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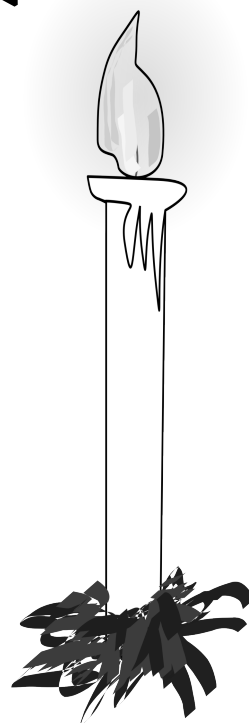
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Saturday, Jan 22, 2011
6:00 P.M.

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Symbols - A Pro-Life Revolution

By: Brian Alexander

Tiny hands, tiny feet. Purity rings and bracelets. T-shirts with a pro-life message. All these things are just outward symbols of what has thankfully been a growing resurgence of Godly thinking, and a new pro-life generation.

We have been witness to this for a while now, and the trend has been gaining strength, but our most powerful evidence to date comes from the Pro-Life Mississippi booth at the 2010 State Fair.

Most carnivals are very transient things, moving from town to town all across the country, and this one is no different. In fact, I'd venture to say this one may stretch a bit further afield, as I'd heard workers speaking in accents and languages that covered not only North America, but the rest of the world as well.

It was no surprise to me when one of the carnies came to our booth and picked out a set of Precious Feet. Nor was it a shock when he told his friends about us and they came asking about these tiny hands and feet, carefully modeled after those of a 10 to 12 week unborn child. It

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wasn't even really surprising to me that some of them wanted more than one set.

What caught my attention was the sheer number of carnival workers who would stop by on their breaks to get them, and not just as a keepsake of their short time in Jackson, but I would see these precious symbols proudly pinned to their name badge or lanyard. Sometimes they would have other pins there, but the hands and feet were always set apart. Special.

Maybe I just didn't notice when they were mixed in with other pins, but by the end of the fair it was hard to find a carnival worker without them.

It wasn't just a piece of jewelry to them, either. You can't travel the country week after week, month after

month, working with the same group of people and not become sort of like family. I don't know where it started or how, but this large and dedicated, though loosely related family knew what it meant to proudly wear this tiny symbol for the world to see.

It does my heart good to know those Precious Hands and Feet will be worn unashamedly at carnivals all across the country, and perhaps the world. Something tells me if someone should ever ask what they are for and what they mean that the truth about America's holocaust will be spread just a little further, one person at a time.

But the story doesn't stop there. You see, this year, for the first time, Pro-Life Mississippi also had Purity Jewelry at the fair. As the proud father of an 11 year old son and a 3 year old daughter this is something that has become near and dear to everyone in my home.

Purity and abstinence are becoming much more accepted among some teens these days, but it is still a difficult subject to discuss. With so many wrong messages being pushed on our kids, we need to take every opportunity to introduce them to some good ones.

It's just a small necklace, or maybe a bracelet, and its etched with 3 simple words, "Worth Waiting For". It really doesn't take much to start a conversation, and it was my blessing to have "The Purity Discussion" with large numbers of the next generation. Most of the purity jewelry was gone well before the end of the fair and it was heartwarming to see the range of people who wanted something more out of their relationships and their life.

There was a 26 year old carnival worker who got the better of my curiosity when she asked for a necklace. "Do you know what these mean? It's usually the teens and tweens wanting them." She knew.

Then there was the young girl who kept

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Corner

By: Dr. Beverly McMillan

The Advent season in some ways reminds me of the pro-life movement in Mississippi.

During the first Advent, Israel was anxiously awaiting the appearance of their long-promised Messiah, especially as they groaned under the heel of Roman occupation of their homeland. This anticipation reached a fever pitch when John the Baptist materialized on the banks of the Jordan River, proclaiming the arrival of the Christ, the Lamb of God. How surprised Israel was when Jesus revealed Himself as Lord, not of an earthly realm, but of a heavenly kingdom! This was NOT how the Pharisees and Sadduces and Zealots had envisioned their Savior at all. They had much more political and materialistic expectations that would feed their self advancement and egos.

We in the pro-life movement also wait anxiously for deliverance from legalized abortion and the oppression

of the Culture of Death. We see ourselves breathlessly close to shutting down the sole surviving abortion mill in our state. We are experiencing elation in the aftermath of midterm national elections that will send many more conservative, life-affirming Representatives and Senators to our Congress. We read polls showing for the first time a majority of Americans, especially the young, considering themselves pro-life. Surely, a pro-life victory is near!

But I think, like the Israelites, we may be quite surprised with how God accomplishes our deliverance. Our God has said, "My glory I shall not give to another." I don't think He will give the glory for re-establishing a culture of life in America to the Tea Party (although He may use it), or to the Supreme Court (although He may use it), or even to Pro-Life Mississippi (although I pray He will use it). No, I suspect He will surprise us, humble us, amaze us with how He brings His peaceable kingdom to come.

May we be found watching, praying and working faithfully when it happens. And it will. Amen. ➡

Cry Of The Fatherless

Personhood Mississippi along with Together for Adoption and Psalm 2:12 will be sponsoring a conference on Abortion, Adoption, and the crisis of Fatherlessness at Belhaven University in Jackson, MS, January 21 - 22nd, 2011. For more information and to pre-register go to: <http://www.cryofthefatherless.org/>

Speakers will be discussing how the Gospel applies to all of life and how it is the solution to what ails our society, and will include:

- Dan Cruver - Together for Adoption; adoptive father; advocate for Christian orphan care founded upon our adoption in Christ
- Anthony Mathenia- Psalm 2:12; Missionary to Ethiopia & Other nations in Africa; adoptive father of two
- Rebecca Kiessling - Conceived in Rape; abortion survivor; adopted child; adopting mother
- Les Riley - Personhood Mississippi; pro-life activist; adoptive father; orphan care advocate
- Ricardo Davis - Pro-life activist; Constitution Party of Georgia;
- Dr. Tony Merida - Pastor Temple Baptist, Hattiesburg, MS- father of five adoptive children; pastors a church with a vision for Christian adoption and actions to match

For full bios please visit:

http://www.cryofthefatherless.org/?page_id=12

Also, there will be practical information from the speakers and various organizations with booths about:

* Adoption and orphan care (the world has 150 million

orphans: this is a crisis ignored by the church in our generation)

* How to effectively stop abortion & fight social blights like child trafficking

* The crisis of multi-generational fatherlessness (Mississippi is the most religious state in America, yet has one of the highest teen pregnancy & illegitimacy rates: what are the roots & fruits of this crisis in American culture?)

* Why Government is part of the problem and simply passing more laws or electing the right people can't fix things

* A Biblical approach to restoring manhood, rebuilding families & communities ➡

Life Lines: PLM Ministry Update YEAR TO DATE 2010

- Babies Saved: 176 (Confirmed)
- Literature Packets Offered: 3,100
- Office Referrals: 200
- Gift Bags Given to Mothers: 176

PLM would like to extend a very warm thank you to **Stacy Hawsey** whose efforts organizing the recent 40 Days for Life event contributed greatly to these totals.

Meet the Board Member: Judy Batson

My involvement with the pro-life movement began innocently enough. I went to an annual fund raising banquet for Pro-Life Mississippi after hearing about it on the radio. I found the people who attended to be serious Christians, who were really concerned about the plight of unborn babies and the desperate and troubled mothers who often turned to abortion in their distress. I wanted to become involved in some way, too.

I decided to sponsor a table at the next banquet and invite other people to come and to learn. With my friends Harriet and Bill Ashley, I began helping to man Pro-Life Mississippi's booth at the State Fair each year and attending the Candlelight Vigil at the State Capitol. I felt involved and comfortable.

But about three years ago I was asked to participate in Mississippi's first 40 Days for Life event. This would involve actually going to the abortion clinic and praying. I never envisioned myself as one of those "sidewalk counselors", bravely approaching abortion-bound women in front of the doors of Mississippi's last abortion mill, offering literature and love, but often experiencing rebuffs, rejection, or scorn. However, I knew I could come and pray, and I did. There, I met many of the "regular" sidewalk counselors. They sensed my discomfort and said, "Just have a presence here. You don't have to talk to the girls if you don't feel led." So, I would just show up at the clinic when I was not working and had the time to stop by.

After 40 Days for Life ended, I felt a real pull to keep coming to the clinic to pray. One day I said to one of the sidewalk counselors, "I am not sure what to say to these women." He said, "Anything you say will be alright." That is so true! I would always pray to God for the right words to say, and He never failed me.

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pointing them out to her mother. She could have been 9 or younger, and God moved my heart. "I'll give her one if you'll take the time to make sure she understands it."

The hardest conversation, and also the best, was with an articulate young girl who told me outright, "I'm waiting until I get married." She then began talking about a friend who was barely 13 and expecting her first child any day.

We may have lost a large part of the last generation to the glitz of humankind's most basic instinct, and the resulting quick fix of abortion, but we can learn from the past and teach our children better.

Today, I am a "regular" sidewalk counselor. I find that God has enlarged my heart for abortion-bound mothers and their babies. I try to reach the mothers by telling them that abortion hurts them both physically and emotionally. Often these mothers have been deceived into believing that abortion is the best option for her and her child. As I pray and counsel, I have watched God save some of these mothers and babies from the tragedy of abortion. He does literally turn them away from the clinic. I now have my own wonderful stories of how God works in the lives of these troubled women, and I am truly grateful for this door of ministry opened for me.

I like this quote by Terry Gensemer, National Director, Charismatic Episcopal Church for Life, as he reflects on Luke 4:18: "Who is more oppressed than those unborn children whose oppression has been legitimized by their government, their church and even their family and loved ones?" How tragic!

As a relatively new member of the board of Pro-Life Mississippi, I would encourage each of you to pray for God to show you what He wants YOU to do for Life. If you listen and obey, He will show you, as He has shown me, the fruits of your obedience.

God took me out of my comfort zone and compelled me to come to the sidewalk. We need so many people that feel led by the Lord to be on the sidewalk witnessing to the young women. You will only be led if you pray. So pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Pray to discern if YOU are that laborer. If you are so moved, please call Tammy at the office, or come by Mississippi's last abortion clinic whenever you can. Your presence is needed! ➡

It's still not an easy subject to discuss, and Pro-Life Mississippi would like to help. We still have Precious Feet, abstinence jewelry, "Purity Pledge" certificates, and pro-life t-shirts available through our office. We have mountains of pro-life literature and "The first 9 months" development models and displays. Maybe most importantly, we have experienced Christian speakers who would consider it a privilege to meet with your church or youth group.

We've lost enough of our youth to the world. It's time to start teaching kids what Life is really about. Please contact our office at 601-956-8636 or at plm@prolifemississippi.org ➡