

Family Voice Leader Profile: Janne Myrdal

Janne Myrdal wears many hats; wife, mother, farmer, Co-Director of Pregnancy Health Center, and State Director of Concerned Women for America (CWA) of North Dakota; but there is one thing Janne is not: a quitter. She is as passionate as she is compassionate and as steadfast as she is flexible.

Janne has been State Director of CWA of North Dakota since November 2006, but she grew up far from her current home. She was born and raised in Norway, where she first came to know Christ. Janne was exposed to very little true Christianity throughout her childhood. As she says, her family attended church only for Christmas and funerals. By the time she was 15 years old, Janne already subscribed to a very liberal worldview and wanted nothing to do with Christianity. But what seemed like a chance attendance at a Nicky Cruz evangelistic crusade became the breaking



Janne recently had the privilege of holding one of the babies she's helped save as our North Dakota State Director.

point for her. She went forward and received Christ.

Taking a stand for Christ in the pagan European environment was a huge step, according to Janne. "It is not like it is in America, where everyone claims to be Christian," says Janne. "I lost friends." But God bolstered Janne's tender heart, and she soon became involved with Youth With A Mission (YWAM), with whom she ministered for the next 12 years, serving first in Europe, then

Central America and eventually in the United States.

At the end of that 12 years, she met the man who would become her husband, and they moved to the Midwest. There, God laid Psalm 68:5 on her heart: “A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation.” It was then that she knew she wanted to be involved in the pro-life cause.

Janne joined CWA as a result of a proposed bill in North Dakota that would remove parental notification rights for parents of underage girls seeking abortions. She called CWA and asked for help. The bill was defeated and Janne became deeply involved in CWA.

Later, after much prayer, Janne was appointed to the position of State Director of CWA of North Dakota. She chooses to work with CWA because CWA is, in Janne’s words, “a Christ-centered, no compromise organization. CWA is the first organization I have been a part of that works from the bottom up. I feel like CWA is working for the state, not the state working for CWA.”

This past year, in addition to tracking legislation, working with the media and taking care of her kids, horses and family farm, Janne was involved in a very important national campaign, the 40 Days for Life. Fasting and praying to end abortion, many groups set up 24-hour prayer vigils outside of abortion clinics, and Janne was no exception. She

and her CWA Prayer Chapter made the three hour trek to Red River Women’s Clinic in Fargo several times to pray. They were also involved in educating churches and distributing pamphlets.

Janne believes — and she is in good company — that these forty days represent the beginning of the end of abortion. During the 40 days in Fargo, Janne was able personally to counsel a woman who then ended up walking out of a scheduled abortion at the Fargo abortion mill.

Janne recognizes the fight she’s in as a spiritual battle and is determined never to stop praying and warring against the powers that would silence God’s truth throughout our land. As Janne says, “I don’t have that luxury.” ■

By: Anna Higgins, Assistant to the National Field Director

PRAY

That God would honor all those who came to pray and fast by allowing them to see this abortion facility shut down, and that North Dakota would become an abortion free state.

PRAISE

That three babies were saved and two weeks of abortion procedures were cancelled in North Dakota during the 40 Days for Life.

ACTION

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