CBR Communiqué

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Center for Bio-Ethical Reform **October 2019**

God gives CBR a California Supreme Court Victory

In our August CBR Communiqué, we reported CBR's enormous court victory, establishing for the first time in history the right to picket inside California shopping malls, using abortion photo signs near stores which donate to Planned Parenthood. Our case was named "The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, Inc. v. The Irvine Company (2019) 37 Cal. App. 5th 97," and just as we were thanking God for this highly consequential appellate court win, a San Francisco attorney, who had not been involved in the case until now, petitioned the California Supreme Court to "depublish" our appeals court opinion and remand the case back to the appellate court for reconsideration of one narrow issue related to statutory damages.

The California Supreme Court affirmed CBR's shopping mall picketing victory. This photo is from Fashion Island, a high-end shopping destination in Newport Beach, CA, which is owned by The Irvine Company.

This was an unusual motion and had the California Supreme Court "depublished" our opinion, the decision's precedential influence would have arguably been diminished. The greater danger, however, was the possibility that the California Supreme Court might have decided to review and reverse our win. By God's grace, both dangers passed when, on October 16, 2019, the high court dismissed the petition without comment.

That same day the *San Francisco Chronicle* newspaper published a story headlined "California High Court Allows Disturbing Images during Anti-abortion Demonstrations." The images are indeed "disturbing" because one of the signs which a three-judge appeals court panel unanimously permitted us to exhibit was described by the Chronicle as "an 8-week fetus [actually an embryo] 'moments after an abortion' with a severed head and body parts displayed."

As usual, our attorneys, Rob Muise and David Yerushalmi, did masterful jobs at both the trial and appeals court levels, finally prevailing in the California Supreme Court. But it was your generous support and God's divine providence which allowed us to secure and preserve these wins on behalf of preborn children and their mothers.

After 20 Years, GAP Returns to Washington State

It had been 20 years since our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) visited Washington State University (WSU) in Pullman, Washington. Students who saw GAP on October 26-27, 1999 have now grown up and we trust that they remembered our abortion photos when faced with pregnancy decisions. We returned to WSU on September 16-17, 2019, to reach a new generation of students.

This GAP was largely due to the efforts of student Andrew Kerin. He found out about GAP online and wanted to bring it to WSU. CBR Director of Christian Outreach Dr. Bob Seemuth is based in Washington, so he began to work with Andrew on preparations for GAP. Ironically, a club Andrew had formed for WSU Christians refused to sponsor GAP. Next, WSU Students for Life turned down the opportunity to sponsor GAP and help us secure a good location and obtain more student involvement. Not one to give up, Andrew formed a new club called the Dedicated Student Organization for Human Rights. Most of the SFL members joined this club, or privately supported GAP. Approximately twenty students attended CBR's Pro-Life Training Academy on September 15. At the beginning of the day, nearly 25% were on the fence about using graphic photos

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to educate the public about abortion. One student told Andrew he was not planning to be at GAP, but he just came for PLTA. By the end of the training, every single student had signed up to participate in GAP.

The training and prayers of our prayer team rendered excellent results. Director of Operations for CBR, Kevin Olivier, Ph.D., reported: "We had a fantastic team of student volunteers who boldly and competently engaged student passersby. The display received much attention, including Spokane TV news coverage."

The writers for the student newspaper, *Daily Evergreen*, had difficulty understanding our sign offering students the opportunity to see a medical textbook confirming the authenticity of our abortion photos. We include the ages of the aborted babies on each sign to help students see their rapid level of development. Dr. Olivier informed the reporters that our sign did not say that the textbook contained our abortion photos, but it "confirmed the authenticity of the photos because it showed a similar morphology based on the developmental stage." The *Daily Evergreen* only interviewed students who were against GAP, including two students who repeated a claim we often hear from female pro-aborts, that people "without uteruses" shouldn't have a voice about abortion.

There are many students with uteruses who have already been wounded by abortion. One such student came up to CBR team member Abigail and explained that she was pro-choice. Abigail walked with her and asked her questions. When they came to our abortion photo sign with the caption "Having an abortion may lead to premature delivery," the student broke down in tears. Abigail counseled with her and they exchanged hugs.

Volunteer Diane from Seattle ministered to another post-abortal student for over an hour. Encounters like this demonstrate our need to be on campus for those who face crisis pregnancies as well as those who have already aborted. We can minister to them and save their future babies.

Three Christian female students strongly disagreed with CBR's approach and didn't want to participate. One voted against bringing GAP to campus, saying it would be absolutely "horrific." Nonetheless, they came out to see GAP and listened to various conversations. At the end of the second day, Andrew asked them, "What do you think of our display?" They each told him that our GAP team's loving demeanor and the amazing conversations were enough to change their minds. He directly asked the woman who voted against GAP if she had the opportunity to bring GAP to campus again, would she vote for it. She responded with a smile, "I might."

WSU students can't help but turn their heads to look at our GAP display on their way to classes. Many of them return to ask questions and they hear effective pro-life apologetics.

After WSU GAP, Andrew prepared a photo newsletter in which he shared this concluding paragraph:

> GAP was a huge success! Many hearts and minds were won because of the graphic pictures and our lovingkindness to people- I believe lives will be saved from it as well.
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> BUT, it did not come without a cost. And although I am the one who invited The Center For Bio-Ethical Reform to visit WSU campus, that cost hit someone else. Emma, the President for Students For Life, is under severe pressure from her colleagues in WSU student government … So join me in prayer for Emma. She bravely risked her job by joining the Human Rights Club and volunteering on the first day of GAP …

Andrew also included comments from GAP volunteers:

"Being a part of GAP/PLTA was like a mini missions trip. The two-day, on-campus event was nothing like I had ever done. I had some amazing conversations." Diane Lucas, post-abortive counselor

"I was hesitant about GAP beforehand given the content and the pointed, direct method they employ. After observing and participating, I would volunteer again … [though it] is outside my comfort zone." Carl Pearson

"[A pro-choice woman] told me, 'I'm ashamed to be pro-choice with my friends behaving like this.' After that she was willing to listen to the gospel and explore God's word with me. The last thing she said to me before leaving was, 'Thank you so much for doing this and how civil you were while doing it.'" Trent Hill, WSU Freshman

"The photos I had originally deemed to be too inflammatory were the very thing prompting people to think about the issue … God … penetrated

During the Genocide Awareness Project at Washington State University, student volunteers who we trained in our Pro-Life Training Academy, joined our staff in reaching to students all day.

my heart on the grave seriousness of the issue and placed within me a passion for the preborn in our world today." Keegan, WSU Freshman

"In the past I've never liked that idea of seeing graphic pictures of abortion. If I saw protesters with them I would turn the other way. After attending the training and hearing Dr. Bob with such a soft-spoken yet solid way of looking at abortion, I was very much affected and was moved to volunteer. His point is that a picture says 1000 words and often you have only three seconds to change someone's opinion and showing graphic pictures does that ... The highlight for me was watching my boy serve God ..." Mrs. Kerin, Andrew's mother

Soon after GAP, Dr. Seemuth brought a report about the GAP victories to a Vancouver, Washington, church that had been part of the GAP prayer team. He distributed Andrew's photo newsletter, and people began praising God. A man in his 50's who rarely attends this morning prayer time came and read the report. (God obviously drew him there that day.) He then publicly confessed his past sins which resulted in abortions and asked for forgiveness. At this point, Dr. Seemuth was able to offer him resources for hope and healing.

Andrew sent us an October 22 email reporting the profound effect GAP had on the WSU campus. After more than a month, he was still learning about abortion-related conversations all over campus. He also noted that the pro-life clubs on WSU campus have continued doing outreach and training new volunteers. GAP has stimulated a surge of evangelism on campus; Andrew's friends are "on fire for Jesus" and they are handing out tracts, sharing the Gospel, and praying with people on campus. Andrew also did open-air preaching which sparked very good conversations and introduced an international student to the Gospel.

This is the power of GAP. We have seen it at work on college campuses since 1998, and the brave students who join us are emboldened to share the pro-life point of view. They shift from having their voices largely silenced by the campus pro-abortion narrative to a position of upholding the power of God and the truth. Praise God!

Rev. Clenard Childress, Jr., CBR Board member and Director/ Founder of BlackGenocide.org , preached as he led the "If You Love the Children, Say So March" on October 12-14, 2019. It began with a rally at an abortion mill that kills over 200 babies weekly in Cherry Hill, NJ. The Say So March traveled through Montclair, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Wash., D.C.

Thank you for standing with us as we uphold the truth to a spiritually needy world.

*"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in **truth**."*
Psalm 145:18

Prayer Requests

- Blessings on the courageous student who sponsored WSU GAP
- Pastors who will preach boldly against abortion and champion life
- Staff and volunteers to do CBR projects around the country

Events

Urban Outreach
Oct. 13-14 If you Love the Children, Say So March, Montclair, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; Washington, D.C.

ALL Black Lives Matter Project
Oct. 12 Rally & Protest, Cherry Hill Woman's Center, NJ

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)
Oct. 7-9 Rio Hondo College, Whittier, CA
Oct. 9-10 Cal State University, Long Beach, CA
Oct. 14-15 East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
Oct. 21-22 Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC

TV/Radio Interviews
Oct. 14 Call2Action with Steve Noble
Podcast of the interview:
http://thestevenobleshow.com/2019/10/14/abortion-no/

"Choice" Sign Outreaches
Oct. 10 Wake Tech Comm. College, Raleigh, NC

Revival Project
Oct. 16-18 Campbell University, Bules Creek, NC
Oct. 23-25 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Reproductive "Choice" Campaign Trucks
Oct. 14-15 Greenville, NC
Oct. 16-18 Bules Creek, NC
Oct. 21-22 Chapel Hill, NC
Oct. 23-25 Wake Forest, NC
Twice weekly in Tennessee

Training Seminars and Speaking Engagements
Oct. 19 Pro-Life Boot Camp, Love Life Charlotte, NC

Pro-Life Training Academy
Oct. 6 Mission Viejo, CA

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