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After nine months of being prohibited from sidewalk counseling, Rev. Hoye was overjoyed to return to his usual post outside the abortion clinic at 200 Webster Street on Tuesday, February 24, 2009. Rev. Hoye, carrying his sign that reads "Jesus Loves You and Your Baby Let us Help," was a constant presence outside the clinic until he was arrested last May.

Rev. Hoye's trial concluded last month after a jury found him guilty of unlawfully approaching a person entering an abortion clinic for the purpose of counseling that person. At the sentencing hearing held last Thursday, Judge Hing attempted to place Rev. Hoye on probation and order him to stay away from the clinic for three years. Rev. Hoye exercised his right to refuse such an unjust order and asked that the court simply sentence him instead. Judge Hing declined to sentence Rev. Hoye outright and left the sentence as is, even after the prosecutor informed the judge that his order was unenforceable.

Rev. Hoye left the courtroom that day a free man—free from jail and free to return to his humble ministry outside the abortion clinic. Today, after about an hour of peacefully standing on the sidewalk sharing about life saving alternatives with mothers who were moments away from taking their own child's life, the police arrived on scene. Terry Thompson, one of Rev. Hoye's attorneys, greeted the officers and provided them with the court order that abolished the previous stay away order in effect prior to the trial. The police told clinic staff that it appeared as though Rev. Hoye had a right to be there and that they were not going to arrest him.

With great joy and admiration, we proclaim that Rev. Hoye remains free yet again. Please continue to pray for his ministry at the FPS abortion clinic at 200 Webster Street in Oakland. Lives have been saved because of Rev. Hoye's obedience to God's calling and his faithfulness to do what is right in the face of fierce opposition.

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