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THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." -Matthew 5:14-16

Have you ever had an interruption in your life which forced you to wait? And how did you respond to that interruption?

Recently I had an interruption in my life which forced me to wait for 26 hours. My pastor often reminds his congregation that we need to look at interruptions as opportunities that the Lord brings into our lives. So, as I took the opportunity to respond with grace and patience, the Lord used that interruption to minister to people who needed to see the Gospel in everyday life.

For many years, my local church has sponsored a bus to the annual March for Life. I have served as the hostess of this annual adventure since 1993. This year, as every year, I closely watch the weather reports so that wise decisions can be made regarding the trip. As threats of a blizzard across the east coast were being predicted, I took the time this year to speak with the bus company about 18 hours before we left for Washington DC. Even an hour before our departure, I was consulting other adults who were participating in the trip. It was decided to go as planned and adjustments were made so that we would leave Washington DC as early as possible after the March and hopefully evade the storm.

Despite the threat of a major snowstorm, there were still thousands who participated as a voice for the unborn. The rally started at noon and lasted about an hour with the march up Constitution Avenue starting about 1 pm. Light snow started to fall during the march. Once we reached the Supreme Court and the conclusion of the march, we took the subway to meet our bus at Shady Grove. We reached our bus safely as the snow began to fall even more. About an hour outside of Washington DC, we stopped for dinner and then continued our trip westward to Ohio.

The storm that was supposed to go east instead travelled north through central Pennsylvania and at 10:15 PM Friday evening we joined the line of buses, semi-trucks, and cars that were stranded on the Pennsylvania Turnpike between Bedford and the Alleghany Tunnel. There had been an accident at the entrance to the Alleghany Tunnel. Over 50 buses were stranded in this 8 mile stretch; the majority of which were buses returning from the March for Life event.

On Saturday we woke up to the realization that it would be hours before we would be given permission by the authorities to move. We began our morning with words of praise and thanksgiving to God for His protection and provision. With cell phones fully charged, we were able to text and call friends and family back home to confirm our safety in the midst of being stranded. These friends and family members prayed for us and God answered in a mighty way. A spirit of peace and a sense of adventure descended upon our entire group of 27 individuals as we sought to see God's purpose in what was happening to us.

Eventually, the National Guard was called. They cleared a path on the shoulder and made it a priority to dig out cars first. Over a dozen of the young adults and teens on our bus sprang into action and with the help of an "angel" with a four-wheel drive pick-up truck, they travelled 2 miles west and then 2 miles east to dig out a path for over 20 vehicles that were surrounded by snow around 2 feet high. In addition, these young adults and teens witnessed to many of the stranded motorists by sharing the Gospel with them.

And then very late Saturday evening when it became evident that it would soon be our turn to move out, one of our young ladies prayed for our bus driver. She thanked the Lord for our driver's skill in protecting us both in his driving and while we were stranded. Our driver was moved to tears and said how he was impressed by the fact that he did not hear one word of complaint from our entire group.

At 12:15 AM Sunday morning, the authorities gave us permission to move westward and then about 2 miles down the road we were directed to turn eastward back to Bedford. In Bedford, we met our relief bus driver who then drove us back to Ohio. We arrived safely back home at 6:45 AM Sunday morning with praises and thanksgiving for a safe trip that no one would have planned any differently.

An interruption? No, rather an opportunity to serve and exemplify the love of Jesus. That is what being pro-life is really all about!

WALK FOR LIFE: WEST COAST

By Frank Ebiner

Walk for Life West Coast was held on Saturday, January 23, 2016, in San Francisco. The weather, with rain and wind in the morning, was certainly better than the East Coast blizzard conditions as tens of thousands of men, women, and children of all ages gathered at the San Francisco Civic Center in support of the sanctity and dignity of every human life. Forty-eight pro-life groups, ministries, and organizations from all over the United States were set up under two large outdoor tents at the Civic Center for the Walk for Life Info Faire. Here, eager Walk for Life participants arrived to chat and engage in conversation with the pro-life groups' representatives prior to the Walk for Life through San Francisco at 1:30 pm.



Teachers Saving Children[®] sponsored one of the tables at the Info Faire. Even before the actual opening of the Info Faire, curious, interested, and supportive pro-life community members were drawn to our table. They were inquisitive about Teachers Saving Children[®], our mission and ways by which we advocate for the sanctity of life in our classrooms. For three hours straight, the Teachers Saving Children[®] table was surrounded by supportive pro-life men, women, children, ministers, and priests. As the Rally continued, with speakers such as Dr. Alveda King, Father Frank Pavone, Obianuju Ekeocha, David Daleiden, and Reverend Clenard Childress, people streamed to the table picking up brochures about Teachers Saving Children[®]. They commented about how the pro-life message is vital in the educational setting, for they all have teachers in their lives. Some who visited the exhibit were currently student teachers. Others were college students in teaching programs, while still others were active teachers or retired from teaching.

Young children were drawn to the table when they saw the life-size models, from months one to seven, of the unborn child. Parents took the opportunity to teach their children of the sanctity of life at that moment. A number of people asked if we would give talks at their schools. Many marveled at the large magnetic poster of the 11-week pre-born baby's feet. We distributed membership brochures, monthly milestones of the developing unborn child, information cards for Students for Life of America, brochures regarding options for teachers belonging to NEA and state-affiliated unions; also, pro-life buttons, DVD's, pro-life balloons, and Teachers Saving Children[®] bumper stickers. The response was extremely positive. Most were pleasantly surprised to hear that there were pro-life public school teachers who could actually infuse the pro-life message into the public school curriculum.

STUDENTS FOR LIFE OF AMERICA: WEST COAST CONFERENCE

By Frank Ebiner

Throughout the United States, on the weekend of January 22-24, pro-life individuals participated in various events to remember the 1973 Supreme Court decisions of *Roe vs. Wade* and *Dole vs. Bolton* which legalized abortion on demand in the United States. In spite of frigid conditions in the east, The March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 22nd and the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco, January 23rd, had tens of thousands of people showing determination, solidarity, courage, and hope for the vulnerable in our society. Teachers Saving Children[®] had members play a part in each of these events on both sides of our nation.

The Pro-Life Generation under the guise of Students for Life of America (SFLA) scheduled two conferences as well, one in Washington, D.C. (East Coast) on Saturday, January 23 and the other at the Cathedral Event Center in San Francisco (West Coast) on Sunday, January 24. Due to the blizzard conditions in Washington, D.C., and the subsequent shutdown of the Metro, the East Coast SFLA conference was cancelled. The West Coast SFLA then became the National Conference.

Hundreds of college and high school students attended the SFLA West Coast Conference, most of whom were at the Walk for Life West Coast the day before. The students' enthusiasm for being a voice for life was strong. Speakers at the conference included Kristan Hawkins, Lila Rose, Stephanie Gray, David Hacker, and Trent Horn, all presenting dynamic speeches.

Teachers Saving Children[®] members Frank and Noreen Ebiner attended the conference. Although Teachers Saving Children[®] did not sponsor a table, Noreen and Frank went to the various tables and a number of groups asked them which group they represented. In this way our pro-life message about Teachers Saving Children[®] being *A Voice for LIFE in Education* could be heard. During this time, the few remaining brochures and information cards from the Walk for Life Info Faire were distributed to sponsors and students.

Editor's Note: Frank Ebiner teaches high school Biology and Anatomy/Physiology in California. He is a member of the Teachers Saving Children[®] National Board of Trustees.

Students for Life of America East Coast Conference Update: Teachers Saving Children[®] had sponsored the East Coast Conference which included an exhibit table and registration for two volunteers. SFLA will substitute the 2016 sponsorship for the same sponsorship level for the 2017 East Coast National Conference to make up for this year's cancellation. Praise God for His provision for 2017.

“EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH UPDATE”

“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 1:3-6

God has been blessing abundantly with the details of our trip to Washington DC. We will be driving to Washington DC and transporting all of the materials for the exhibit. While in Washington DC, our lodging is being provided. And since it is only a 6-7 hour trip to Washington DC, there will be no need for lodging there and back. Praise God!

Since the trip is a shorter one this year, Teachers Saving Children® will provide travel expenses in full this year. And the Lord has already provided volunteers to work the exhibit for both days. Praise God!

Exhibit miscellaneous items as well as materials that will be distributed during the NEA Expo will be purchased in May. Though it is difficult to predict the exact amount needed, it appears that approximately \$4000 is still needed to cover the expenses of this great opportunity to share the message of life.

We rely on the goodness of God and His people to raise the money needed for these effective pro-life educational outreach ministries. Through your giving of \$5, \$10, \$20, or more, the Lord continues to miraculously provide the needed finances, and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for your partnership!

Note: Please make checks payable to “TSC Inc. – National”. Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated (“Educational Outreach”) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are NOT tax deductible.

PRO-LIFE EDUCATORS CORNER

Educators and students are always searching for excellent pro-life resources. Here are six excellent DVDs that can be used by educators in high school classrooms:

Biology of Prenatal Development: This documentary explains the science and communicates the wonder of human development from fertilization through birth. It is recommended for use in middle and high school health and biology courses as well as introductory college-level and graduate-level human embryology courses and prenatal care classes.

Eyewitness 2: The Next Generation: An updated version of the "Eyewitness to the Earliest Days of Life". This fascinating glimpse into the pre-natal world utilizes 3D and 4D ultrasound imaging. This is an excellent educational resource for schools where instruction on pre-natal development is desired. This medically accurate video has been sold to over 10,000 schools.

From Conception to Birth: From the miracle of conception to the wonder of birth, this is an inside view of our most fascinating journey. This amazing DVD is filled with truly unique and magical imagery.

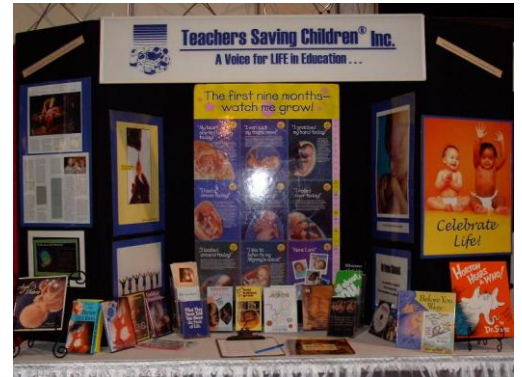
In the Womb: Now, cutting-edge technology makes it possible for National Geographic Channel's "IN THE WOMB" to open a window into the hidden world of the fetus and explore each trimester in amazing new detail using 3D and 4D ultrasound.

Preview of a Birth: Explores the wonders and hidden mysteries of fetal development. This fascinating video chronicles the journey from conception to birth, with astounding full-color view of life within the womb. This is a wonderful resource for classroom use in a human development or health curriculum.

The Ultrasound: Eyewitness to the Earliest Days of Life: This fascinating glimpse into the pre-natal world utilizes ultrasound and fetoscopy. This is an excellent educational source for schools where instruction on pre-natal development is desired. This medically accurate video has been sold to over 10,000 schools.

Please email Teachers Saving Children at info@teacherssavingchildren.org with your recommendations for great pro-life books and other resources so that we can share all these great ideas with other educators across the nation.

Note: For a greater selection of DVDs and other resources, contact Heritage House, 919 South Main Street, Snowflake AZ 85937 * 1-800-858-3040 * www.HH76.org.





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Communicating with Our Members by Email

We want to take a moment and remind you that we are now sending out monthly email communiqués with our members who have signed up for these monthly messages. Email communiqués are being sent around the 1st of each month. In reviewing the statistics of emails opened, there still are only about 50% of the emails sent being opened by our members. Please check to make sure that the email is not going into your spam box. And please add our email - info@teachersavingchildren.org - to your address book.

We cannot thank all of you enough for your support of Teachers Saving Children®. We do not want anyone to miss opportunities to be encouraged and to hear about the work you are helping to accomplish through your membership and contributions. In order to communicate with you by email, we must have your permission. If you have not already done so, or cannot remember if you have done so, you can still sign up to receive monthly communiqués. To give permission, either sign up on your membership form or email us at info@teachersavingchildren.org.

Reminder: Constant Contact email blasts will not replace our quarterly newsletter. Newsletters will still be mailed quarterly to our members and other supporters as there are individuals who have no email accessibility.

NEA CONVENTION 2016

The 2016 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Washington DC from July 2-7. If you have remained a member of the NEA, it is vital that you know who will be casting your vote at the NEA Representative Assembly. All delegates are selected by their colleagues in the local and state affiliates to represent their views at the assembly. If you are interested in being a delegate, check with your local president. It might not be too late to run for that position. Most importantly, watch those local memos and newsletters carefully for NEA delegate election information. Many elections will be taking place between now and mid-March. Pro-life, pro-family educators will only be represented when those who have decided to remain union members take the time to run as delegates or find out the positions of the delegate candidates – and then **VOTE!** Remember – they are your representatives!

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