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### They Saved a Baby From Abortion Their First Time Praying at a Clinic

Editor's Note: The following article is by Bryan Kemper, who lives in Troy, Ohio. We only have space to print the testimony of two of the missionaries, but you can find the entire article at LifeNews.com.

This week I took our Stand True Pro-life missionaries to the Kettering abortion mill, operated by infamous late term baby killer, Martin Haskell. For four of our missionaries this was their first time ever going to an abortion mill, and I asked them to write down their thoughts on the experience. These missionaries will be all over the United States this summer, but this one moment in Kettering, OH will be a defining moment as they fight to bring an end to abortion.

#### David

There are moments when life reality hits, and if you open your heart, you can't help but to view the World differently. Reality hit me today, as I stood outside of the abortion mill for the first time. I did not feel helpless because I knew that God works if we are faithful, though we cannot always see. I knew that God would work and that he knew every heart there, but I did not know that I would be blessed to see the changing heart of a

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#### Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the August newsletter: July 25.
- Board meeting: August 6, 7 p.m. (no meeting in July).

Clothing center report

In May, 161 clients purchased items, 23 used certificates from classes, 52 received free items, and 8 took literature or were referred to the women's center.

#### Hangers Needed

Thank you to those who responded to our e-mail request for clothing hangers. If you have extra hangers, please drop them off at the RTL office-plastic hangers for children's clothing especially are appreciated.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

# Taking the Pro-Life Message to the Streets



"If we protect what's precious, we protect the preborn. Respect all human life."

That was the message sent to parade watchers at the Botkins Carousel, the Versailles Poultry Days, and the Anna Homecoming this summer.

The Right to Life float featured an eagle quarding its nest of newly hatched "eaglets"—who some of our members' children sitting inside cracked eggs in a nest of branches—with the message

above posted on the sidewalls. The float evoked our society's concern for wildlife, which is sometimes disproportionate to our lack of concern for human life. One example is federal protection for eagle eggs, while it is legal to take the life of an unborn human child.

The float won first-place and a cash prize in the Organizations category at the Botkins Carousel parade, as well as the Senior Civic Award at the Poultry Days parade.

Thank you to volunteers Jenni Bohman, Sanna and David Aikin, Alana and Zanthia Hill, Carol and Steve Dircksen, Gloria Schmiesing, and to all those who assisted with the float this year.

### Exceptional Pro-Life Conference Coming Up in Dayton

The 10th annual LifeTech Conference: Current Perspectives on Pro-Life Science, Technology, and Bioethics will be held September 7, 2013. The conference always presents an excellent lineup of speakers and this year is no exception. Confirmed speakers include: Joshua Danis, Family & Respect Life Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; Dr. Ashley Fernandes of the Wright State School of Medicine; Maureen McDaniel of the Ohio Medical Ultrasound Society; and well-known author Michael Rose.

The event takes place 9am to 4pm, September 7, at the Hope Hotel, Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The registration fee is \$50 or \$25 for students and includes lunch. To register or for more information: LifeTechConference.org; info@LifeTechConference.org; or 937-849-9140.

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woman who was fighting the decision to abort. Upon our arrival, we heard that there was a mother who had come to get an abortion, but could not bring herself to walk into the mill. As I walked out to the roadway with a sign that said Choose Life, I realized that she was still sitting in her car. At that instant, I realized that there was a battle raging in that Mother's heart. I couldn't help but to ask myself, "What if during her spiritual battle no one was there to pray for her?"

As of today, I hope that I never try to justify not fighting abortion head on. Once I realized that there is a place of spiritual death encouraging the physical death of our unborn, how can I do anything other than make a stand for life? As I held up my sign and thought of that Mother, I was moved with compassion and I began to pray for her. How great is it that through the power of Christ, she was counseled by a fellow believer and chose life.

How much value can our days have if we don't stand and fight the murder of the most defenseless among us? I am beginning to understand as a Christian, that if I am not being persecuted for showing the love of Christ, then my outreach probably does not extend outside of the Church building. I have now learned that if we stand for Christ we will have enemies, but that should be expected when you represent a Kingdom not of this World. I have no regrets, for there is no greater purpose than to be grounded in Christ. Though the World has waves, I stand firm in him. Praise God.

#### **AmberLee**

Going to the Kettering abortion mill today was extremely difficult for me. I expected to feel sad and mournful; however what I did not expect was to feel helpless. Minute after minute I saw more and more women in their cars pull into the parking lot, and no matter how much I wanted to run up to them and help them, I could not because of certain trespassing laws. It was like watching sheep being led to a slaughter, and all I could do was watch from the sidelines. The entire time I was there my heart felt like it was being crushed because the only thing I could think of was those tiny, innocent babies being murdered, and the women who would forever be emotionally destroyed. Somehow, my fervor and excitement to simply hold my "choose life" sign in protest, that was there just hours before, was almost completely gone. I not only felt helpless, but hopeless as well.

Until I heard that today a young woman had decided against an abortion, and had driven away from the Kettering mill. Suddenly, everything was put back into perspective. All of the teams' prayers, sign holding, and hoping was not done in vain. A baby, an innocent human life, was saved today, and it reminded me that even if it is only one child today, or one child this month or this year, everything done to save that life is and always will be worth it.

So, even though today was incredibly emotionally taxing, it ended up being such a beautiful experience. It showed me how important each and every pro-life action and event is. Even when it seems like you are not making a difference, someone, somewhere is being impacted by your message.

Please continue to pray for our Stand True Pro-life Mission team as we shine the light of truth in the darkness of the abortion culture this summer.

By Bryan Kemper, LifeNews.com, June 6, 2013. Edited for space.

#### July Prayer Intention

"We must never grow accustomed to evil. Never give way to discouragement" (Pope Francis' homily on Palm Sunday). Please continue to pray for the success of all our RTL activities, especially the Fair Booth this month. Please continue to pray for our membership drive and share this newsletter with at least one other person this month. Our membership is growing. Thank you!



# Sixty Abortion Clinic Workers Have Quit in the Last Year

What an absolutely incredible first year it has been for And Then There Were None! We are truly in awe about how God has used our ministry to do some incredible things. When we first launched our ministry in June 2012, we estimated that we would hear from about ten abortion clinic workers each year. Boy, did God have other things in store! We never imagined that we would be hearing from current and former abortionists. We also weren't expecting that within the first few months, we would have thirty abortion workers leave the industry and come through ATTWN!!

That's just the beginning, though... Sixty workers have come through ATTWN this year.

At one point, abortion clinic workers were contacting us almost weekly. We have now helped SIXTY abortion clinic workers from all over the country escape from the abortion industry. They have come from Texas, Georgia, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Florida, Oklahoma, Colorado, California, and Iowa. We had six abortion clinic workers leave from one clinic in Atlanta, and four clinic workers leave from a clinic in Houston.

An abortion clinic has shut down forever. We got an awesome Christmas surprise in December. After months of work, a former abortion clinic worker in Michigan who came through ATTWN had successfully helped shut down the very facility where she used to work!! Women's Medical Services in Muskegon, Michigan was permanently closed down.

Many who come through ATTWN want to go public with their stories, and we have a legal team ready and willing to help them do that. Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry will do everything they can to try and keep them quiet. Back in March, we shared part of Ann's story... she anonymously sent an ATTWN flier into the clinic where she used to work. No return address or anything. But, just days later, Ann received a threatening letter from Planned Parenthood that said "[PP workers] feel your communication is intimidating and harassing and they want it to stop... You do not have license to harass your former co-workers, either at work or in their homes, or to provide information to others that allows them to engage in harassing behavior. IF THIS BEHAVIOR CONTINUES, PLANNED PARENTHOOD, ON BEHALF OF ITS EMPLOYEES, WILL PURSUE ALL AVAILABLE LEGAL REMEDIES." Wow!! If that isn't indicative of the paranoia Planned Parenthood is feeling, nothing is. We're not going to stop though, and neither is Ann!

Former clinic workers are going public. Angie is another former Planned Parenthood employee who came through ATTWN a while back. One day, a young woman came in to her Planned Parenthood clinic, 20 weeks pregnant and bleeding. Angie examined her, listened with the monitor for the baby's heartbeat, and realized it wasn't beating. Angie sent the woman to the emergency room where they found that the baby had died. A few days later, Planned Parenthood's supervising Nurse Practitioner came to Angie's office inquiring why she had used a fetal heart Doppler to allow the patient to hear her baby's heartbeat. When Angie said it was part of the routine prenatal exam, she said "not at Planned Parenthood it isn't!" and asked Angie why she did not send her to Dallas for an abortion. Angie said, "You would have done a sonogram and told her that her baby was dead," and the nurse practitioner responded, "No we wouldn't have. By the time we do the sonogram, she has already signed consent for the abortion. We don't tell them if it is dead or alive, or twins, or triplets." At that point, Angie decided she could no longer work for Planned Parenthood.

Deborah worked in the abortion industry for seventeen years before her pro-life conversion. She came through ATTWN not long after we launched. Since then, she has written about her experiences in the abortion clinic where she worked and has gone on the Huckabee show with me to talk about her time at the clinic as well. She is one of three former workers from a Houston clinic who are going after their former employer, abortionist Douglas Karpen, for committing illegal late-term abortions and killing babies after they were born alive after an abortion, which is routine for his clinic. Continued on page 4



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In April, ATTWN launched an event that has never taken place before: 'National Leave the Abortion Industry Day,' which we named Exodus2013, took place on April 8. Because of this initiative, FIVE clinic workers decided to leave and contact us.

Planned Parenthood actually did a fantastic job of advertising the event for us. Some affiliates sent out emails to their employees to "warn" them about Exodus2013, which they called an "intimidation technique." Then, some of their staff members sent ATTWN the emails they received from Planned Parenthood!!

We had our first-ever ATTWN abortion worker healing retreat. Five former abortion clinic workers attended a healing retreat the last weekend in May. Father Frank Pavone and Father Terry Gensemer led the retreat and helped the former clinic workers open up about their pasts in the industry, work through the memories of seeing babies born alive then killed after a failed abortion, and piecing babies back together after procedures. All five began an intense healing journey and now have big goals for their futures.

The month of May has been very busy for ATTWN. Our 60th worker has come through the ministry, and we were contacted by seven clinic workers in a one-week period. For a year, only ATTWN's operations director and I ran the ministry on a volunteer basis. We realized it was time to add some new people to the ATTWN team. We are thrilled to have our friends Karen, Lindsey, and Briana on board as client managers for ATTWN!

We are hoping to have someone outside every abortion clinic in the country wearing one of our shirts! We want these workers to know that there is a safe place for them to go.

By Abby Johnson, LifeNews.com, June 10, 2013. Edited for space. For more information about the people and events in this story, see www.attwn.org.