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Real Hope and Change at University of Alabama GAP

Is there cause for *hope* in the pro-life movement? Consider courageous students like the members of Bama Students for Life (BSFL) who hosted our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) at the University of Alabama. It began with our Pro-Life Training Academy on April 6, 2013 and was followed by the GAP photomural display on April 10-11. When CBR partners with students who are willing to make a strong pro-life stand on their campus, *real change* takes place in the minds of countless students who see GAP.

ABC 3340 in Tuscaloosa ran an April 10, 2013 story entitled “Controversial abortion display stirs controversy on UA campus” (<http://bit.ly/10YuNfq>) which began with:

One of the most controversial displays to protest abortion was shown on the University of Alabama quad Wednesday.

The ‘Genocide Awareness Project’ shows actual bloody-aborted fetuses and in multiple ways stresses their size and level of development. Most were too graphic to show on TV...

We are grateful that the ABC news station accurately stated that our photos are real. The story also reported that a professor brought his class to see the display. Although, “...He denounced the display,” his action ensured that all of his students saw GAP up close. ABC quoted student Jessica Holt’s comment on GAP: [It’s] “a fair show of opinion. I’m glad they’re there because it’s the truth and I just think it will make more of a lasting impression...”

BSFL members were greatly encouraged by what took place during and after GAP. The following is some of their feedback:

David DeStefanis:

Just seeing those pictures is enough to get someone uncomfortable enough to actually examine the issue of abortion and re-examine their own stance on it.

GAP created more dialogue and discussion about abortion than anything I’ve ever seen.

To pro-life people who were against GAP coming here, I asked them if they could tell me a method or tactic that could make as big an impact as GAP did. And none of them could.



Crowds gathered to see the GAP display at University of Alabama on April 10-11. Note how small groups of students often gather around the display to discuss abortion, a topic which is generally considered a settled issue on their campus. GAP all of a sudden makes students think about it.

Joanna Robinson:

I spoke with a Jewish friend of mine in class and asked him to come and see the GAP display. He wasn’t offended, he admitted [that the preborn] is a human life and that he would never be able to support unconditional abortion again. He walked away with a changed heart, and I am forever grateful for GAP in bringing this change about.

GAP is crucial for any student group that wants to start a real conversation about abortion on their campus. You can talk about abortion all you want, but until people see what abortion is, it remains in their minds an abstract idea. GAP presents abortion in a very stark and real way that cannot be ignored.

I have been actively involved in my pro-life campus group for nearly three years, and I have never seen an event cause a discussion about abortion like GAP. I have seen first-hand the anger it caused, but I have also seen GAP working to change hearts and minds, not over weeks or months, but over the course of minutes and seconds.

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BSFL Vice-President Claire Chretien speaks to the media during of CBR's Genocide Awareness Project at University of Alabama. Her club did an excellent job of sponsoring and participating fully in GAP.

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Claire Chretien:

We forced people to think about and talk about abortion.

We are able to articulate the pro-life position to thousands of people, create a conversation about abortion that lasted weeks after GAP, make important comparisons between the contemporary genocide of abortion and past genocides, recruit new members, and show people the truth about abortion — that it is a gruesome, violent procedure that kills an innocent human being.

Zack Wepfer (BSFL Past President):

I can honestly say that this last week [of GAP] has been the week I am most proud of in my entire collegiate career. I am so proud to accomplish what we did. I cannot think of a better way to end my collegiate career.

GAP needs student sponsorship to secure a good campus display location, but we cannot take this powerful exhibit to university and college campuses without pro-life people praying for each GAP and pro-life people being willing to donate their time and money. Prior to University of Alabama GAP, CBR-Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong met with Christians in Tuscaloosa. He asked a few men and women to help bring GAP to the University of Alabama and Auburn University. During the Q&A period of a particular meeting, Bill Overstreet, the pastor at Capstone Church, pledged to raise \$2,000 by the end of the week. He sensed God lead him to pledge that specific sum of money.

Fletcher nodded in joyful thanks; he reported what happened the next day on FletcherArmstrongBlog.com :

The next day, Pastor Overstreet was walking his neighborhood, asking God whom he should approach for help with that \$2,000 pledge. He heard God say, "Don't worry about it. I've already sent you the money."

When he returned from his walk, he saw a letter on his desk from a man in Texas who used to be a member at Capstone. He

wrote that he felt led of God to send a check to the church for a special need. He didn't know what the need was, but he was sure Pastor Overstreet would know. Along with the letter was a check for \$2,000, the exact amount of the pledge!

We praise God for Pastor Overstreet's step of faith to follow God's prompting. In sad contrast, we wonder how many other pastors and lay people are not following God's commands to care for orphans and widows and all those Jesus called "the least of these."

Help us achieve the vision set forth by Joanna Robinson, "We need to make sure that no college student in America graduates without seeing GAP and becoming aware of the reality of abortion." Her youthful vision should bring us all hope that together we can bring about real change.

**Thank you for your support of CBR.
We must be faithful to rescue the babies
by reaching out to their mothers. Proverbs
speaks of the adulterous woman.**

*"She gives no thought to the way of life; her paths
wander aimlessly, but she does not know it."*

PROVERBS 5:6

- Pray for our international CBR affiliates
- Pray for more volunteers for CBR regional offices

Events

"Choice" Sign Outreaches

Weekly in Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, and Rockville, Maryland. Also at Northern Virginia Metro stops; George Mason University in Fairfax, VA; Montgomery Community College in Rockville, MD; Washington, D.C.; and Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.

Urban Gap

Sept. 15 Art of Abortion, Bel Air Art Festival, Maryland

Matthew 28:20 Project

Sept. 22 Baltimore, Maryland

Training Seminars and Speaking Engagements

- Sept. 23 HazteOir Conference Madrid, Spain
Watch it here: <http://new.livestream.com/HO/gregg> - begin at 6:25 for English translation
- Sept. 25 Christian lawyers' meeting,
Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Sept. 26 University of Virginia – Post-abortion syndrome
presentation and testimonies
- Sept. 27 London debate with Peter Williams,
Right to Life
- Oct. 3 London debate with Ann Furedi,
CEO of British Pregnancy Advisory Services
(The UK's largest private abortion provider)
- Oct. 17-18 Defend Life speaking tour, Maryland



CBR-Maryland Education – From Art Patrons to Facebook

On September 15, CBR-Maryland conducted the “Art of Abortion” display at the Bel Air Festival for the Arts in Bel Air, MD. Five volunteers assisted our staff in showing 10,000 suburban-dwelling art patrons our photographs which demonstrate the reality that abortion is an act of violence which kills a baby.

The Baltimore Sun covered CBR’s presence (see photo 13 on the link - <http://bsun.md/16GNVqk>). The Sun article erroneously asserted that “most residents ignored” us. In actuality, CBR- Maryland volunteers continuously interacted with passersby during the four-hour project. Some people voiced their support and thanks.

CBR-Maryland Co-Director Kurt Linnemann wrote in the September 22 newsletter: “Naturally many people will wonder why we target cheery community activities like this instead of abortion mills. The simple reason is that child-killing continues because Americans have isolated themselves from it. Anti-abortionists must shatter this illusion of ‘normalcy’ and force our neighbors to realize that it is not our gory protest that is out of place, but their own contented lifestyles.”

Tremendous numbers of people are seeing CBR’s photo sign displays. One man named Jack made a Facebook post next to a photo of the Black Genocide Awareness Project that CBR-Maryland and LEARN held at the August 24 March on Washington for Jobs and Justice:

Jack (August 25)

I saw these guys at the March yesterday and they really bothered me - they show up at most big events in DC, like a bloody wet blanket.

Dear Bloody ...Baby Guys,

I see your oversized panels of blood, guts and tiny human parts at most large gatherings on the Mall and it offends me. But frankly you bore me, and I can't take you seriously and you all are aggressively annoying and I think, intellectually dishonest.

Unbeknownst to Jack, one of his own Facebook friends was CBR Maryland volunteer David, who began a conversation:

David (August 25, 9:26 am)

Hi Jack. If you continued down to the second to last sign on the left you would have found me. I didn't see you there so maybe you didn't see that at least 6 of our members were women. For the most part people seemed interested, shook my hand, and thanked me for being there.

Jack (August 25, 9:43 am)

Dave, I am proud to call you a friend and neighbor! Much love back at ya! Please answer this, Dave, why the giant gross-out signs? Such a negative presence, I personally don't like them, but further I can't imagine they win many to your cause. For every one person you may win I suspect you drive away 20!

David (August 25)

I believe that it is important to put a real face on the victims of abortion just as for years we have put a real face on the victims of poverty, war, human trafficking. You know this from Time, Life, and so on. Young people who see these images begin conversations because they are so shocking and then we instantly have another pro-lifer for the rest of her/his life. Never does it work in the reverse unless that person is nuts. 40 years of legal abortion on demand at any stage of fetal development and very little change in public policy because when people say choice they think “reproductive health rights”. The images will help associate “choice” or “right to choose” with the true end product of the wrong choice, a dead baby.

Tim (August 25)

I think that was a great explanation.

This exchange is an excellent example of how CBR is bypassing Big Media and getting the truth out to the public. We are proud of David and grateful for all our volunteers.



CBR-Maryland staff and volunteers educated thousands of people attending the Bel Air Art Festival on September 15.

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University of Alabama student Joanna Robinson



CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham spoke at five conferences in Spain from September 14-23. Here he is speaking in Madrid at the September 23 event hosted by www.HazteOir.org. The Spanish pro-lifers were enthusiastic as Gregg shared CBR strategy that is working worldwide.

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