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CBR-UK Pregnancy Care Centre Vision Becoming Reality

Anticipation is in the air. At the end of April, CBR-UK has begun online training towards the goal of opening an entirely new model for UK pregnancy care centre ministry.

When CBR-UK began in 2007, they started implementing CBR strategies that focused on the foundational work of education. The UK did not have established free speech rights -- they have no First Amendment to protect people. CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham urged the staff to test UK free speech rights by holding CBR abortion photo signs in public. When some people complained, the police arrested CBR-UK Director Andrew Stephenson and assistant Kathryn Attwood, and held them in jail for over 25 hours on three occasions. Their boldness to save preborn babies gave the desired opportunity for a UK court challenge. Mr. Cunningham carefully studied UK law related to the case and he helped UK barristers build a solid case. Praise God -- we won! (See CBR Communiqué September 2012 – <https://bit.ly/2x5C09c>)

The CBR- UK team has done an excellent job of using their hard-won right and has been conducting public education throughout England in addition to speaking in churches and other venues. Yet the staff had a heart for caring for women facing crisis pregnancies beyond the assistance they could give while holding abortion and prenatal development photos outside abortion facilities.

The problem in England is that the majority of crisis pregnancy centres are non-directive. The staff does not take a firm stand against abortion; they don't make it clear to women that abortion is an act of violence that kills a baby. They don't educate women about the physical, emotional and spiritual effects of abortion. A staff member may personally be pro-life and silently praying the mother will keep her baby, yet they cannot express their opinions or be associated with the pro-life movement. Neutrality essentially makes them "pro-choice."

In February 2019, a team of three CBR-UK volunteers came from England to Southern California. Part of the purpose of Dan and Rebekah Collins and Kym Reeves's journey was to learn about how to develop a pregnancy care center (PCC). We took them to four pregnancy care centers/clinics in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. They began to glean valuable knowledge from the staff and from Lois Cunningham's experience founding two of the country's first pregnancy care medical clinics. To further their vision for an effective UK pregnancy care center, Mrs. Cunningham introduced Mrs. Collins to Dean Gavaris, the 34-year Director of Gateway Pregnancy Centers in New



CBR-UK created this warm video to introduce the pending launch of Hope Pregnancy Centre.
https://youtu.be/lt3XTPQ8h_Y

Jersey. Mr. Gavaris freely shared from his vast experience in inner city and suburban PCC's. He offered to travel to England to assist CBR-UK with PCC training, and God provided his airline ticket through a Gateway donor. No one expected COVID-19 to interfere with the planned April training. God inspired CBR-UK to press on and they worked with Mr. Gavaris to shift to online training.

On April 21, UK Hope Pregnancy Centre provided online "HOPE - A New Vision for Pregnancy Centres" with Dean Gavaris as the trainer. Sixty-seven participants learned about the successful Gateway Pregnancy Centers, including 5,900 babies' lives saved and 4,550 adults having come to a saving faith in Jesus.

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Christ Gave us Victory at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) returned to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina (UNC-CH) on October 21-22, 2019. Our display location on the campus of 30,000 students was a high foot-traffic area, so it afforded us the opportunity to educate many students. By comparing abortion with other forms of genocide, we cause open-minded students to consider this atrocity. Most of them lack basic information about the development of the baby in the womb and their opinions on abortion are frequently based on lies they've been told.

The following is a sampling of conversations our team had at UNC-CH:

Twisted thinking: A woman who works with people with special needs, including Down syndrome, told CBR staff member Joshua Lindsey, "I aborted my child with Downs because of the life he would have had. I think I and my husband are better parents because of the abortion." Mr. Lindsey (who uses a motorized wheelchair due to cerebral palsy) gently but firmly told her that abortion was the worst form of child abuse. When he asked her whether she wouldn't rather her son be with her now, she acknowledged "sometimes" and that she remembers him every year [perhaps on the anniversary of her abortion], but then continued to defend her abortion.

Absurd thinking: Volunteer Bill Boyer dialogued with a student named Celia who claimed, "Every living cell in my body with my DNA is alive and human, and thus my body is composed of trillions of human lives. Just because something is a human life doesn't mean it is a human person. Scientifically speaking, there are far, far, far more human lives than human people on our planet...."



Lack of knowledge: A male student arrogantly claimed, "My parents are nurses and we have thoroughly researched abortion. You don't decapitate to abort until it is past the legal age to abort." CBR staff member Jane Bullington only needed to point to our abortion photo signs to correct his misinformation. Another student offered all the usual arguments in favor of abortion and claimed that the baby "is just a cell." As CBR staff member Mik'aela Raymond reminded him the building block of life is the cell, he had to agree. He next struggled to acknowledge that the living cell was human. As Miss Raymond patiently offered facts and arguments, he finally said he needed to go off and do his own research.

Equipped by CBR: A public health policy major asked gentle inquisitive questions. Jessica told Mrs. Bullington that she is pro-life and was grateful to now have more information to counter the "news" and the lies.

Change of heart: A young woman who grew up in a Baptist community told Mr. Lindsey, "I don't think abortion is right but I don't want to tell others what to do." After more conversation with him, she acknowledged, "My thinking has kind of changed." He urged her to do research and become a voice for the voiceless. Mr. Lindsey also challenged a student protestor who claimed our brochures were "bul****." He asked her, "How do you know it's bad if you haven't read it?" She proceeded to read our brochure.

Post-abortion assistance: Two female students approached the CBR Free Speech board, one was crying and the other one comforting. Volunteer Laurice Baddour learned that the student crying was post-abortive. She offered her a hug, the love of Jesus, and post-abortion materials. They received this help and then left, late for class.





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One of the students yelling in protest against us also attempted to interfere with people who were dialoguing with us, “How can you even talk to these people? ... My black female friend just got arrested ... My black, female, queer friend just got arrested!” The troubled student was arrested because she stole something from one of our volunteers and then lied to the police about it. The pro-aborts’ focus on day two was calling the police names and asking the administration to remove police from the UNC-CH campus. We learned from the officers that this type of rant had been going on for about a year.

The Daily Tar Heel (student newspaper) published an anti-GAP editorial which offered no arguments against the GAP display photos or our rationale for contrasting abortion with other recognized genocide. The editorial board complained that the administration permitted our display on campus. A newspaper traditionally should stand for free speech and freedom of the press, but their standard is obviously a double standard. <https://bit.ly/2Kxd10v>

Pro-abortion faculty members are a major reason that students have a knee-jerk reaction to oppose us. For

Thank you for standing with us at CBR.

*“We praise you, God,
we praise you, for your Name is near;
people tell of your wonderful deeds.*

*You say, ‘I choose the appointed time;
it is I who judge with equity.
When the earth and all its people quake,
it is I who hold its pillars firm.’”*

PSALM 75:1-3

Prayer Requests

- Pray for pregnancy care centers and clinics that are remaining open during COVID-19 restrictions. Many have reduced hours due to staffing challenges.
- CBR summer intern program
- 2020 Key States Campaign

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May 18 Summer intern program launch

example, a Twitter profile of a faculty member has the devil for her profile picture. These are the types of people who are poisoning our youth. It is imperative that we go to the colleges to stand for truth.

Thank God the First Amendment is still in place, and there are still godly students and open-minded students. Four men approached Mrs. Bullington at various times during the two days we were on the UNC-CH campus to express how hard it is for pro-life people on the campus and to say thank you for being here.

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this donation, but after reading your
March 2020 letter, I knew I could.*

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On April 23, a special online event was held for church leaders entitled “Abortion: Is it a Gospel Issue?” This live CBR-UK Brephos event featured Vaughan Roberts and Dean Gavaris. It is imperative to get pastors involved in this ministry. There were 99 participants, including the speakers. One out of three UK women will have at least one abortion during their lifetimes, and pastoral leadership can make the difference in engaging their congregations to reach women at risk for abortion.

These two events have generated much appreciation for Mr. Gavaris as he helped CBR-UK cast the vision. Enthusiastic responses are coming in from people across the UK wanting to find out more about partnering with HOPE, which will be the first Gospel-centered, missional model of pregnancy centres in the UK. The mission statement is “To reach the lost for Jesus Christ and to save the life of the unborn child through the sharing of the Gospel with those in a pregnancy situation .”

Please pray for God to provide volunteers, funding, hotline staffing and the right location for HOPE. Be blessed by viewing these introductory videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lt3XTPQ8h_Y

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCAFOT-U-fs>

“ *Abortion: Is it a Gospel Issue?* ”
CBR-UK online program



Pro-abortion students at UNC-Chapel Hill attempted to warn other students about GAP with a “trigger warning” sign. Abortion is such a devastating sin that society must see the evil in order to change hearts and minds.

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