel the workers as well as the mothers.

Benham and 30 other activists were able to gain entry into Presbyterian Hospital despite the multitudes of security personnel and police. Presbyterian is the home of the Margot Perot Building where third trimester abortions are performed. It is also the home of abortionist Norman Tompkins' OB/GYN practice.

They passed out copies of Tompkins' malpractice suits along with Scripture portions.

With the exception of one arrest at Aaron's killing center no further incidents occurred.

The day ended with another rally at Central Park Church. Father Rick Thomas spoke on how to "thresh," separating the good from the bad by being "totally Pentacostal and thoroughly Presbyterian" as he led a march around the church.

Saturday's rescue saved at least one life. There were 35 scheduled appointments at the A-Z abortion mill but only 10 women, some of them pro-death plants, attempted to wade through the sea of over 300 Christians determined to protect children and their mothers. Thirty-five rescuers were arrested.

The arrests enabled them to witness to workers, mothers, police, media, bystanders, and inmates. Several young men and women met the Lord while rescuers were in jail. Music filled the Lew Sterrett Justice Center as rescuers sang the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer.

The finale of the weekend took place at the private residence of local abortionist Norman Tompkins. Christians confronted Tompkins and his neighbors with the horrible truth of what he does.

Activists from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and many points in Texas came for the weekend events.■

Texas OR leader Flip Benham confronts abortionist Tompkins outside his home.

Abortion death of mother leads to lawsuit

Birmingham, AL — A medical malpractice lawsuit was filed in Birmingham on Tuesday, January 26 on behalf of five minor children whose mother died of complications from an abortion performed after 21 weeks' gestation.

Dr. Thomas Tucker II, of Birmingham, his corporation and others are defendants in the lawsuit.

Tucker, who says he has done thousands of abortions, also performs abortions in Mississippi, and was recently quoted in USA Today as saying, "They will have to kill me to make me stop." Dr. Tucker is also listed as a member of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, an organization of independent abortion clinic operators. The National Coalition of Abortion Providers, with the help of Oregon Congressman Ron Wyden, held hearings in Washington, D.C. last year in an effort to shut down pro-life pregnancy centers or so-called "phony abortion clinics."

The complaint filed in Jefferson County alleges that the woman originally went to Birmingham Women's Center on June 7, 1991, and was referred to Tucker. The same day, June 7, 1991, the woman paid Tucker $600, and an appointment was made for the following week. The complaint further alleges an abortion was performed on June 10, and the patient's cervix was punctured. The patient was taken to the University of Alabama Hospital at Birmingham, and died on June 14 of complications resulting from the abortion. The cause of death listed on the death certificate was cardiac arrest, which was preceded by septic and cardiac shock, adult respiratory distress syndrome, disseminated intravascular coagulation, and thrombosis.

The five surviving children are living with their maternal grandmother in Alabama.■

"Super-glue protester" gets six months in abortion case

Milwaukee, WI -- itinerant abortion protester who specializes in using "super-glue" to cement his hands together around poles and other objects has been sentenced to six months in the House of Correction for resisting an officer.

The rescuer, Dwight Monagan, 41, said he was disappointed by his sentence to the institution in Franklin. He had asked for the maximum, nine months.

Police said that at a November demonstration at Metropolitan Medical Services, 2625 W. Wisconsin Ave., Monagan lay down under a police van, reached around a stabilizer bar and welded his hands together with Krazy Glue, an instant high-strength glue. The van was filled with arrested protesters. (See *Life Advocate*, January 1993, p. 11.)

Officers said they had to pry Monagan's fingers apart and forcibly remove him from under the van.

Monagan pleaded not guilty but did not deny gluing his hands together. He glued his hands together again, as an illustration, while testifying before a jury in the court of Circuit Judge Charles Kahn.

Monagan said he preferred to glue his hands together at demonstrations rather than carry a picket sign. He said his screams of pain as his hands are being pulled apart by police officers "demonstrate what is happening to an unborn child" at an abortion clinic.

He said that being removed from under the van "tore some skin from parts of my hand, but I did not have severe damage."

After testifying with glued hands. Monagan told a reporter: "You can work your hands free in about a half-hour if you take the time and know how to do it."

Monagan describes himself as a former fifth grade teacher from Los Angeles who has devoted himself full time to abortion protests for the past several years. He says he has been convicted of protest-related offenses about 30 times. "I've been in jail for two out of the last three years," he said, "including 10 months in Bismarck, North Dakota."

Saying jail would not deter him, he said he wanted the maximum sentence to dramatize his protest.

"For me, it's a time for fasting and prayer," Monagan said. "The longer I'm in, the more committed I get."■

Newborn girl left at minister's door

Alliance, NE — A newborn was left on a minister's porch with a note saying the mother feared the baby would be harmed if she took the child home.

Child-welfare workers said many people have offered homes for the baby girl, who was in good condition at Box Butte Hospital.

Police were searching for her mother.

The Rev. Samuel Reed and his wife, Barbara, found the infant on January 16 with a note saying that her name was April and that she was born on January 14.

The couple had also received a call from a woman who identified herself as the baby's mother and asked them to take care of the child.

"I love April and I'll always remember the two days I had with her," the note said.

The Reeds said that according to the note, the woman gave up the child because the baby's grandfather had wanted the woman to have an abortion.

"She wanted the baby to be raised by someone who wouldn't be mean to it," Mrs. Reed said. "If she took it home, her dad would be mean to it."

Police Chief Bob Jatczak said the note may actually have referred to the baby's father.

Pro-life activists claim the incident points to a larger problem of parents and boyfriends who attempt to force abortion upon women who would otherwise not be willing participants.■

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