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# Report from Rio Hondo – GAP Changes Hearts and Minds

**A** student came up to the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) display at Rio Hondo College on November 18, 2014 and told volunteer “Carol” she regretted the abortion she had years ago. As they looked at the huge photomurals that compare abortion with genocide, the 32-year-old said she is now married, but unable to conceive, and she believes she is being punished by God for the abortion. Carol sought to encourage her by telling her how God works in our lives and by bringing up the option to adopt children.

A little later, the wife/girlfriend of a campus security guard asked Carol about people’s response to GAP. As they talked, Carol shared her own testimony of deep regret for having an abortion and how it has affected her life. Then the woman told Carol, “I might be pregnant now and I’ve been thinking about having an abortion.” Carol told her about the student who cannot conceive after her abortion, and this woman responded that she’d never thought of that abortion consequence. At the end of the conversation she told Carol, “I don’t think I’ll have an abortion now.”

Three women approached CBR Deputy Director Lois Cunningham and one asked what we would tell a woman who was contemplating abortion. Mrs. Cunningham told her we would show prenatal development and abortion pictures to educate her about the humanity of the preborn child and the inhumanity of abortion, and that we would help her obtain adequate support to carry the pregnancy to term. She should be taken to a pregnancy help clinic for counseling and services such as an ultrasound. The inquiring woman then told Mrs. Cunningham she had a pregnant friend who was planning to abort, but she was going to show her friend our GAP photo brochure and tell her about pregnancy help clinics.

We were grateful to have an information table from a local pregnancy help center close to our GAP display. It was staffed by friendly women who were eager to offer assistance to students. They told us that they spoke with at least two pregnant students. We invite pregnancy help clinics to be present at GAP as they fill an

important role in pro-life ministry and students can learn about their presence in the community.

We are committed to showing students the truth about abortion so we can spare them and their children from the brutality of abortion. This community college in Whittier, California, has 20,000 students and during November 18-19, a steady stream of students and staff saw GAP.

Three weeks later, our student sponsor, Jose Espinoza, president of the Catholic Newman Club, called CBR Director of Operations Kevin Olivier to inform us that he had been receiving feedback from students: “You should know that you have changed hearts and minds.” Jose gave an example of a student named Michael who saw GAP and then completely changed from being pro-abortion to become pro-life. Jose also said: “Michael told me last night that he knows several students who have still been discussing the display.”



*Kristina Garza and others from Survivors teamed up with CBR again to reach students at Rio Hondo College with our Genocide Awareness Project in November. We thank God for these young people who share our bold approach to pro-life activism.*



# Ministry to Students at James Madison University GAP

**G**AP's message reveals many people who need to get right with God. The CBR-Southeast team took our Genocide Awareness Project to James Madison University on November 10-11, 2014, and had several encounters with students that illustrate the importance of our ministry to college students.

Volunteer Debbie Picarello is also part of Deeper Still, a post-abortion ministry. She gave a female student a brochure to help her friend back home who has had three abortions already. Debbie had a male student tell her, "An abortion saved my life." When Debbie asked how, he replied, "My girlfriend got an abortion at 15, and now I am older and able to be in college. It was only a zygote." By the time Debbie finished educating him that men too can hurt from the loss of their children by abortion, he took a Deeper Still brochure. It was obviously God's appointed time for this student to consider that "saving his life" actually took the life of his child.

Volunteer Mark Wolf was speaking with a leader of the protestors against GAP when he noticed scars on her left arm. It was obvious she had been cutting herself. The student tearfully told Mark she had been raped and aborted her child. Mark said he was very sorry and suggested she talk with one of the women on our team. We pray that this troubled young lady will look to God for help with her pain.

With tears in her eyes, another student said, "I interned all summer with the political arm of Planned Parenthood (PP). People called me a baby-killer all summer."

She had been well-indoctrinated by PP -- clean, safe, regulated, counseling, psychological help offered, ultrasounds given, etc.

"We save lives," she claimed.

She was speaking with CBR's Jane Bullington, standing in front of the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) at James Madison University (JMU).

Jane kept reminding her, "Abortion kills a human being." She hated that.

"It is not a human. What if it is not wanted?" (As if being "wanted" makes one human.)

"You can't ask the mom to work at McDonald's so she can have a kid and go to college; that is too demeaning." (As if hard work is "demeaning.")...

Her most astounding statement was this: "Women have evolved and our bodies are not designed to carry and deliver these babies anymore. They are too big for our small pelvic bones."

Has PP become that ridiculous? Believing lies has consequences.

She began to cry uncontrollably and kept saying abortion does not kill babies. Jane now knew she was post-abortive. She was

seeing, for the first time, the monstrous lies she had told herself and others. She was horrified...

We ... pray she will repent of telling abortion industry lies and tell the truth from now on, to others as well as to herself. We pray God will use this painful experience to save many babies and moms.

Read the full account on:  
<http://www.fletcherarmstrongblog.com/>.

Mrs. Bullington also spoke with "Frederick," a student from Germany, who told her:

I am so ashamed of my peers; it is so closed-minded to decide you guys have nothing worth hearing and just sit on the sidelines protesting. I am studying genocide and human atrocities. These photos are not disturbing; the actions are disturbing. Folks need to get out of their comfort zone and engage others so they can expand their world views. It is pitiful that my peers are so pansy and childish. I don't know how old you are but I do know that you know more than I do and I need to listen and learn. And whether this is genocide or not, I see the reasons for the comparisons and it IS an atrocity. You have made my Tuesday. My comfort zone has been stretched once again. Thank you for coming, and thank you for talking with me.

Titus Folks, a student from Liberty University, was a first-time GAP volunteer. He was able to apply what he learned at CBR's Pro-Life Boot Camp. In spite of his nervousness, he educated the first student with whom he spoke. The student didn't know if the government should get involved in abortion. Titus explained to him that protecting human life was one of the clearest roles of government.

Our goal is to recruit and train more Christian college students to do outreach at secular campuses.



*Students at James Madison University in Virginia were educated about abortion when our CBR-Southeast team brought GAP on campus November 10-11, 2014.*



*This sweet girl would not be in this 1-year photo if not for the good work of CBR-Netherlands. Her mother was fighting drug addiction and serious family issues. When Founder Irene van der Wende met with her and showed CBR abortion video from the [www.abortusinformatie.nl](http://www.abortusinformatie.nl) website, she was horrified. Ms. van der Wende's team found shelter for her "far away" and she carried her pregnancy to term. Ms. van der Wende wrote: "She let go of the past. She met a very kind man with whom they now form a happy family. A happy ending to something that seemed inconceivable!"*

### Thank you for caring for defenseless babies.

*"How blessed is he who considers the helpless; the Lord will deliver him in a day of trouble. The Lord will protect him and keep him alive, and he shall be called blessed upon the earth..." PSALM 41:1-2A*

### Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to raise up students to sponsor GAP and Christian College Project
- Pray for God to bless our volunteers

### Events

#### Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

- March 9-10 Columbus State, Georgia
- March 12-13 Georgia Southern
- March 30-31 Oakland University
- April 1-2 Grand Valley State University
- April 6-7 East Carolina University
- April 7-8 California State University, Long Beach
- April 8-9 University of North Carolina -Wilmington
- April 13-14 Western Kentucky
- April 15-16 Tennessee Tech
- April 20-22 Fayetteville State University

#### Urban GAP & Special Projects

February 19 "All Black Lives Matter" CBR sign display and press conference outside the U.S Capitol Building.

#### "Choice" Sign Outreaches

- March 3 Emily's List Fundraiser with Hilary Clinton, Washington Hilton
- March 9 Maryland March for Life

#### Training Seminars

- March 8 Pro-Life Training Academy Columbus, GA
- March 22 Pro-Life Training Academy Wilmington, NC
- March 29 Pro-Life Training Academy Allendale, MI
- April 12 Pro-Life Training Academy Cookeville, TN
- April 19 Pro-Life Training Academy Fayetteville, NC

## CBR-Netherlands Politely Pushes for Free Speech Rights

On International Women's Day, March 8, 2015, CBR-Netherlands (AbortusInformatie.nl) held an abortion sign display outside an abortion clinic in Zwolle. People waiting for buses across the street were continually looking at the signs, deep in thought. Police patrolled twice by car, but no city officials interfered as they had prior.

At the January 17, 2015 sign display outside a stadium in Zwolle, there was interference. Although CBR-Netherlands had notified police and received a written permit to hold the street awareness campaign, they were surprised when a council worker removed the four courtesy signs, which read "WARNING abortion pictures ahead." Afterwards, he came over to say he had been on the phone with the head of Public Order & Safety, and the warning signs had to go. Ms. van der Wende informed him that she would be contacting the council about this matter.

Ms. van der Wende sent a letter to the mayor of Zwolle to complain. She wrote that apparently AbortusInformatie.nl was more concerned about minimizing conflicts with passers-by than the council of Zwolle. The mayor forwarded this on to the Advisor of Public Order & Safety. Some email correspondence followed in which Ms. van der Wende explained: "AbortusInformatie.nl is a human rights organisation founded by women who missed crucial information when making their abortion decision. AbortusInformatie.nl, amongst other things, educates by showing medical scientific images." She chided that the sign removal "doesn't fit in a democratic country where freedom of expression is so highly valued."

Thankfully, the Advisor of Public Order & Safety responded: "This could have and should have been handled differently. I repeat: I find it bothersome that it has gone this way ... and I'd like to apologize for how things went, especially for the role I played in it myself ..." He requested a face-to-face meeting.

Ms. van der Wende reported:

On March 19, 2015, I [met] with the gentleman from Public Order & Safety. He said they were sincerely sorry. I commended him on offering apologies. After a half-hour discussion, I asked if there was anything else he would like to discuss. No. No mention of the content of our display. Just as well -- as I had let drop that we always operated within the law, and had various legal advisors. We have shown to not mess with us, and paved the way for those who follow.

CBR holds periodic Skype calls with our international directors in which we continue to train them in CBR strategy. They also share ideas and wisdom with each other. The above report demonstrates the fruit of CBR-Netherlands applying our standards of being wise and respectful, but also firm, in our commitment to stop the killing.



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**Rio Hondo College Club President speaking  
about the effect of GAP on his campus**



*On February 19, 2015 CBR Board member/Director of LEARN Northeast & BlackGenocide.org Rev. Clenard Childress, Jr. conducted the “All Black Lives Matter” CBR sign display and press conference outside the U.S. Capitol Building. Rev. Childress offered an invitation: “To all those who participated in the Michael Brown and Eric Garner protests last year, walking around with hands up or chanting ‘I can’t breathe,’ I trust that you will be supporting us as we seek to bring attention to the disproportionate number of black babies killed by abortion. Remember, all black lives matter.”*



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