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**“God Directing our Way into Rochester”**

**Caveat:** The battles in the Texas and North Carolina legislatures are preparing the way to bring our Gospel battle into the streets of Rochester, New York, this July 24-31, 2013. Right into the belly of the beast! If you ever wondered how David felt facing the giant Goliath; show up in Rochester and allow your theology to become biography at the gates of hell (local abortion mills) of this once blessed city. All the bastions of hell are arrayed in force to shut us up.



We just received a letter (a *welcome* letter?) from the Attorney General of the State of New York, informing us that we are not allowed to speak in the Name of Jesus within 15 feet of any ingress or egress outside any of the six abortion mills in Rochester. Planned Parenthood has been granted an entire block where gentle Christians will not be allowed on public sidewalks. It is amazing how sodomites can parade their sin like Sodom on all venues anywhere and at anytime, yet gentle Christians are censored from bringing the Gospel of Christ to moms in crisis pregnancy situations. It is amazing how God directs our steps into His great big plan (**Proverbs 16:9**) as we make our small and feeble plans. Thank you Jesus! What an awesome God we serve! *Flip*

**Letter from Mike Warren and Jerry Crawford:**

The OSA National Event this summer will be hosted in our Historic Sanctuary at Bethel Christian Fellowship in downtown Rochester. Due to the current national and statewide battle over abortion, we are receiving more than the usual governmental attention – Hmmm. The need for a prayerful response of the people of God is great.

**Isaiah 60:1-3, “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising...”** In NY, it is quite obvious that that we are living out the gross darkness spoken of in these verses and the cause of this darkness spoken of in the previous chapter, Isaiah 59. Just in this past year; the homosexual agenda is being trumpeted as normal and courageous, the killing of children in the womb is touted as necessary to insure a woman's equality, and the trashing of Christianity by powerful government officials is becoming the norm.

**Isaiah 59:14-15 "And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment."** Read all of Isaiah 59 – let the Holy Spirit motivate you to take appropriate action.

Operation Save America will begin in earnest July 24th and the leadership of OSA called for days of fasting and prayer from July 15-17th. We have done this, and now are asking you to pray for us as we allow the theology of heaven to become biography in the streets of Rochester. We realize that the challenges we face in Rochester and our home state of New York are spiritual in nature. The enemies of the Gospel, in the guise of protecting a woman's civil right to privacy, have sought to censor the Gospel of Christ from local abortion mills.

Just last week OSA and Rescue Rochester received notice that the NYS Attorney General's Office of Civil Rights wants to remind us (intimidate us) to toe its capricious line. Bible believing Christians are increasingly becoming second class citizens while every other group seeking to promote its vile and abhorrent behavior is held up as an example of diversity and tolerance. This is especially true in the current culture in NYS.

But our foe is not the abortionist, the judges that rule to remove the preaching of gospel from abortion mills, not the lawyers, clinic workers, or any human being. Come expecting a battle. Come with your spiritual armor on totally refitted and in place. Our wrestling is with the unseen forces of evil loosed on our city and nation by our own weakness in bringing an effective and consistent presentation of Jesus to the public square. Because we have not been the salt and light our city and state we find ourselves in a tight spot. Let the words of Isaiah 59 work God's perspective into your soul and spirit as we prepare to engage our spiritual foe in Rochester, NY. Allow Him work the gift of repentance in your heart over our own sins. Take these days to fast and pray and ask God to help us be who he has made us to be. It is not a time to point the finger at others, but rather a time to let the Holy Spirit work the change of repentance and transformation in us as the Church of Jesus Christ.

### Messing With Texas.

In July, 2013, we saw an epic battle between good & evil being waged in the state of Texas. Governor Rick Perry called a special session to deal with remaining issues after the regular bi-annual session. An omnibus pro-life bill was passed but not without violence from the death camp. On Saturday, July 13, the threats and attacks on pro-lifers and legislators escalated to such a degree that the police locked down the capitol and escorted pro-lifers to undisclosed offices where they could be protected from gun, urine and feces wielding pro-aborts. Those who scream tolerance the most are really the most intolerant of all.



Legislators combined four pro-life bills into one major piece of legislation. (1) It prohibits abortion after 20 weeks. (2) It requires abortion mills provide the same level of medical care as other outpatient surgical facilities. (3) Abortionists must have admitting privileges to a hospital within 30 miles. (4) It requires chemical abortions (RU 486) be administered within approved FDA guidelines. *Texas wants to protect babies and they almost got it right.* We support provisions 2 and 3 unequivocally. These two provisions alone are predicted to close all but 5 abortion clinics in the state. Unfortunately items 1 and 4 are seriously flawed. They carry with them the unwritten caveat – *then you can kill the baby.* It is not OK to kill a baby that is under 20 weeks old. It is not OK to kill a baby under approved FDA guidelines. It is simply not OK to kill any babies!

Here are some firsthand accounts of what happened as the pro-death camp attempted to mess with Texas.

*Alyssa Rayburn (daughter of Dorrie Rayburn):* On July 2, 2013, I had the privilege of traveling to Austin, Texas with the Thomas Nation. Dressed in blue, we joined other pro-life and Right to Life Texas activists to show our support for SB2. The day was such a blessing, pro-life senators and leaders came and thanked us for our support; it was fantastic to see other people in my state take such a stand for life!

At the start of the day some older pro-life women started singing patriotic songs and praise songs to God. At this, of course the demons were screaming and shrieking through the pro-aborts chanting “hail satan.” Whether



or not they seriously meant what they were saying, you could not be at the capitol building and leave believing this is a not a spiritual battle.

Mrs. Kendra, Micah, Josiah, Valiant, Jeremiah, two of their friends, and I got into an elevator and just as the doors were closing a man in an orange shirt jumped in with us. As soon as the doors closed he turned around and immediately asked us if we were pro-life. Everyone who was pro-life was wearing blue, the pro-aborts were wearing orange. We responded with the obvious answer, “Yes!” He asked what we were going to do when all the abortion clinics close and women start dying of back alley abortions like his grandmother in the 1930's. I tried telling

him that that I understood because my great-great grandmother died of a back alley abortion, but he wouldn't hear of it. This man was adamant about making us "delusional conservatives" understand.

Then he said, "All of you with *Operation Rescue* believe it is okay to blow up abortion clinics and shoot abortionists!" We never said a word about being with Operation Save America/Operation Rescue. The devil knows who we are. All I could think of at the time was, "Oh my goodness, this man is verbally attacking us." But later, when we were sharing with one another, Mr. Rusty said we had encountered a "familiar spirit."

I thought of a quote I saw the week before, "satan knows my name but calls me by my sin. God knows my sin but calls me by name." How many times have I been so angry about abortion that I have had angry thoughts towards clinic workers, abortionists, and maybe even the building itself and all it stands for? In Matthew 5 Jesus told us that having hate for a man is murder in your heart! How many times have I been angry with pro-aborts and did not show them the love of Jesus? Let us never ever forget that this is not about us. This battle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and all the dark forces of evil (Ephesians 6:12). As we prepare for our week long battle in New York let us not forget what the struggle is against and who it is for. Our adversary is crafty and sometimes disguises himself as a man in an orange shirt.

### **Pro-abortionists Scream, "Hail Satan," While Pro-life Children Worship Jesus**

Caveat: Life Site News featured an interesting editorial on the chant of "Hail Satan." "*Do you consider yourself "pro-choice?" Perhaps it's time to reconsider. When "pro-choicers" find themselves shouting "hail Satan!" over a chorus of "Amazing Grace" at a gathering geared toward saving babies, maybe it's time to dust off that ol' worldview and give it a second look*" [Life Site News] We should not be shocked at the "hail Satan" chant. There are only two camp/choices in the battle of good & evil. If you don't serve Christ – you serve Satan!!



by Kendra Thomas: Members of Operation Save America traveled to Austin on the second day of Governor Rick Perry's "second special session." Thirteen of us appeared at the Capitol "to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves," (Proverbs 31:8-9) at committees for public hearings.

Allysa Rayburn (18); Cathy Matthews and her children Rebecca (14) and Daniel (17); and my children, Micah (17), Josiah (15), Valiant Christian (13), Jeremiah (11), Maranatha (11), Sophia (11), Torah Grace (9), and Jubilee (6) piled into our 15 passenger van for the 2 ½ hour trip. The children wore blue t-shirts in solidarity with the pro-lifers already lobbying at the Capitol. They were expecting a home school field trip and civics lesson, perhaps even a chance to shape history. Instead of a lesson in civics, the children learned a very uncivil lesson—those who scream the loudest for tolerance are the least likely to give it.

Their first lesson occurred as soon as we arrived at the Capitol. As we entered the elevator to take us to the second floor hearing rooms, a man accosted us. A large group, we waited for an empty elevator. As we entered, a man who had been observing us forced his way through the sliding doors. As the door shut behind him, he faced our group. Strangely, almost the first words out of his mouth were, "You're with Operation Rescue!" We weren't wearing OSA t-shirts. We were quite literally a captive audience. As I tried to interrupt his angry tirade, he yelled, "I'm going to teach your children because you aren't!"

Well, the children weren't going to be "taught" by anyone but the Holy Spirit. When we escaped the elevator, the children went about ministering. They signed their names in support of the bill, prayed, and upon hearing feminist chants in the hallway outside the hearing rooms, began praising the Lord in song. We saw **Psalm 8:2** in action, "**Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.**" Led by Allysa, the children continued their worship for hours, driving the pro-abortionists away.

We left the Capitol hearing room without Torah having had her 3 minutes to testify. After waking up at 6am, driving 2 ½ hours, signing up to testify before the hearing, and waiting HOURS for her turn, Torah finally took

matters in to her own hands. As we left the hearing room, the children noticed a large gathering of pro-lifers in the open-air rotunda. The pro-life group was encircled by foul-mouthed homosexuals and neo-pagans. The spiritual battle we experienced in the elevator was in full force when we walked out in to the open-air rotunda—vicious mockery of Jesus Christ, chants of “Hail Satan,” screaming creeds denouncing patriarchy, vulgarity, obscene signs by hippie throwbacks, men-hating feminists, bald-headed, tattooed lesbians and flaunting homosexuals all attempting to drown out the Christian witness. While I was ministering the Gospel, Torah signed herself up to speak! She bravely waited her turn in line, suffering the taunts and jeers of the angry mob. I turned toward the podium just in time to see my darling, brave little girl, give a bold witness for the Lord and His babies. She told me later she was afraid, but it was “the right thing to do.

After Torah, Rebecca (14) testified. As Rebecca stepped off the platform, Jubilee (6) jumped onto the platform like a superhero, elbows out and knees bent. This was her “super moment” for the Lord! You can’t see it from the angle of the picture, but she cradled her little baby, a 26 week old fetal model in her arms. It is her favorite baby; she carries it with her when she goes to the abortion clinic. Despite the jeers of the pro-abortionists, Jubilee held her precious baby out to the crowd and said, “Mommy says all babies are special. God made them special. Don’t kill them.” Clearly, the “out of the mouth of babes” passage was in full operation as our families stood for the Lord and His little ones in Austin, Texas.



**“No Church No State, Only We Can Decide Our Fate!”** by Michelle Stewart: They chanted as we

started to testify for life and proclaim Jesus at the Texas State Capitol Building in Austin, TX. The House State Affairs Committee held a hearing regarding HB2, (aka SB1 in Texas Senate) new abortion legislation in Texas, on Tuesday, July 2.



Over 3500 Texans registered to give testimony to the House on Tuesday, but time only allowed for less than 100 to be heard. On Monday, July 8, over 3800 Texans registered to give testimony to the Texas Senate Health and Human Services Committee, and over 300 were heard. Pro-life supporters of the bill were wearing blue to stand for life. Opponents of the bill wore Orange. Many compelling accounts for life were

represented, as fathers, mothers, health-care providers, attorneys, children, and even special-needs adults plead with the committees to hold abortion facilities accountable. The most touching stories were from those women who confronted their pain and recounted their personal experiences of abuse at the killing places.

Personally, my husband, Brandon and I felt the favor of the Lord as we both were called to speak. As a registered nurse in labor and delivery, I asked the committee to hold abortion providers and their staff accountable, just like they do OB/GYNs, RN’s and Midwives delivering “viable,” “intended” pregnancies. Brandon opened his testimony with prayer, and called on the committee to not only consider that men are affected by abortion, but that maybe some men might be comforted thinking their never-born child didn’t feel pain. We made it clear that ALL pregnancies contain living humans, deserving of love and compassion.

It was with that same sense of love and compassion that we were able to stall the enemy camp. As we became more engulfed in open-air worship through song and testimony, the enemy grew angry. We started to sing “Jesus loves the little children” from the open air rotunda, which sparked outcries of “hail satan.” We did not falter. We let King Jesus reign and gave him ALL the glory.

This bill is not a panacea to end all abortion in Texas, but it has opened up the platform for many willing Christians to address the enemy, their friends, their families, and hopefully their churches. What is so encouraging is the sense of unity among many pro-life organizations.

**Keep storming the gates in Jesus’ magnificent Name – see you in Rochester, NY!**