

## The Truth about Pro-Lifers

The words “abortion protest” tend to conjure up images in people’s minds of screaming men and women carrying signs, violent threats, and police officers. These images are due largely to the news media’s biased coverage of such events. The truth is that that type of thing sells. More often than not pro-lifers are portrayed as fanatics that will stop at nothing to stop women from having abortions and those on the pro-choice side are portrayed as innocent victims of malicious extremists. As many of us can testify the media has its own agenda. If these visions are the ones you have when you hear mention of an “abortion protest”, I ask you to reconsider and even take part in one before you judge based on what our media is selling.

The first time I took part in an abortion protest I was shocked. I was shocked because I thought I would have to travel to some far off city to even find one. My innocence was quickly demolished as we arrived on High Street in Columbus. I was also shocked because there were no screaming men and women, no threats, and only one police officer - minus a police car. I realized I had been duped. As I surveyed the scene I saw large groups of men walking slowly around the clinic praying in low voices. I also saw women standing on the boundary line offering help and assistance to the mothers waiting in their cars for the clinic to open. One woman stood out to me. This woman was in her mid-forties and she stood about five and one half feet tall. On her back she carried a sign that was just as large as she.

This woman, I’ll call her Judy, spends every morning at the clinic counseling the young women who are waiting in their cars for their “appointment”. She doesn’t yell, personally I don’t think she knows how. She speaks with the love of Christ to these confused women. She spends the morning counseling them and trying to tell them what they are really about to do. She stays there until they all come out and offers them post-abortion help and healing. This woman will never make the evening news. She will never be on the front page of the Dispatch. USA Today would deny such people exist. She *is* the pro-life movement and sentiment. She has done a great deal for the young women and for one in particular.

This young lady was scheduled for an abortion on a Saturday morning and Judy was there. Judy spoke gently and lovingly to her through her windshield and then in the parking lot. The girl told Judy that she either had to have the abortion or move out of her parents’ home. Judy then offered this young lady her home and she accepted. Judy took her into her home, helped her with the pregnancy, and allowed the woman to stay with her until she was on her own feet. When her little boy was one she moved into her own apartment. That was the only day Judy was just a little late coming to the clinic.