Wisconsin Missionary rescue spares child

by Cameron Gulden

Milwaukee, WI — Thursday, December 17 began with a picket at the suburban home of child-killer George Woodward. Susie Day, a full-time Missionary to the Preborn for a year and half, and three others arrived at the killer's home at 7:30 a.m. and picketed and prayed until 9:30 a.m.

When Woodward left his house to go to the Metropolitan killing center to start killing children, the four missionaries also left. "As soon as he left, we called the other missionaries already at the site and told them the killer was on his way," said Day, "and since he stops at McDonalds every day on his way to work, we were able to beat him to the mill."

When Woodward, a large elderly man nearing 70, arrived at the killing center, he was greeted by 10 missionaries who were blocking entry into the building. "We blocked him at the back door for about 45 minutes," said Day, "and he was visibly shaken.

Rev. George Wilson, a Presbyterian minister who recently became a full-time missionary, was one of the rescuers that day, and had been designated to speak with the killer, who is an elder in a Milwaukee Presbyterian church. "Reverend Wilson was very straight with him," said Day. "He told him that every prayer he prayed and every song of worship he sang was nothing more than a stench in God's nostrils."

Police arrived on-site after receiving an emergency call, and local businesses were alerted to the rescue effort when patrol cars arrived on the scene with lights flashing and sirens blaring. A total of 17 policemen arrived, along with three paddy wagons and five squad cars. Three of the missionaries were arrested and carried into a paddy wagon at the back door.

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As the arrests began, Woodward tried to hurry to the back door to gain entrance to the building to begin killing. One rescuer was able to block the door, which had already been partly opened, while the other six missionaries hurried to the side door to interpose themselves between the killer and his intended victims.

Beth Rella, a 19-year-old who has been with the mission since its beginning, was punched in the face twice by a Milwaukee police officer, while two other women missionaries were pulled from the door by their hair. Police aggressively pushed and pulled the remaining rescuers from the door to get Woodward inside, and the director of the death chamber was also knocked over by police.

During the rescue, two women had been standing in the bus stop nearby and were watching with great interest. A sidewalk counselor went to talk with the women, and found out that one of them was pregnant and had been considering having her child murdered. "I had thought about coming to this place," the woman said, "but now there's no way I'm going to."

According to Day, knowing that a child had been spared was a great source of comfort as the missionaries spent the next five days in jail. "The thing that got us through the jail time when we didn't know if we were going to get out or not," said Day, "were the words the sidewalk counselor shouted to us during the rescue: 'You just saved a baby!'"

The seven missionaries arrested at the side door were all given state charges of disorderly conduct, as well as being charged with violating a new permanent injunction prohibiting pro-lifers from being within 25 feet of any Milwaukee abortuary.■

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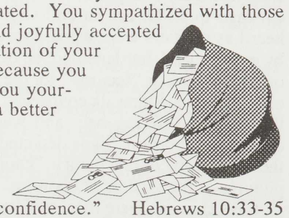

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Kentucky rescue saves babies after *Roe* anniversary

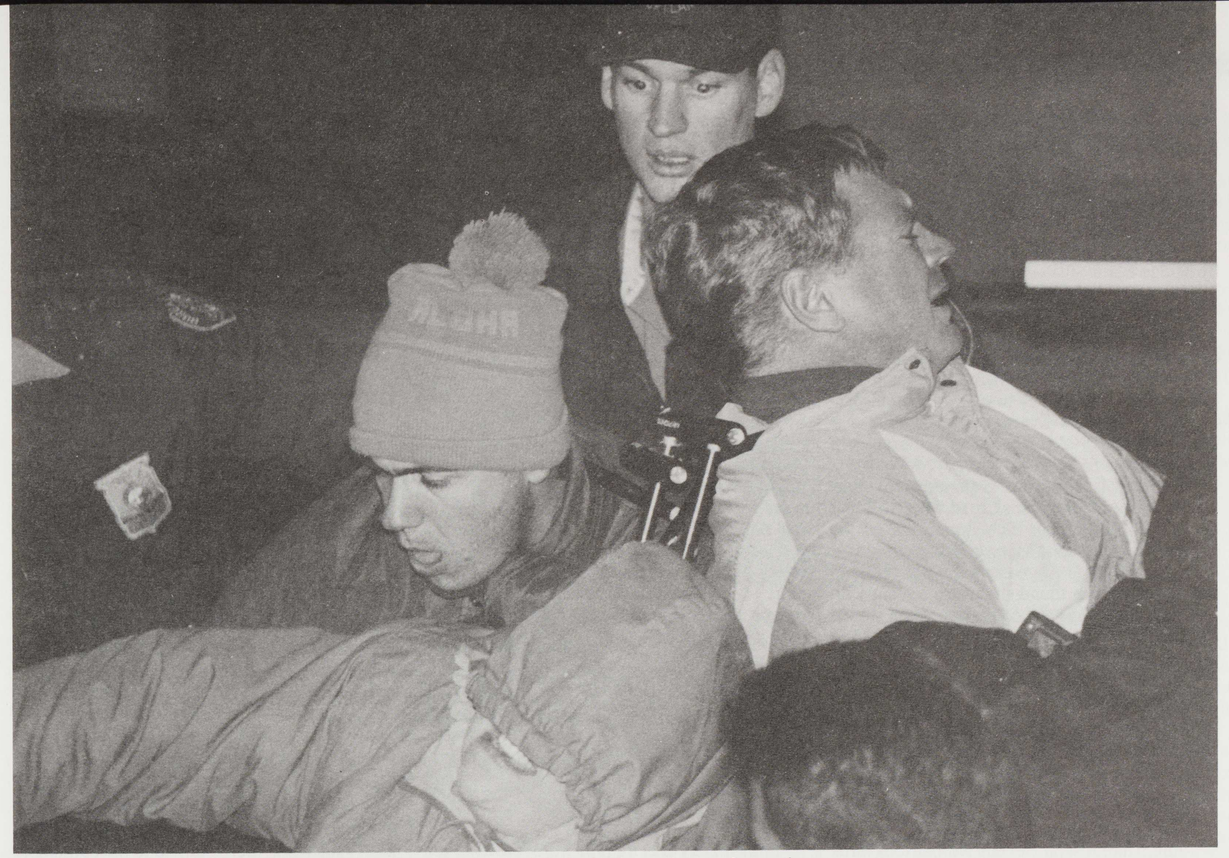
by Scott Davis

Louisville, KY — Eighteen rescuers associated with Kentuckiana Rescue blocked the entrance to Women's Health Services in Louisville, Kentucky on January 23. Since this was a short notice Minuteman rescue, neither the police nor the abortion clinic were prepared. Consequently the mill was closed for two and a half hours. During this time, one person preached in the direction of the women, stressing salvation through Jesus Christ and positive alternatives to child-killing. The women were secluded from counselors on the parking lot necessitating the use of a megaphone. While the preaching continued, five cars left.

During this time, two women chose not to have their babies killed. In an unusual twist, another expectant mother was arrested after she kicked two of the rescuers. By God's grace she was placed in the same holding cell as the female rescuers.

A liberal judge on call that day ordered the Indiana rescuers be held on a $500 cash bond, while the Kentucky residents were released on their own recognizance. He maintained this posture even after their attorney advised the judge of their impeccable record of showing up for trial. Christians outside the jail were notified of this. Pro-lifers began to pray and make phone calls to the judge at his office and home. After several hours he lowered the bond to $54. When some of the rescuers still stayed firm, he ended up releasing them without bond that night.

This clinic had previously been declared a public health hazard and was closed for several months by the state. Women's Health Services has also had a number of complaints filed against them with the state of Kentucky for unsanitary conditions and sub-standard patient care. They have been sued numerous times. Since pregnant women are still regarded as "legal persons," this has helped rescuers defend their actions as justified in order to prevent an imminent injury to life or limb under the Kentucky Choice of Evils statute.■



Rescuers grimace and choke as police force them to stand while locked together at the neck.

Lock-down challenges federal injunction

Rescue follows Supreme Court decision striking Klu Klux Klan Act

Portland, OR — In the first ever lock-down rescue in the Portland area on January 16, six rescuers locked themselves at the doors of the Portland Feminist Women's Health Center.

Three of the four entrances to the building were blocked with cars with a rescuer locked to each. The fourth door was blocked by three rescuers who were joined by Kryptonite locks at the neck.

The rescue took place just days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against the use of the Ku Klux Klan Act against rescuers. The decision also denied the federal courts the ability to issue injunctions at abortion clinics (see related story starting on page 13).

Portland's Feminist abortion clinic was the only abortuary in the area to have a federal injunction. The injunction was issued on the basis of the KKK action filed against Advocates for Life Ministries (AFLM) and a number of individuals in 1985.

The suit resulted in judgments against AFLM, the group's executive director, Andrew Burnett, and another defendant.

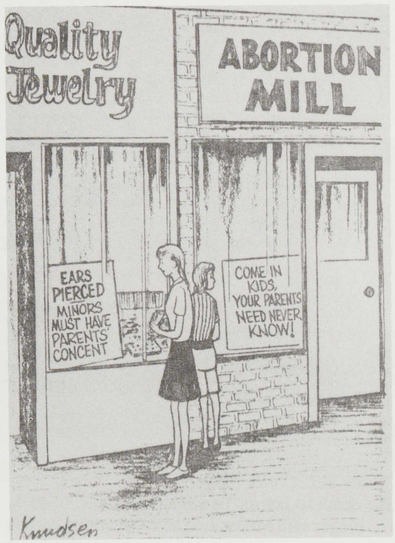
It is the opinion of one of the attorneys for the defense that the Supreme Court decision will automatically vacate both the injunction and the final judgments. Henry Kane, counsel for several of the individual defendants, filed for the judgments to be vacated the day following the Supreme Court decision.

The rescue started at 6:30 a.m.—half an hour before pro-death escorts began arriving on the scene.

Police in six squad cars arrived and waited until Jude Hanzo, the clinic's executive director, arrived to officially order the rescuers off the property.

At approximately 8 a.m., the Portland Fire Department arrived with the Jaws of Life and within 20 minutes had freed one rescuer who had been locked to a car.

This first arrestee was a juvenile.

Police then took hold of the three rescuers who were locked together at the double doors and, using pain compliance, forced them to walk up the stairs as a group. Considerable pain was displayed by the rescuers whose heights varied greatly.

In all, six area rescuers were arrested and three cars were impounded.■