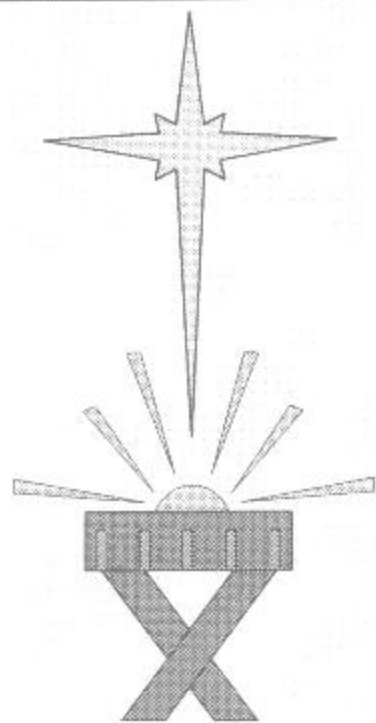


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child, not a choice." In November we began sponsoring anti-assisted suicide television ads on the local cable system (*see following article*).

These efforts to keep the pro-life message out there for all to see are worthwhile and go a long way to reinforce those who are already pro-life and to stir the consciences of those not yet with us.

As we go to press, it appears we can look forward to the new year and pro-life leadership in the White House. We are optimistic that many positive changes are in store. Partial Birth Abortion should be banned, some pro-life Supreme Court justices could be appointed, and we hope many hearts will turn toward respecting life.

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our work. Please continue to pray for the pro-life effort and success in changing hearts and minds. I hope you have a very blessed and joyful Christmas.

Maureen Guth

Television Advertising Campaign

Several months ago, A Woman's Friend asked us to consider sponsoring a television ad that speaks out against assisted suicide. We decided to take a big step in faith and signed a contract for a year.

Through the help and generosity of A Woman's Friend, the ad itself was made available to us at no cost. Those who attended the annual banquet were able to preview the ad. If you subscribe to AT&T Broadband cable, we hope you have seen it. Our only expense is air time on the cable. At \$4 to \$8 per 30-second showing, we plan to

run it 960 times over the year, for a total cost of \$2,400.

We believe this campaign is very much a part of our ministry. We hope you feel the same. Any extra financial support to help us pay for this ad will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like a list of the channels and approximate times the ad will be shown, please call Maureen at 673-1437.

Is This Where We Are Heading?

For a number of years, the Netherlands has tacitly approved the practice of euthanasia. In 1993, legislators passed a set of guidelines physicians could follow to carry it out.

Just last month the lower house of the Dutch Parliament approved a bill legalizing euthanasia, "... *positioning the Netherlands to become the first nation to openly let doctors help suffering patients end their lives.*" (AP 11-29-2000) The bill is expected to be approved by the upper house early next year. It should be noted that the patient does not have to be terminally ill, only that he or she must be "undergoing unremitting and unbearable suffering."

This is another example of the slippery slope we begin to slide down once we open the door to assisted suicide, as is already legal in Oregon.

The FDA, RU 486, and the Chinese Connection

In September the FDA announced the approval of mifepristone (RU 486) for the termination of early pregnancy. FDA commissioner Jane E. Henney, MD, stated, "The approval

I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.

John 10:10

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Educating our community on sanctity-of-life issues is our main goal. We seek to do this in ways that help people think about and treasure life.

The year 2000 saw many educational accomplishments. We started in January with the "Child or Choice?" 12-page insert delivered to 22,000 homes in the *Appeal Democrat*. For Mother's Day, two beautiful billboards with the message "Love them Both" were placed along our local roads. As summer and the county fair approached, we placed three more billboards showing a 19-week-old pre-born and the caption, "She's a

of mifepristone is the result of the FDA's careful evaluation of the scientific evidence related to the safe and effective use of this drug... (t)he FDA's review and approval of this drug has adhered strictly to our legal mandate and mission as a science-based public health regulatory agency." The release further stated that the "FDA based its approval of RU 486 on data from clinical trials in the United States and France," and that "Mifepristone will be distributed in the U.S. by Danco Laboratories, LLC, New York."

The FDA refused to disclose the name or location of the drug manufacturer, citing concerns about employee safety and security. Danco Labs also refused to identify the manufacturer. The reaction from many physicians and pro-life groups was that this was a rush to judgment by the Clinton administration without the completion of adequate clinical trials.

Confirming the suspicions of pro-life groups, in October the Washington Post published a report that RU 486 is being manufactured in China by the Hua Lian Pharmaceutical Plant in Shanghai. National Right to Life had long maintained that RU 486 was imported from China, but had been rebuffed for the assertion. NRTL stated that:

- ▶ This is a public health issue since the FDA cannot monitor a Shanghai facility at the level of drug manufacturers in the U.S. and that China is a major source of impure drugs;
- ▶ the FDA helped Danco Labs avoid a public relations problem by not disclosing who the manufacturer is; and
- ▶ with China's well known and documented compulsory abortion policy for population control, the Hua Lian factory's role must be explored.

Hua Lian, with the help of funding from the **Rockefeller Foundation** and Bangkok based-Concept⁺ Foundation, has been working on becoming an international supplier of RU 486. A spokesperson for Concept stated that FDA inspectors did spend a week at the plant in July (two months before approval of the drug for distribution in the U.S.). However, the drug plant would not allow interviews or a tour of the plant to be conducted by the Washington Post. Seems the Fox has been guarding the hen house!

A Prayer for Life

Loving God, Creator of all life, you have known us for all eternity. Before you ever formed us in our mothers'

wombs, you knew us. Teach us to foster proper attitudes about all of your creation, the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, the terminally ill. Help us to see anew the miracle and sacredness of all life and give us a greater awareness of our responsibility toward this gift from you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Author Unknown

Coming in 2001

On April 7 we are bringing Scott Klusendorf to Yuba City to present a one-day seminar. Scott, of **Stand to Reason**, will be teaching how to argue the pro-life position persuasively. Scott has authored three training manuals, speaks and debates nationwide at colleges and universities, and has been a frequent guest on national radio talk shows. Even Focus on the Family loves this guy!

Over the last several years the opportunities to share the pro-life message at schools and other venues have steadily dwindled. However, our desire to educate our area's youth remains the same. We hope to have as many young people there as possible. *Mark your calendar and look for more information soon.*

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