Indiana Rescuers Celebrate Spring Break

by Lorraine Jamieson

Gary, Indiana — Eighteen people, including eleven college students, attempted to "put into action God's command to love our neighbor as ourselves" by interposing themselves between abortionist Urlich G. Klopfer and the children scheduled to die on Wednesday, March 17 in Gary, Indiana.

The rescue was part of Agape in Action, the 1993 Alternative Spring Break Project sponsored by Collegians Activated to Liberate Life, held March 14-26 in South Bend, Indiana and area communities.

The rescuers locked down in front of the two doors to the Friendship Family Planning Clinic at 7:30a.m. and were present for the children until about 10:30a.m. when the Jaws of Life broke through the locks.

Thirty prayer supporters, including several sidewalk counselors, reported an excellent day for their ministry, citing the extensive, positive conversations that they had with many of the women who had appointments for abortions that day.

No pro-aborts were present to "distract the women from hearing the truth," according to one rescuer, and no women entered the mill.

Prayer supporters reported that the rescue also proved to be "an excellent witness to the neighbors," most of whom did not realize that the office was a killing center.

One baby was confirmed saved, and her mother expressed gratitude for the presence of pro-lifers. She explained that her family was "very supportive" of her, but that her boyfriend had "insisted"that she must have the abortion. The boyfriend assaulted a female sidewalk counselor when she tried to talk to the woman, and a secular news reporter immediately dropped his notepad to offer the sidewalk counselor protection.

After her boyfriend left, the sidewalk counselors were able to talk extensively with her, and they also role-played with her so that she could plan what she would say to her boyfriend upon his return.

Sidewalk counselors said that several other mothers had definite changes of heart; however, it is uncertain if their babies are still alive.

The doors to the mill remained sealed until about 11:30a.m., as the locks had been glued sometime before the early morning arrival of the rescuers.

No rescue had occurred at the Gary mill for two years, and Klopfer was extremely agitated when he arrived. The abortionist physically assaulted at least one pro-lifer, but was not arrested or charged.

One mill employee threatened to "get a gun," while another backed her car up to those who were locked in place and blew exhaust fumes in their faces.

The rescuers remained incarcerated for two days and were released on their own recognizance. ■

Survey Reveals much about Abortive Moms

An "Abortion Information Survey Project", conducted by Open Arms of Columbia, Missouri, has netted surprising results. This survey started in 1986 and comprises women who have presented themselves to Open Arms. Recently, they began asking these women who had had previous abortions to complete their questionnaire. The number of women who have currently completed the survey is 828. The average age of the women when completing the survey is 27. Their average age when having the abortion is 19. Nine weeks is the average gestational age of the baby when the abortion was done. The average cost for these abortions is $226. Following are the results of the survey:

Type of Abortion:

Suction	583	71%
D&C	88	11%
D&E	22	3%
Saline	21	3%
Hysteronomy	4	1%

Number of Abortions:

one	554	67%
two	155	19%
three	40	5%
more	17	2%

Reason for Abortion:

social	678	82%
economic	64	8%
health	40	5%
life	9	1%
rape	12	1%
incest	2	1%

Abortion paid for by:

mother of baby	268	32%
father of baby	274	33%
grandparents	159	19%
government	66	7%
insurance	60	7%

Felt were adequately informed about the baby:

Yes	234	28%
No	548	66%
Not sure	12	1%

Felt were adequately informed about complications:

Yes	266	32%
No	498	60%
No sure	20	2%

Students Target Indiana Killers

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Merrillville, IN — Fifty-three pro-life activists, many of them Midwestern college students, put into practice the theme of Collegians Activated to Liberate Life's two-week project, Agape in Action, by attempting to "save their preborn neighbors from death."

The students and local pro-lifers blocked entrances on Saturday, March 20 at Planned Parenthood's Merrillville killing center and were able to stay at the doors for about an hour and a half.

About 100 others prayed, picketed and sidewalk counseled for several hours after the rescuers were removed.

The rescue was part of CALL's "Alternative Spring Break Project" held in and around South Bend, and was just one type of activism that the students and locals participated in.

Another rescue took place in Gary, on Wednesday, March 17 and one baby was confirmed saved there. (see page 16).

On Friday, March 19, about 120 college students, joined by about ten locals, held a pray-in at the Notre Dame administration building, vowing not to leave until Fr. Edward Malloy, president of the university, agreed to meet with them. All remained peaceful and prayerful, and business continued unobstructed within the building throughout the pray-in. The participants spent about seven hours praying and singing under the famous gold dome until Fr. Malloy met with Notre Dame students Claire Johnson and Mary Lolli, CALL Director Peter Heers and CALL advisor and activist John Cavanaugh-O'Keefe.

The four pro-lifers asked Fr. Malloy if he would accompany them to the Women's Pavilion abortion mill, located just four blocks from the campus, to pray with other pro-lifers. When he refused, they asked him if he would pray at the mill anytime before the end of the school year. He made "no commitment."

The activists stated they "felt called to hold the pray-in because of the Notre Dame administration's complete abandonment of the 143 children who die each month in the university's backyard." CALL's philosophy is that Christians must start to act like Christians, bring their faith out of the four walls of their church and sacrifice for their brethren if society is truly to be reformed and child killing is to end.

Several other types of activism took place throughout the project as an attempt to witness to the community, call others to action and stand up for the children.

On two separate occasions, pro-lifers picketed the law firm of Warrick, Weaver and Boyn of Elkhart, Indiana to call attention to attorney Angella Castille's support of child killing. Castille, a Notre Dame law School graduate, represented Women's Pavilion in its suit for a court injunction against pro-life activities at the mill.

Activists also canvassed the neighborhood of Marne Greening, co-owner of Women's Pavilion, and picketed her house to alert residents to her involvement in child killing.

On Thursday, March 25, the activists took the pro-life message to Planned Parenthood's South Bend office, which refers for abortions, by picketing and praying.

An abortion mill located eight miles north of South Bend in Niles, Michigan, was targeted for picketing and prayer during several days of the project, while a constant sidewalk counseling presence was maintained at Women's Pavilion for the duration of the project.

The activism and witnessing that the students and locals participated in was the result of a "call to action" that each of the 30 Agape in Action speakers delivered. Each speaker delivered an address packed with information concerning his or her expertise - and each also challenged those in attendance to turn their newly gained knowledge into action intended to save lives.

Talks ranged from chastity to post-abortion syndrome to spiritual preparation for rescue to sidewalk counseling.

Speakers also joined in the activism each day, and clergy led prayer and provided on-site spiritual guidance throughout the two weeks. ■

Would have liked pro-life information then:

Yes	518	63%
No	169	20%
Not sure	60	7%

Was abortion illegal at the time:

Yes	44	5%
No	764	92%

If abortion was illegal, would have had one anyway:

Yes	71	9%
No	560	68%
Not sure	76	9%

Did relationship with father end soon after abortion:

Yes	430	52%
No	371	45%

How was your relationship affected for those who did not break up:

closer	42	12%
more problems	199	59%
no effect	97	29%

Would you have another abortion:

Yes	71	9%
No	687	83%
Not sure	26	3%