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A WORD FROM ROBIN ROSS

Executive Director

Proverbs 31:8a says "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." Surely we must do this for our unborn and little ones. May we be strong advocates and follow this admonition.

Did you know currently U.S. federal law provides greater protection against pain for animals than for unborn children?

The Humane Slaughter Act of 1958 outlines guidelines for humane killing of animals yet there are no federal safeguards available to unborn children killed by abortionists.

Urge Congress to pass the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act. This bill requires abortion providers to share the fact of fetal pain with those women considering abortion at 20 weeks or more. It also calls for them to provide anesthesia for the unborn child prior to the abortion. The fine for failure to comply is up to \$250,000 and the possible loss of their medical license.

A WORD FROM JEFF REMINGTON

Assistant Executive Director

The Board of Trustees of Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania met on May 21, 2005 and on September 24, 2005. A synopsis of the items covered at these two meetings follows:

- Approved a 2005-2006 budget:
 - ✓ Administration: \$ 25.00
 ✓ Public Relations: 250.00
 ✓ Postage: 125.00
 ✓ Travel Expenses: 200.00
 ✓ TOTAL: \$600.00
- ➤ Membership: 2004-2005 membership was 54 members. Five new memberships were received last year.
- ➤ Getting out our message: We continue to seek ways of getting out the message of Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania. We are looking into the following means to raise awareness of our mission:
 - ✓ Participation in the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Convention.
 - ✓ A peaceful protest outside of the Pennsylvania State Education Association building in Harrisburg, PA.

- ✓ Encourage more members of Teachers Saving Children® of Pennsylvania to run as state delegates to the National Education Association Representative Assembly. The candidacy applications can be found in the Pennsylvania State Education Association newsletter that is distributed annually in September.
- ✓ Robin Ross will display information about Teachers Saving Children[®] of Pennsylvania at an upcoming local ministry day.
- ✓ We approved the disbursement of \$500 to help fund the Teachers Saving Children® national exhibit at the 2005 NEA Expo in Los Angeles, CA.
- ✓ We will print more brochures to help get out our message.
- Nomination and election of officers:
 - ✓ Executive Director: Robin Ross
 - ✓ Assistant Executive Director: Jeff Remington
 - ✓ Secretary: Vacant at this time
 - ✓ Treasurer: Linda Burroughs
- ➤ Nomination of PA Board of Trustees Representative to Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees: Robin Ross.
- ➤ Approved the 2004-2005 Fiscal Report

Balance - September 1, 2004 \$1490.25

Receipts:		
Contributions:	\$310.51	
Memberships:		
2004-2005	344.00	
2005-2006	532.00	
Interest	5.82	1192.33
Disbursements:		
Administrative	\$334.82	
Postage	53.14	
Public Relations	725.00	
Accounting Fees	265.00	
Travel	326.15	
Telephone	25.00	
Legal (Dept of State)	70.00	1799.11
Balance - August 31, 2005		\$883.47



MY LONG JOURNEY HOME by Kathryn Kline

This is a story of a woman who stumbled and fell, was graciously picked up again, and given new life with meaning.

Life for this woman began rather normally with a fairly happy home life as the eldest of three children in a small village. Her social and scholastic life was satisfactory, but her father was more concerned with his work and other interests than he was with her.

The first major crisis in this young girl's life came at age eight. Her father announced that the very next day the family was moving to a new home in another country. When the girl broke down and cried, her father laughed at her. In the new school, she did not fit in well, and felt like an outsider. She turned to books for companionship. At home, her father put her down, and others did the same. She felt unloved and insecure, and withdrew into her own dream world.

Going from a one-room country school to the town high school was another traumatic experience. A bright spot occurred, however, when a classmate asked permission to take her to sports events. After she had dated him a few times, her father told his 16-year-old daughter that she did not need to ask his permission to date, for she was old enough to take care of herself! A secure relationship grew between the girl and her new boyfriend and continued through the final two years of high school. However, after high school this relationship ended, creating another crisis in her life.

A few months after beginning college, a young man from the church youth group asked the girl out on a date. She had no intention of developing a serious relationship with him. Unfortunately, the girl became a victim of date rape.

Her father objected to her dating this man. One Sunday morning, the situation between the girl and her father came to a head in a fierce confrontation. The father tampered with the girl's car, making it inoperable. When she started walking to church, he came after her, beat her in the face, and dragged her back to the house. The next day, the girl consulted with two different lawyers, and moved into a rooming house in town. She feared her father, but felt obligated to marry the man who had violated her.

The situation worsened when the girl became pregnant. Her boyfriend's mother knew of a doctor who performed abortions, and made arrangements for an abortion when other methods to abort failed. The third crisis for this girl, the abortion, was life threatening. The abortion took place on her 21st birthday in the back room of a doctor's office late one night.

At first the girl was relieved, thinking that everything would now be all right. However, that relationship also ended. The girl experienced psychological numbing, guilt, depression and thoughts of suicide – now known as Post-Abortion Trauma. She vowed that there would never be another relationship to break

The girl prayed for God to straighten out her life, promising she would do whatever He asked. She thought she was a Christian, but she was futilely trying to live a Christian life in her own strength. Like Christian in *Pilgrim's Progress*, she had a burden too heavy to bear alone. She eventually came to the realization that Jesus loved her so much that He died on the cross for her sins. Although the Lord had forgiven and cleansed this young woman, she had difficulty forgiving herself. It was not until she studied Christian Doctrine in Bible school that she accepted the full forgiveness the Lord provided.

Hearing the story of five martyred missionaries in Ecuador, she committed her life to taking the Gospel to wherever God directed.

The young lady attended a Bible school in Canada. She then applied to a mission board. The board asked her to take nurses' training because she would be sent to a primitive mission field. During her studies, she met the man of her dreams. They married and went together to the mission field.

After nearly four years of marriage and experiencing infertility, the girl again suffered feelings of guilt. Following treatment, however, the Lord granted the couple a beautiful daughter, and seven years later a second daughter.

On furlough, this now-mature missionary woman attended a Basic Youth Conflicts seminar, at which time she learned how to deal with bitterness she had towards her family, enabling her to ask them for their forgiveness.

Even as the Lord was working *through* this missionary, He was working *in* her life. In more recent years while attending a church service where a drama on the aftermath of abortion was presented, this woman faced the fact that she aborted her baby and had never reconciled with her child. By attending a post-abortion counseling Bible study and working through the guilt, anger, pain, and grief caused by the abortion, she finally experienced healing.

Editor's Note: This story has been published with permission by the author. Kathryn Kline and her husband Paul currently serve in Athens Greece with Hellenic Ministries on loan from World Team.

PA HB 864

First Democratic Whip State Representative Mike Veon (Beaver County) and a group of other lawmakers have announced a call for the legalization and taxpayer funding in Pennsylvania of cloning human embryos and destroying them for experimental stem cell research. This would have the effect of repealing the ban on fetal experimentation in Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act! If you want to do

something to preserve these youngest lives among us, consider contacting your state representative and state senator. Urge them to oppose attempts to legalize and fund unethical research on human embryos and to pass a law to ban human cloning in Pennsylvania. You can also request the easy-to-understand booklet, *Stem Cell Research, Cloning & Human Embryos*, by contacting The Pennsylvania Family Institute, 23 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101, or by telephoning 717-545-0600. (From the *Pennsylvania Citizen*, September/October 2005.)



UKRAINE REPORT By Robin Ross

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for my husband and me as we traveled to and ministered in the Ukraine.

We lived and worked at a camp along the Black Sea. It was a former Communist Pioneer Youth camp. Now it is being restored for the Odessa region boys and girls.

We were able to visit two church run orphanages and see former homeless street children now loved and cared for and given hope for a much better life. Also there is a hospital a few on our team visited to see unwanted babies being cared for by loving hands and hearts.

Many of these children are left homeless because their parents die of alcoholism or drug use. Without this Christian love in action these children too would be alcoholics, drug addicts, or worse living in filthy abandoned buildings and cars.

What a joy to have a part in their future and to help provide a place of fun, relaxation, and Christian teaching in a camp along the beautiful Black Sea. Every year we visit we leave more of our heart there; we have already committed to a trip in June 2006!!



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership for 2005-2006. May I urge the hundreds of you receiving this newsletter who have not joined us to please consider sending in your membership monies as soon as possible. We appreciate your interest, but we are in desperate need of operating funds. Also, please consider sending a special donation to help us at this time. Memberships should be sent to the National Office (PO Box 125, Damascus OH 44619).

Special year-end gifts should be sent to Teachers Saving Children® of PA at the Pen Argyl PA address.

Reminder: Teachers Saving Children[®] membership is open to all pro-life, pro-family educators and concerned citizens. Membership forms and information can be obtained through the website www.teacherssavingchildren.org. Please consider joining (or renewing your membership in) Teachers Saving Children[®], "A Voice for LIFE in Education," an organization that educates about the sanctity of life. Annual dues are \$25.00, which includes membership in both the Pennsylvania Chapter and Teachers Saving Children[®] National. A reduced rate of \$10.00 applies to retirees and college students. Husband and wife may join under the same membership.

You can receive additional information or brochures about Teachers Saving Children[®] of PA by contacting Robin Ross, Executive Director, at 717-292-2021 or by e-mailing her at bilskto@aol.com.

PRAYER CALENDAR

SUNDAY: Psalm 139:14. Praise God that each baby is "fearfully and wonderfully made."

MONDAY: Pray that all unborn children will be born and not aborted.

TUESDAY: Pray for your local crisis pregnancy center. Pray for those they counsel to choose life.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for Teachers Saving Children[®] of PA and each teacher to be a voice for life in education.

THURSDAY: Psalm 82:3-4. "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." Pray for strength and courage to do this.

FRIDAY: Pray for the overturning of Roe v Wade.

SATURDAY: Pray for all elected officials, especially our Congress and President, and pray for our Supreme Court. Ask the Lord to give them a heart to protect the unborn.

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If you have questions regarding Teachers Saving Children[®] of PA, Inc., please feel free to call the board member that lives nearest to your area.

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FOR NOW AND FOREVER By Mart De Haan

Cold terror gripped the heart of a soldier as mortar rounds whistled overhead, rifles cracked, and the enemy closed in. Suddenly he felt ripping pains as a bullet tore into his chest and arm. Yet it wasn't the end for this soldier. According to an article in *The New York Times*, the bullet was slowed by a New Testament he was carrying in his shirt pocket. Years later, the young man still treasured the bloodstained book with the ragged hole through the middle. He believes it saved his life.

This is a nice story, but it says nothing about the life-saving spiritual help the Bible was designed to give. In Ezekiel 33, we read that the ancient Israelites used the words of the prophets to make them feel good but not to change their lives. They misused God's promises to Abraham to support their own claim to the land (verse 24). They found pleasure in listening to the words of the prophet (verse 30), yet the Lord said to Ezekiel, "They hear your words, but they do not do them" (verse 31). The result? They came under divine judgment.

Then, as now, God's Word is not to be cherished as a good-luck charm or to soothe the mind by bringing temporary relief from anxiety. It was given to be obeyed so that its help would not be only for this life – but forever. We don't really know the Bible until we obey the Bible. (From *Our Daily Bread*, March-May, 2005.)

Happy Thanksgiving

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Merry Christmas

And a

Happy & Blessed New Year

From the PA Board of Trustees

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