



Christian Voices for Life

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Borderland Abortion Clinics Closed by 40 Days for Life



Education: In September 2014, Whole Women’s Health opened an abortion facility in Las Cruces, New Mexico, about 46 miles northwest of El Paso, Texas, which borders on Mexico. Abortion remains illegal in all but 2 Mexican states. Mark Cavaliere, of Las Cruces, had focused his efforts against abortion in the political arena for many years. But in spite of his efforts and those of others, New Mexico remains one of only seven states that allow abortion at any time up until birth. When the abortion facility opened in his home town, just 50 feet from his

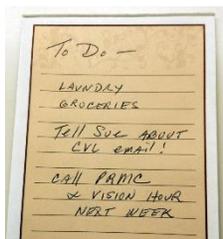
local family pizzeria, Mark knew he had to do something different. He went to consult with Gaby Avila, of El Paso, an experienced pro-life advocate who worked full time helping women and saving babies. She had been a co-leader of 40 Days for Life campaigns at the “Hill Top” abortion facility in El Paso. Mark realized that 40 Days campaigns had saved thousands of babies, closed dozens of abortion facilities, and even helped many abortion workers quit! They had done it not through laws or political means but with prayer and witness, and helping women to find better ways to cope with unplanned pregnancies. (1)

In December 2016, just 27 months after the Whole Women’s Health abortion facility opened in Las Cruces, having had 5 40 Days for Life campaigns outside its doors, it closed, because of “suddenly not getting enough patients.” In July 2018, a second abortion facility, Reproductive Services, closed after 45 years in El Paso. In April 2020, the notorious Hill Top abortion facility also closed, after 36 years of operation. The Borderland community has shut down three of the five local abortion facilities, and will continue to work to close the remaining two. (1)

1. “Knees on the Ground” by Mark Cavaliere, in Summer 2021 issue of *Day 41* magazine, published by 40 Days for Life.



Prayer: Dear Father God, please continue to call many faithful volunteers to organize 40 Days for Life campaigns outside their local abortion facilities. Bless the upcoming fall campaign which will begin on Sep 22 at 18 locations in Texas and hundreds of others around the world. Bless the volunteers who participate in prayer and fasting during the campaign, and those who pray outside of other facilities not officially participating in the campaign. Continue to bless pregnancy centers everywhere who are working to help women to cope with an unplanned pregnancy without resorting to killing their children.



Action: Consider participating in 40 Days for Life by praying outside the abortion facility at [8200 Wednesbury Lane](#) in southwest Houston, or at [Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Freeway](#), or a [center in your area](#). If you are not able to pray on the sidewalk, support the campaign with prayer and fasting. In spite of the recent victory of the Texas heartbeat bill, abortion facilities will certainly continue to do pill abortions, which can be done before six weeks. It remains to be seen if abortions after six weeks may continue to be done in spite of the law.