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Abortionist Neville Sender greets rescuers as they block his black Saab when he attempted to pull out of the driveway of his Fox Point home to kill babies at Summit Women's Health Organization in Milwaukee on June 21, 1993.

Abortionist's home blocked

by Adam Akren

Fox Point, WI — On June 21, rescuers came from across Wisconsin to Milwaukee to join in an attempt to rescue preborn children by blocking an abortionist at his home. Those taking part in the rescue, organized by Citizens for Life, included members of Missionaries to the Preborn, Youth for America-Milwaukee, and Collegians Activated to Liberate Life (CALL).

At 7:00 a.m., over 50 Christians gathered to picket the home of abortionist Neville Sender as he prepared to leave for his place of business. After about 40 minutes, several squad cars arrived, and two of them parked directly in the child-killer's driveway. Meanwhile, the pro-life people present continued to picket and pray.

At 8:20 a.m., Sender pulled his black Saab out of his three-car garage, and as he neared the end of his long, tarred driveway, 40 Christians ran to block the driveway. The small number of officers present unsuccessfully attempted to stop the pro-lifers, who simply ran and crawled past them.

"Since we were out of the Milwaukee city limits and were in such a plush suburb," said rescuer Susan Day, "the police were not only short-handed, but they were clearly quite confused as well."

As the child-killer conferred with the Fox Point police, the rescuers, who ranged in age from 12 to 50, quietly sang, read Scripture, and prayed. Occasionally Sender would walk up to taunt those kneeling and sitting in front of his car across his driveway:

"You don't intimidate me one bit," he said, "and you'll never, ever stop me at all."

"Except for right now," responded a rescuer.

After 45 minutes had passed, more police reinforcements arrived and prepared to make arrests, though no paddy wagon or bus was present. Three different warnings were given, and the nine officers began to drag the limp rescuers across the street as Sender started his car and prepared to drive to his abortuary.

However, the rescue continued. As the rescuers were dragged away and dropped, they ran or crawled directly back to the child-killer's driveway, making it impossible for him to leave. After the officers realized the futility of their method, they soon gave up and reconvened to discuss another alternative.

Meanwhile, back at Sender's abortuary, Summit, a child was being saved from death. Because the abortionist was physically prevented from getting to Summit to kill, sidewalk counselors were given extended amounts of time to talk with mothers scheduled to have their preborn children killed there. As one mother was hustled in by "escorts," she was untruthfully informed by them that her boyfriend was waiting for her inside. About half an hour later, the woman left the building, without an abortion and without her boyfriend.

"We all praise God for the baby that was saved," said Youth for America-Milwaukee Laurel Foreman. "That definitely made it all worth it."

Upon leaving , the mother told the sidewalk counselor with whom she had talked before entering that she had decided not to have her child killed.

"I was so glad when she told me she was keeping her baby," the sidewalk counselor said on a Christian radio program the following morning, "and I was also glad that she got to see the lies of the pro-abortion people first hand."

Back at the abortionist's house, at approximately 9:40 a.m., a city bus arrived and arrests began. The rescuers were cuffed with flex-cuffs, and carried onto the bus one by one. And, at 9:50 a.m., Sender began to pull out of his driveway.

Other rescuers, however, were still waiting nearby to try to keep the abortionist from getting to the clinic. As Sender began to turn out of his driveway, six more rescuers ran to block it. Several individuals were able to get underneath the side of the car, while 17-year-old CALL member Joshua Stetzer blocked the car from the front. Once again, as the rescuers were pulled off, they quickly crawled back.

After five of these rescuers were finally removed, only Stetzer remained at the front of the car between the abortionist and his 25-minute drive to work. Diving underneath the car, Stetzer held onto the car's grill with one hand while police pulled fiercely on his other hand. After several minutes of different officers pulling on the youth's hand, he was finally pulled off as the car's grill cracked apart. He was then quickly cuffed, and carried to the waiting bus full of Christians.

After being kept from his child-killing practice for one hour and 45 minutes, Sender finally sped off toward his abortuary.

"The babies were kept safe and the child-murderer was held to account," said missionary John Zecca. "Praise God for the success of this glorious rescue."

All rescuers were given a $67 municipal ticket for disorderly conduct and were released later that day. ■

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Citizens for Life members block black Saab of abortionist Neville Sender at end of his driveway in plush suburb of Fox Point, WI.

Missionaries announce "City of Refuge" Campaign

by John and Rhonda Raymond

Milwaukee, WI — The Missionaries to the Pre-born (MTP) sponsored a Turn Their Hearts Rally on Friday, June 18, at the Mecca Arena and Milwaukee was declared a City of Refuge and a place of safety for preborn children. The rally was carried nationwide on VCY Radio America.

This rally followed the Tell the Truth Project distribution of 100,000 "Hard Truth" videos to Milwaukee and 13 surrounding communities (see *Life Advocate*, July 1993). Nine hundred volunteers distributed the tapes which were freely given to residents to break the silence and media blackout on the "awful horror of abortion."

The rally included music and two new videos were shown: "City of Refuge" and "Were You There?" The speakers were Pastor Wayne Rhode, Pastor Larry Schwartz, Rev. Matt Trewhella, Mrs. Karen Schneider, Pastor Tim Reidy, Rev. Joseph Foreman, and Pastor Ted Groves.

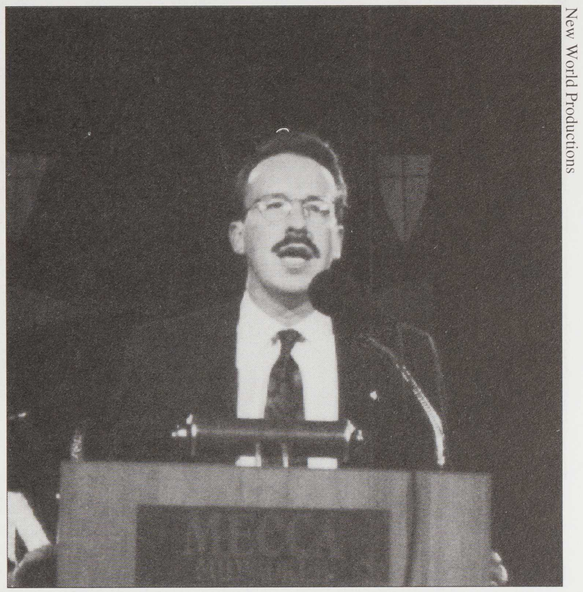
Pastor Wayne Rhode of Jubilee Christian Family Church began the evening by saying, "There is one less child-killing center in town and at the others, business has dropped dramatically, and we give the God the glory!" The audience responded with an enthusiastic cheer.

In March of this year, we saw Milwaukee's oldest abortuary, Metropolitan Medical Services on 27th and Wisconsin closed. This makes three killing centers closed since rescues and protests began in 1988 .

"Now there are only five to go," commented one participant in the rally.

Pastor Larry Schwartz gave the invocation saying, "Thank you, Lord, for closing the clinics and sending away the doctors . . . Lord preserve our children and heal our city and make it a City of Refuge."

During the evening, where thousands gathered to pledge themselves in service for the preborn children, Rev. Matt Trewhella, co-founder of Missionaries to the Pre-born asked, "Is anyone ready to quit?" The answer was a resounding, "No!" He went on to say, "The Lord will make a place for you to fight for the unborn."



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Reverend Joseph Foreman speaks at the Cities of Refuge rally held at the Mecca Arena.

He pointed out that there are many ways to stand up for life. "You can let others know where you stand by using pro-life envelope stickers, bumper stickers, praying, protesting, interposing, counseling, helping those in need and spreading the truth of the real abortion horror. It is the ripping apart of a helpless growing child with no voice to scream for help."

This rally was held for several purposes — first, as a preliminary kick-off for this summer's events to stand up for the unborn; second, to give refuge to women and their preborn children; to provide them help and safety, and third, to spread the truth about abortion to all that will hear and turn their hearts toward forgiveness.

A major speaker at the rally was Karen Schneider, a woman who triumphed over despair and thoughts of suicide. She revealed that she had had four abortions out of fear and selfishness, for the immediate need and not the long-term effect.

She said, "Once you've had the first abortion, it's easier the second, third and fourth time." Karen added that when one decides to kill her own child, "you tear the very moral fiber of your being. To shed innocent blood is detestable to God."

She is now a Christian who has "found God's love and redemption," a wife, and a mother of three sons. Standing in front of the abortion clinics whenever possible, she offers help and her story to mothers entering for abortion.

Reverend Joseph Foreman, co-founder of Operation Rescue and MTP, also spoke at the rally.

In an interview on VCY America that night from the Mecca Arena, Foreman said, "We will see the wheat separated from the chaff in the next few years."

He reminded his audience that they have been like soldiers all winter at Valley Forge, laying down the foundation of the continuing fight for the unborn. He reminded uthe audience that "we are a people called out by God."

Pastor Wayne Rhode summed up the rally by saying that it is important that pro-life Christians all work to enlighten others. We must be at the clinics, he said, which are open six days a week, to show the world that Christians care.

The following morning, Saturday, June 19, 1,000 Christians gathered at the various killing centers in peaceful protests.

Two moms turned away at one mill and at another clinic, a child was confirmed saved. And at the infamous Paul Seamars abortuary, only one child was killed all day. ■