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Dear Blessed Subscriber,

We are happy to fulfill our obligation and produce (however scantily) this sixteenth issue. But let not your heart be troubled! Lord willing, we shall resume our customary 12-page format with the March edition. In this short letter, we want to pass some personal information to you.

First of all - the occasion for this letter's tardiness and brevity. Last spring, Michael Bray was contracted by Advocates For Life Ministries to write a book which by God's grace shall soon be published. In the wake of the shooting of abortionists in Pensacola and Wichita, Christians have been abuzz with discussion about the legitimacy of applying lethal force in defense of fetuses (a.k.a. people). All the establishment prolife organizations condemned Michael Griffin (Pensacola) and Shelly Shannon (Wichita) as might have been expected. Additionally "rescue" luminaries like Randall Terry called Griffin's deed "an inappropriate and repulsive act"; and prominent apologists of blockade tactics, like Chuck Colson, declared "Dr. Gunn's murder" to be "a horrid, senseless act." A more thorough examination of the subject was needed in the face of the mindless condemnation of what seemed to be a rational way of following the Operation Rescue dictum: "If you believe abortion is murder, then act like it." And so, we propose A TIME TO KILL (or some such title) to answer the need for such an investigation.

LIFE ADVOCATE took the lead in providing an honest discussion of the subject. Several issues of the monthly were devoted to the publishing pro and con articles. The book will treat the issue of terminating serial child killers. While we incline toward a prochoice position on this subject, we understand that there are many thorny issues in need of examination. Accordingly, we have probed the Scriptures and addressed the issue in the light of historical theology, case law, and church history. We expect you will benefit by this work. Keep in touch with LIFE ADVOCATE for information on obtaining a copy.

Immediately, upon completing the first draft, the Bray's were immersed in the chore of building an addition (inspired by the arrival of twins last spring and the expectation that prevailing mode of divine blessing could result in yet further additions to the present brood of seven). Alas, these events have conspired to prevent the production of the usual mini-magazine. But we shall overcome in March.

In other personal news, we would report the following on our church. We celebrate this spring our tenth anniversary. Your editors, Michael Bray and Michael Colvin, are co-pastors of Reformation Lutheran Church. We are a small church of ten families including a few singles. Our origins harken back to the merging process of the three major Lutheran denominations a decade ago. Michael Bray was an assistant to the pastor of an American Lutheran Church congregation where he took issue with the low view Scripture being espoused by the denomination's theologians. (Member churches in the newly formed denomination of 6 million people have recently been in the news following ordination of homosexual pastors.) The ensuing conflict resulted in a local church split and the establishment of a new local church, Reformation Lutheran, in Bowie, Maryland in 1984. Pastor Michael Bray holds an M.A. from Denver Seminary. Pastor Michael Colvin has a Ph.D. in classical studies from Indiana University.

One notorious member among us is Clifford (Kip) Gannett, Esq., the Director of Project Rescue and the object of many federal injunctions. Kip has been responsible for organizing most all the blockades of abortuaries in the D.C. vicinity (including those called by Operation Rescue) since 1987.

Please be not dismayed by the repetition of "Lutheran" above! We are not primarily interested in promoting the distinctives of Lutheranism. Rather, we simply give you a brief history so you are more informed about the authors whose publication you are regularly reading. We give glory to God for His church - God's community of believers - of which we are a part. Were it not for the Lord, who draws His people together for His purposes, there would be no church, no "pillar of truth" (1 Tim. 3:15), from which publications like CACN could proceed. From the beginning CACN has been subsidized substantially by our church. To God be the glory. Indeed, He is glorified in His church (df. Eph. 3:21). And may He continue to be glorified by the churches throughout the land which continue to proclaim the true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and the salvation which comes through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

LOCAL REPORTS

Approaching the auspicious 22nd of January with due disrespects, a band of Northern Virginian Christians visited an abortuary known as Capitol Women's Center in D.C. Seven were arrested in blockade activity while fifty attended, offering prayers and support outside the death camp.

One week later three additional facilities were visited in D.C. At two of the houses of horror, Christians blocked doors resulting in the sparing of at least two lives. Most participants in these events were college students from the national CALL (Collegians Activated to Liberate Life). At New Summit (16th and Euclid) 20 were arrested including three juveniles. Abortionist Gideon Kioko was a target of special interest. While committing legal abortions in Maryland, three of his patients died, including Suzanne Logan, whose case was highly publicized following a successful multi-million dollar suit against the abortionist. Kioko had moved his trade to D.C. after surrendering his license to slaughter children in Maryland. In D.C. he trades primarily in Black and Hispanic flesh.

Soon after visiting Kioko, another group of CALL members plus a contingent of local Maryland and Virginia rescuers blocked Washington Surgi-clinic. 53 were arrested while another 100 were present in support and prayer.

The Murder Capital of the world had its police force deployed to ensure that the murders could continue. 577 officers were sent out to protect a dozen abortuaries.

THE 'BORTS AND THE COURTS

On January 24th, the Supreme Court decided that Christians resisting abortion could be charged as common racketeers under the RICO statutes. RICO was putatively designed to stop gangsters from doing "business." But it has become another tool of tyranny in the hands of an already power-drunk federal government. Criticisms of this legislation from the outset have proven to be accurate. This sloppy statute has now been placed in the hands of the abortion lovers of America who can wield it as a curmudgeon against Christians (it is no one but Christians who are resisting abortion and subjected to government wrath). The statute has been applied in two decades to apprehend all kinds of Mafiosi, who could not otherwise have been prosecuted, by entangling them in the "conspiracy" aspect of the law. Those who plan to interfere with the "business" of abortion by means of some "enterprise" shall be sued as "conspirators."

In consequence one can expect that those who hate murder and desire to stop it will be left fewer choices by the prochoice forces. The covert and forceful methods will be employed more liberally in the future, we predict. One decade ago, the number of arsons and bombings was at the highest level of any year. 1994 may be the Year of the Match, thanks to RICO.

COMMENDATIONS

Martin Wishnatsky, a Lamb who had spent many months in the Fargo jail, has offered himself as a candidate for mayor for the North Dakota town which had imprisoned him. A Jew converted to Christ (a pedigreed sufferer even by the left's standards, whose relatives died in the Nazi holocaust), Wishnatsky is devout in his quest to close the state's only abortuary. He is quoted in a local paper as saying, "I want to close it as a public nuisance, the same as if there were an open and notorious house of prostitution operating,"

If Christian government is to be re-established in this land, it will not be accomplished on the national level. But whether it be a hamlet, a town, a city, or a county; let the Law of God be established somewhere! We commend Martin Wishnatsky to you. Contributions to his campaign may be sent to:

GOOD MORALS, P.O. BOX 413, FARGO, ND 58107

We would mention to you a few organizations which are worthy of support. You have all heard of Missionaries to the Preborn in Milwaukee. Matt Trehwella, the local church pastor who founded the organization along with Joseph Foreman, has demonstrated the importance of grounding local antiabortion action in the local church. The work of the Missionaries in Milwaukee ought to be emulated in every town by the local churches. Five of eight abortuaries were shut down within the first two years of their labors.

Missionaries To The Preborn, POB 25204, Milwaukee, WI 53225, 414-462-3399, Fax: 414-462-3673

Another organization which has been one of the few voices raised in defense of those who used lethal force in defense of the preborn is Paul Hill's Defensive Action in Florida. Paul has appeared on the Donahue Show as well as Ted Koppel's Night Line defending those who forcefully defend of the smallest of human beings. Paul is in the process of garnering pastors, local prolife leaders, and theologians (and even lawyers) to sign a statement declaring the truth: if innocent human beings may be defended forcefully, the preborn may also be so defended.

Defensive Action offers no strategy or plans for terminating perpetrators of abortion. Its purpose is to affirm a consistent proclamation of the humanity of the preborn. Its function is educational. Defensive Action serves an important role in the proclamation of the truth in this movement.

DEFENSIVE ACTION, POB 2243, PENSACOLA, FL 32513-3342, 900-478-0800

Finally, we commend to you Andrew Burnett's LIFE ADVOCATE. There is no periodical more significant in this movement than this monthly. The written word is the means chosen by God to reveal the Truth to mankind. It is a powerful medium of communication, persuasion, and inspiration. So it is also with the truth concerning abortion and any other crucial issue of any time. In our time, the crucial issue is abortion because in it inheres a fundamental question: Are human beings created in the image of God? And by proclaiming the truth in this arena, we are re-stating in relevant terms the fact that there is a God. We are being faithful to declare the gospel truth in the realm in which the debate is being argued in our own generation. What is humanity? And what has God to do with it? He who denies the dignity of man, denies the dignity of the Creator in whose image man is made.

The viability of LIFE ADVOCATE is crucial to the maintenance of antiabortion activism in this country - even the world. The content and the style of this magazine is unsurpassed. It provides information found in no other publication and serves to inform and encourage God's people to continue in the struggle for this hour.

Those of you who received a December issue of LIFE ADVOCATE were informed of the dire financial condition of the ministry. It must be understood that the subscription base to sustain this magazine does not yet exist. Its viability is dependent upon donations from all of us who recognize its value. The world does not sustain the proclamation of the truth by the Church. Rather, it is the self-sustained church which makes the proclamation. The ministry of LIFE ADVOCATE is really a ministry of God and ought to be sustained by His people. If your church will not support it, please do it yourself until you can get your church to put Life Advocate on the budget.

LIFE ADVOCATE, P.O. BOX 13656, PORTLAND, OR 97213.

CONGRATULATIONS

JOSHUA DAVID GRAFF

The nineteen-year-old Christian from Louisiana was charged with the demolition of a Houston abortuary in October. He is suspected to have performed 60 other such services across the land. An impressive feat, indeed. Whether or not Joshua has been accurately credited with these deeds, we pray for God's blessing as he endures unjust imprisonment.

JOSHUA DAVID GRAFF, SPN 01349088, CELL 6B-2, 701 N. SAN JACINTO, HOUSTON, TX 77002

ALAN MORLEY

Fifty-year old Alan Morley of Denver was arrested in September in connection with a butyric acid attack upon a local abortuary, shutting the chambers down for a few days. If Alan is accurately credited, it appears he is lacking a criminal mind. His car, bespeckled with sundry anti-abortion bumper stickers was discovered parked outside the abortuary hours after the salvific event occurred.

ALAN MORLEY, 3705 QUAIL #5, WHEATRIDGE, CO 80033.

It is hard, indeed, for Christians to behave as the outlaws we are fast becoming. But, indeed, with law having been perverted and become evil, we have been cast out of our customary role of good citizenship. We must grow accustomed to being regarded as outlaws, even as the early Christians were deemed to be atheists (for rejecting the false gods) and ignoble non-patriots for refusing to join the military service (because of its requirement that soldiers do obeisance before the apotheosized emperor). And in the new role, until the scourge of wicked government is passed, we must be wise as serpents.

Until March, may God bless you and keep you. May He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Michael Bray

Michael Colvin