



MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE

Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.

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40 Days for Life

Nine babies live because of St. Louis campaign

- by Steve Rupp

A grassroots organization, “40 Days for Life,” has just finished a remarkable witness to the sanctity of life. For 40 straight days, people from all walks of life stood in front of St. Louis’ Forest Park Avenue abortion mill, Planned Parenthood, praying to stop the horror that is abortion. They prayed for the mothers who were contemplating abortion. They prayed for the babies who were facing a torturous death. They prayed for the doctors and nurses performing these horrible acts. They prayed for America, that we might find our national soul once more and end this madness.

From 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., for 40 straight days, they prayed. Many days it was very cold. But they were there praying. Many days it rained. But they were there praying. Many days it was very windy and difficult even to stand. But they were there praying. Seven hundred different people shared the call to stand and pray. Every moment for the entire 40 days, there were people outside the abortion mill praying. Their dedication was certainly not in vain. There were nine confirmed saves. That’s nine babies who will live because of this powerful witness. Nine babies who will know love. Nine precious human beings who will be given the chance to grow and laugh and to know God.

“Academics for Life” was there to show that the “learned” also reject the culture of death. The group, “Anglicans for Life” was born in that 40 days. Many members of Missouri Right to Life were there. Some saw a Planned Parenthood employee ask those who were praying to pray for her to find another job. She didn’t like working there. Others saw a young man pull out of the parking lot after dropping off his wife for a “consultation” and ask for prayers that his wife will not go through with the abortion. And some saw a young couple walk by all those who were praying and go up on the

steps to the abortion mill and stop. They talked for a while and then came back past those praying. They stopped on the sidewalk, away from everybody else. Finally they began to talk to those praying. Even with a language barrier, it was evident to that young couple that those prayers were for them. They communicated that she was not going to have the abortion... and then they prayed with the group.

If you have never had an opportunity to give witness outside



Brian Westbrook, a 40 Days for Life participant, prays at St. Louis’s Forest Park Ave. abortion mill, Planned Parenthood.

of an abortion mill, try to find a way to participate. It is humbling, powerful and inspiring. You may possibly save a life. And you may never know it. And the seeds that you plant by your prayerful witness, may change someone’s life. It may also change your life.

Planned Parenthood is open six days a week. There are many opportunities to go there and pray. And 40 Days for Life is going to be there again this fall. If you would like to participate, just call your Missouri Right to Life office.

GOD BLESS THOSE WHO PRAY.

From the President -

When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Get Going!

52% of polled Missourians say they are pro-life.

We've all heard the adage "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." No one involved in life issues today can deny that the going is definitely tough!

President Obama is proving what we knew during the 2008 election - that he is the most anti-life president to ever hold office. He promotes taxpayer funding of abortion and research on human embryos, supports rescinding conscience rights protection, appoints the most virulently anti-life people to his administration, and is expected to nominate a strong pro-abortion advocate to fill the upcoming vacancy on the Supreme Court.

Times are definitely tough in Missouri as well. In spite of having a self-identified pro-life majority in both houses of the Missouri legislature, the Senate has failed for the second year in a row to pass the legislation supported by all of the major pro-life groups in Missouri. They have also continued to open the door to potential taxpayer funding of research opposed by most Missourians through various appropriations bills. All of this is explained in greater detail in the Economic Development article.

Missouri Right to Life is very blessed to have terrific representation in the Capitol during these tough times. Susan Klein, our lobbyist, and Jerry Nieters, our State Legislative Director, have worked tirelessly to be a voice for life in Jefferson City. Often standing alone, MRL has taken positions on many pieces of legislation, testified at often hostile committee hearings, circulated position memos, and worked closely with legislators throughout this last session. In spite of this tough environment, the session produced a House Resolution opposing the federal Freedom of Choice Act, and restored full funding to the Alternatives to Abortion program. On behalf of all of you, I thank Susan and Jerry for their great work.

As if these challenges aren't tough enough, government documents at both the state and federal level have targeted pro-life groups as potential terrorists and threats to homeland security.

The world is truly turned upside down when those who seek to defend human life peacefully and legally are labeled as threats. The same government founded on the principle of our "unalienable right to life," now targets those who seek to peacefully restore that right.

We've been in tough situations before, and just as the old adage says, that's when the "tough get going." The radical anti-life agenda of the Obama administration and the failure of the Missouri Senate to enact additional protections for women and

their unborn babies have been a call to action throughout Missouri. People from across the state have called our offices to see how they can get involved in our efforts, and we are chartering many new chapters. Our membership is growing, and donations are increasing in spite of a very tough economy. One donor sent a very nice check with a note that he would have ordinarily sent this check to Notre Dame who has chosen to honor President Obama.



Pam Fichter

We can be strengthened in our efforts by recent polling by McLaughlin & Associates which shows that a majority of Missourians consider themselves pro-life. On the issue of abortion, 52% of respondents say they are pro-life, while 41% say pro-choice. This is solid evidence of what we've known since 1973.

We can also be strengthened by scientific advances which have made embryonic stem cell research unnecessary. By reprogramming ordinary skin cells, scientists have created embryonic-like stem cells without destroying human embryos. These Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPSCs) have recently been programmed to treat Lou Gehrig's Disease and diabetes. Dr. Mehmet Oz shocked Oprah and Michael J. Fox on her March 31 show when he said that the "stem cell debate is dead." He predicted that the research using iPSCs will be the ones ultimately used to cure Parkinson's. What he didn't mention is that adult stem cells continue to be responsible for increasing numbers of successful treatments.

In this tough fight, we are strengthened by many others who join this battle, including religious leaders from many denominations. One striking recent example is Bishop Robert Finn, Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, whose inspiring keynote address at the recent Gospel of Life convention reminds us that "The fight for life is a constant warfare. Those who vied for the leadership of our country last November offered Americans a clear choice in this regard. The President is keeping his promises - one by one. We are getting what we chose. Is the war over? Never. Is the battle over? We must not give up. Remember: we already know the final outcome. The battle now is about our readiness to remain faithful - our readiness to suffer while we peacefully, legally, and prayerfully seek the victory of life."

That's how the tough get going!

~ Let's play a game about evil ~

Guess who said these things:

* *"We do not want the word to get out that we want to eliminate the Negro population..."*

* *"The most merciful thing that a large family does to one of its infants is to kill it."*

* *"More children from the fit, less children from the unfit."*

* *"Birth control can, "Create a race of thoroughbreds."*

* *"Human weeds ... human beings who should never have been born."*

This person, through her own words in the 1920's and 1930's, envisioned an American devoid of African-Americans and people with special needs, through birth control, forced sterilization and abortion.

Now, guess who said these things:

* *"I admire (her) tremendously, her courage, her tenacity, her vision."*

* *"When I think about what she did all those years ago ... I am really in awe of her!"*

The first set of quotes is from Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood.

The second set of quotes is from an acceptance speech by United States Secretary of State Hillary

Clinton while receiving the Margaret Sanger Award from Planned Parenthood. She is expressing her admiration for the award's namesake.

Their vision is working. In 2004, African-Americans accounted for 13.1 percent of America's population and 38.1 percent of America's abortions.

Today, according to the Down Syndrome Association, 90% of children diagnosed in the womb with Down Syndrome are aborted. Their sin was not being thoroughbreds.

Where is the outrage? Is America sleeping?

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

No one.

No one of color.

No one with special needs.



THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW . . .

. . . A Bronx man accused of killing his pregnant teenage daughter was the father of her unborn child, prosecutors in New York say. An indictment charging Miguel Matias, 36, with second-degree rape and incest has been added to an earlier one accusing him of strangling his daughter, Anna, and throwing her naked body into a boiler last year, the *New York Daily News* reported. A spokesman for the Bronx Dis-

trict Attorney says DNA taken from Matias matches a sample from the fetus carried by his daughter.

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. . . Nearly 10 years after a stunning photograph of his tiny hand traveled the world, Samuel Armas has a firm grip on what "The Hand of Hope" means to him.

"When I see that picture, the first thing I think of is how special

and lucky I am to have God use me that way," Samuel told FOX-News.com. "I feel very thankful that I was in that picture."

On Aug. 19, 1999, photographer Michael Clancy shot the "Fetal Hand Grasp" — his picture of a 21-week-old fetus grasping a doctor's finger during innovative surgery to correct spina bifida. Nearly four months later, on Dec. 2, Samuel Armas was "born famous." The photo, which first appeared in *USA Today* on Sept. 7, 1999, quickly spread across the globe as proof of development in the womb and was later cited during congressional debates on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, which passed in 2000.

"It's just a miracle picture, a miracle moment," Clancy told FOX-News.com. "It shows the earliest human interaction ever recorded."

Samuel, now 9 and living in Villa Rica, Ga., said the photo likely gave countless "babies their right to live" and forced many others to debate their beliefs on abortion, something he's proud of.

Julie Armas, Samuel's mother, said her eldest son has a "very strong sense of right and wrong" and understands the impact of his unconventional first baby photo.

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Economic Development --

At What Cost?

Gerard A Nieters, Legislative Director
Susan Klein, Legislative Liaison

The age of biotechnology and human cloning has come to Missouri. Big money, from both the federal and state levels, is being poured into the "Life Sciences Industry" as researchers and scientists grab for your dollars and play on your emotions by attempting to convince you that they can discover the cure-all for every disease.

Missouri, like so many other states, has jumped on the bandwagon for a lucrative future in biotechnology and human life sciences research, including embryonic stem cell research and cloning. The Missouri legislature introduced and passed numerous bills that will fund biotechnology and human life sciences research, including pharmaceutical research. This funding is being supplied with public monies from numerous sources, including stimulus dollars, stabilization dollars, federal and state tax dollars, Lewis and Clark Discovery Fund with MOHELA dollars, Tobacco Settlement dollars through the Life Sciences Research Fund, and Tax Credits.

Missouri Right to Life has been there every step of the way testifying in opposition to this open-ended funding. We have requested that the legislature include protective language giving clear direction that public monies should not be used for human cloning, abortion services, embryonic stem cell research or any other unethical research. In the end, the legislators adopted language on these bills that gives an open door for researchers and scientists. Your dollars, both directly and indirectly, are moving Missouri closer and closer to being an economic leader in the fields of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. Economic development at what cost?

In 2003 the Missouri legislature

created the Life Sciences Research Board to administer funds the state was to receive from the tobacco company settlement. Missouri Right to Life was instrumental in writing protective language to make sure that those funds would not be used to support abortion, cloning or prohibited human research.

In 2006, the deceptive Amendment 2 passed and protecting public monies from being used to destroy innocent human beings or preventing human cloning became complicated. On January 15, 2009, Judge Richard Callahan reached a perplexing opinion in Missouri Roundtable for Life v. Sarah Steelman which concluded that the legislature has the power to restrict funding in the life sciences. This is in stark opposition to Amendment 2. Judge Callahan's ruling is on appeal. Until the appeal is decided or another court rules, MRL is cautiously supporting clear restrictive language on any legislation dealing with human life science research, funding of abortion, embryonic stem cell research or other unethical research. If the restrictive language protecting innocent human life is included on legislation, MRL moves from opposing the legislation to a neutral position.

Missouri Right to Life stands opposed to using human beings as bargaining chips and products to be bought and sold for the purpose of stabilizing Missouri's economy. Nor should economic development/stabilization be built on establishing the business of human cloning in Missouri. The 2009 Missouri Legislature has put up the sign that "Missouri is Open for Economic Development at any Cost." Who would have thought that this Missouri legislature would have brought us to this doorstep? But they have.

Anti-abortion Senate Capitulates

Senators succumb to
dangerous compromise

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For the second year in a row the Missouri Senate killed pro-life legislation which would have given a woman the opportunity, 24 hours before an abortion, to view an ultrasound and her baby's heartbeat, read literature on the development of her baby, and be made aware that no one can coerce her to have an abortion. In 2008, this pro-life legislation died with no debate in the Senate; in 2009, this pro-life legislation died by way of a compromise.

Senators elected on a pro-life platform worked with pro-abortion Senators to produce a compromise substitute that would substantially weaken existing law. It also stripped the proposed legislation of vital components. The substitute repealed the current requirements for a physician consultation and a 24-hour reflection period, and exempted certain abortion clinics from some restrictions for a period of three years. The substitute also eliminated any protection from coerced abortion. While there was some good language left in the compromise, the dangers were too high and would have placed unborn babies and their mothers at risk of harm.

WHY ABANDON THE PRO-LIFE POSITION?

The question has to be asked. Why? Why was it necessary for a self-proclaimed pro-life majority to accept such a dangerous compromise from pro-abortion Senators? It was not necessary. A lull in the Senate debate on Monday evening, May 11th, gave an open opportunity for the Senate to close on the bill, shut down the filibuster, and finally pass the legislation; the Senate majority did not take that opportunity.

With almost 12,000 abortions in Missouri each year, that now makes over 24,000 women who over the last 2 years have made decisions to have abortions

without clear and complete information about the danger of abortion and without having been given the opportunity to hear their baby's heartbeat.

MISSOURI HOUSE EARNS PRAISE

The Missouri House passed this legislation in early March and sent it to the Senate. On May 14, with the support of all pro-life groups except one, the Missouri House refused to accept the compromised language sent to them by the Senate. Missouri Right to Life applauds the House for their stand against the Senate's dangerous compromise.

Equally disappointing this year was the open-ended funding for unethical research through multiple sources. (See article on "Economic Development at What Cost?") Missouri Right to Life stood alone in opposition to these appropriations. The cloning lobby is becoming a controlling factor in state politics. Without solid pro-life legislators, this will be difficult to overcome.

Yet, in the midst of this battle, we must not despair. If we must stand against ridicule, we will hold our heads high because we know we stand for the truth; and, if we must stand alone, we know that God will stand with us and our efforts will not be unproductive (as noted in the article on the 40 days of Prayer). So, do not be disheartened. Put on your full armor, the battle is not over.



**"One life,
a little
gleam
between
two
eternities."**

~ Thomas Carlyle

CELEBRATE A LIFETIME OF GIVING...

... by giving *beyond a lifetime!*
Invest in your vision – a world
in which every human life is
protected and respected.

YOURS IS A LEGACY OF Life and Love

Your decision to enact a planned gift to Missouri Right to Life (MRL) and/or the MRL Education Fund (tax-deductible) reflects your commitment to grassroots pro-life work across Missouri. It is a gift that lives on – and saves lives.

For more information or to request
a confidential consultation, contact:
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Missouri Legislative Wrap

2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

An overview of work accomplished and a small glimpse of work yet to be done

- Missouri House sends Resolution to Washington opposing the Freedom of Choice Act. Missouri Senate fails to address the issue.
- Missouri House passes Pharmacy Conscience Clause. Missouri Senate strips it off bill because it is "too controversial."
- Missouri House Committee hears legislation concerning reporting of abortion statistics but the full House never debates the issue. Missouri Senate does not address the issue.
- Missouri House passes Informed Consent Legislation requiring ultrasounds before an abortion, that information be given to a woman about the development of her baby and protection for women who are being coerced into having an abortion. Missouri Senate compromises with pro-abortion Senators and Planned Parenthood to end the filibuster and pass language that would have endangered women and unborn babies.
- Missouri House and Missouri Senate pass grant opportunity for maternity homes and pregnancy resource centers, but the dollars in the line items are open-ended and exceed what is allowed to be used by the maternity homes and pregnancy resource centers.
- Missouri House and Missouri Senate pass open-ended funding for life sciences research. (See article "Economic Development at what Cost?")
- Missouri House votes to prevent money given for immunizations from going to Planned Parenthood. Missouri pro-abortion senator kills the bill in the last hour of the legislative session.
- Missouri House Appropriation Committee decreases funding for Alternatives to Abortion. Full House restores funding to over \$1.9 million dollars. Missouri Senate maintains \$1.9 million dollars for Alternatives to Abortion.

Memorials

In memory or in honor of a loved one or a friend, these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life.

In Memory of:

Elizabeth Diehl

Jeanette & Henry Filley

Joe Gallagher

John Gaschen

Kenneth Patton

George & Phyllis Salazar

Charles Schipper

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Richard & Linda Tochtrop

Shirley Church

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Pat Filley



Missouri Right to Life encourages you to consider a gift in memory of or to honor a family member or a friend.

Here's what you did this year!

- Put up pro-life billboards across Missouri.
- Supplied literature and displays for countless pro-life convention and fair booths across the state.
- Took 2000 Missourians to the Washington DC March for Life.
- Held Pro-Life Action Day in Jefferson City for close to 900 people.
- Brought in an internationally-known pro-life speaker, Jill Stanek, to address the Pro-Life Action Day attendees.
- Gave thousands of hand-outs with pro-life information to voters.
- Maintained a web site with pro-life information and updates.
- Assured a constant presence at the state Capitol on pro-life issues.
- And so much more!

A huge, huge "Thank You" from us to you!

With you, we change the world!

With you, we restore our nation's respect for life!

Without you . . . we can't do it!

A new Gallup Poll finds that 51% of Americans call themselves "pro-life" on



abortion and 42% "pro-choice." This is the first time a majority of U.S. adults identify themselves as pro-life since Gallup began asking about this in 1995.

"Is This What You Mean?"

We offer another statement from the Priests for Life project, "Is This What You Mean?" It makes use of the words of the abortionists themselves. Quoting these words, simply ask abortion supporters, "When you say the word 'abortion,' is this what you mean?"

Those who engage in this project are not being asked to debate the morality or legality of abortion, nor to refute any slogans or arguments. Rather, this project seeks to establish the starting point. "What are we talking about when we say abortion?" The whole effort is as simple as reading an abortionist's quote and asking, "Is this what you mean?"

Here's this issue's question for pro-abortion advocates that you may encounter:

Ask, "When you say the word abortion, is this what you mean?"

Then read:

"The procedure changes significantly at 21 weeks because the fetal tissues become much more cohesive and difficult to dismember. This problem is accentuated by the fact that the fetal pelvis may be as much as 5cm in width. The calvaria [head] is no longer the principal problem; it can be collapsed. Other structures, such as the pelvis, present more difficulty A long curved Mayo scissors may be necessary to decapitate and dismember the fetus..."

(From the medical textbook Abortion Practice - Dr. Warren Hern, p. 154)

Welcome, Umbert!

- by Tina Boltinghouse

Missouri Right to Life welcomes Gary Gangemi and his creation “Umbert the Unborn” to *Missouri Right to Life News*.

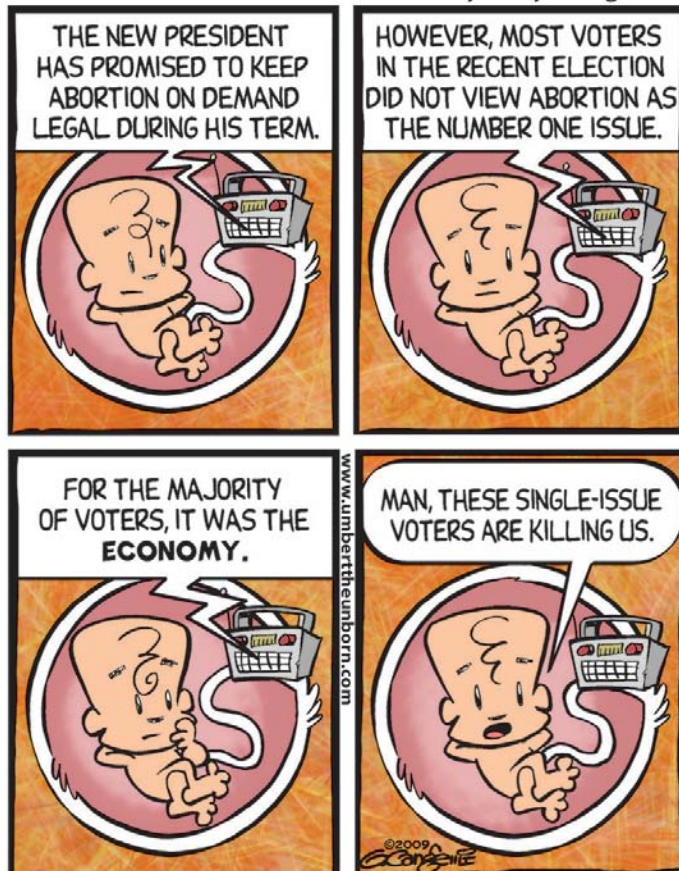
Gary Gangemi is from Scranton PA and is a graphic artist by trade and a cartoonist. He created the original cartoon on which Umbert is based in 1992. In 2001, his chapter president challenged him to come up with a creative way to present pro-life issues to children. Gary rose to the challenge, and Umbert was “unborn”.

Umbert has many friends that he talks to over the “Interwomb” and enjoys ordering “womb service” on his “adult stem cell phone”. Umbert has lots to say on the issues of the day and life in the womb in general. Umbert has his own website at www.umberttheunborn.com and can be found daily on www.Catholic.net.

Gary was asked one time when Umbert would finally be born. His reply was that the day when the natural right of all children to be born was guaranteed by law — that would be Umbert’s birthday. He hopes to be able to keep that promise in his lifetime. Until then, all of us need to be vigilant in promoting the pro-life cause, and it helps to be able to laugh along the way.

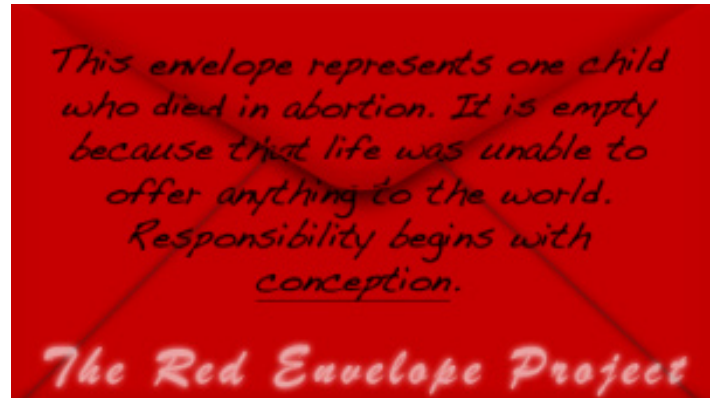
Please join in welcoming Umbert and his friends to *Missouri Right to Life News*.

Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi



White House confirms it got 2 million red envelopes

President’s mail worker claims letter campaign one of largest in 35 years



The White House mail office has confirmed it received a “deluge” of as many as 2.25 million red envelopes symbolizing the empty promise of lives snuffed out in abortion in a massive campaign that was larger than most White House mailing movements in the last 35 years.

White House mail worker “Steve” has handled letters for 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. for more than three decades. Every single package and letter destined for the White House goes through his office.

Asked if he has seen a flood of red envelopes bound for the White House, Steve chuckled.

“Uh, yes,” he said emphatically. “Believe me, they made it here.” Steve said while Obama has been occupied in Europe, his administration has noticed millions of red envelopes on behalf of aborted children.

“Quite frankly, there was definitely a deluge of mail coming through,” he laughed. “I had to handle them all.”

“I’ve been here 35 years, so I’ve seen presidents come and go,” Steve told WND. “This campaign ranks up there with the big ones.”

The Red Envelope Project is an idea sparked in the mind and prayers of a Massachusetts man, Christ Otto, who envisioned in January thousands of red envelopes sent to the White House, a visual expression of moral outrage over the president’s position on abortion.

On the backs of the envelopes, senders wrote a message Otto composed: “This envelope represents one child who died in abortion. It is empty because that life was unable to offer anything to the world. Responsibility begins with conception.”

The original project began small, but when Otto sent out an email to friends asking them to join him in the envelope effort, the symbolic gesture spread through the Internet like wildfire – eventually resulting in delivery of as many as 2.25 million red envelopes.

“Last Tuesday 2.25 million were sent all together,” Otto told WND. “There were 1 million sent before that date. I keep getting e-mails, and I know that people are still sending them. This past weekend, there were at least 10,000 more sent just from churches announcing it on Sunday.”

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