CBR Communiqué

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Summer Intern Program Shines

Four young ladies learned how they can help stop abortion at CBR's 12-week 2020 Summer Intern Program. We've had interns before, but this was our biggest and best year ever. Our CBR-Southeast staff did a fine job designing and administering the program. Joanna Keilson led the team, with help from Lincoln Brandenburg and Mik'aela Raymond. CBR-Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong said at the end of the program, "We have the finest pro-life intern program in the country." We give the praise to our Lord.

Intern time was split between conducting public abortion photo displays, various other activism projects, classroom training, reading and discussion, Bible study, and self-directed projects aimed at recruiting, training, and equipping others to be more effective pro-life activists.

Britt Huddleston worked with CBR's Social Media staff to increase our online visibility. Maggie Groover developed an inventory of student pro-life groups with whom we might collaborate to conduct CBR displays such as our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP), to provide apologetics training with our Pro-Life Training Academy, and offer internship opportunities to their members. Heidi Whaley catalogued two decades of CBR testimonials demonstrating how our abortion photos had won hearts, changed minds, and saved lives. Annie Whaley put together a new and improved PowerPoint slide presentation for teaching pro-life apologetics. They came to learn from us, but they turned out to be our teachers as well!

Several times a week, interns stood with CBR staff members in downtown areas and at busy street corners to display hand-held 5- x 10-foot GAP signs and 3- x 4-foot "Choice" signs. On one busy street corner in Knoxville, Tennessee, our staff counted 8,000 passing cars in one day. The presence of young people holding CBR signs greatly increases the likelihood that teens and young adults will pay attention, and that is important to reach those most at risk for abortion.

CBR summer interns and campers received excellent training at CBR's Pro-Life Youth Leadership Camp in Columbus, Georgia. The interns helped make the camp a fun experience as well.

The interns also had the opportunity to travel to several locations outside of Knoxville, doing public displays and other important work:

- Nashville, Tennessee - Our team reached passersby in the middle of Music City as well as while picketing outside a Nashville abortion center.
- Pigeon Forge, Tennessee - Thousands of people saw CBR abortion photos in a single day at a busy intersection.
- Johnson City, Tennessee - Two interns spoke in their home church and recruited their friends to help display signs in downtown Johnson City the following day.
- Asheville and Charlotte, North Carolina - The team displayed signs outside abortion clinics and at busy intersections, and they attended a training session on how to share the Gospel while doing pro-life activism.
- Columbus, Georgia - Interns helped run CBR's 5-day Pro-Life Youth Leadership Camp. Despite the COVID-19 scare, campers who came learned what God's Word teaches us about the sanctity of human life and how to be effective at exposing injustice.

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CBR-Poland Engages Culture in Spite of Satanic Opposition

International affiliates of CBR have had to adjust their public outreaches during this period of COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions. CBR-Poland [Fundacja Pro-prawo do życia) faced a prohibition against public gatherings, but they wisely took advantage of a law that allowed two people to be in the street "for important reasons." What could be more important than prayer? Pairs of CBR-Poland people stood in public, praying, sometimes holding photo signs. CBR-Poland reported: "… those prayers were livestreamed on Facebook and many people joined us online and visited our fan page. They focused on online contact and did a series of livestreams with pro-life apologetics and information about pro-life activism. The truck and billboard campaigns continued."

We are heartened by the ingenuity of our Polish friends as they refused to shut down their efforts and just hunker down until the virus passed them by. They currently are running two campaigns: their primary fight against abortion, but an additional battle against WHO's sex education standards for Europe.

In 2019, CBR-Poland organized over 1,000 public pickets with CBR abortion photos. They also hold "Choose Life" exhibitions and they own ten abortion photo trucks. These are parked in front of hospitals where abortions are performed and driven along streets.

After the restrictions were mostly lifted, CBR-Poland returned to normal activity in the streets. They launched a campaign against medical abortion which they prepared during the lockdown, because pro-abortion activists are helping women get illegal pills from abroad to perform abortions at home.

Satan is not happy with the bold pro-life work of CBR-Poland. One of their trucks was recently damaged by thugs. Their cars and billboards are regularly vandalized with paint and otherwise damaged. Municipal Police in Warsaw unlawfully towed one of the cars from a display site. CBR-Poland's Anna Trutowska reported on the governmental pushback they face: "Volunteers are often called to hearings at the police stations, and we still have many lawsuits in progress." Volunteers have been physically assaulted, and the Mayor of Warsaw took a stand against their work during a protest at Warsaw Town Hall.

CBR-Poland Director Mariusz Dzierżawski sums up their progress: "Since 2005 we have used the CBR method to change human minds. Showing abortion victims' photos and creating scandals around abortion works! Hundreds of people participate in our actions, and thousands support us financially."

Thanks to your support, we have been able to train international pro-life leaders and provide them with prenatal development and abortion photos – images that save lives.

CBR-Poland gets out in the public square to confront the culture. Here a large crowd of protestors marches right next to CBR's signs.

SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM *(Cont. from page 1)...*
Our interns learned post-carding, a new tactic pioneered by our Canadian affiliate. Interns went door-to-door in strategically-chosen neighborhoods, leaving CBR literature in each doorway. It really caused a stir. (We love it when a plan comes together.)

At the end of the summer, we were pleased when every intern expressed interest in joining CBR staff and/or doing pro-life work professionally. All are eager to continue with public displays of abortion photos, because they learned how important it is to make the world see what abortion is and does. As Heidi Whaley remarked, "Now that I've been through this program, I can't just go back to my normal life."

Please pray that each of these ladies will take what they have learned and carry on this work. Also, join us in prayer that God will send us ten interns next year, plus the new funds ($50,000) we'll need to make this program bigger and even better.

God is Prompting African Christians to Fight Abortion - and CBR Photos Increase Their Power

They first ask for our graphic abortion photos; international pro-lifers find our abortion photos online and recognize they are essential for effective anti-abortion work.

Edward Obeng-Kwakye of CBR-Ghana participated in our August CBR international Zoom call. Although he was glad to learn of the new prenatal app (to be distributed by the Education Resource Fund), he also wants to use his mobile phone to show people the truth about abortion. He asked, "Can you make an abortion app?" We are moving forward to create that app.

This little fellow is one of 85 Ghanian babies named after Edward Obeng-Kwakye. He uses CBR photos to help save these children.

Edward has used CBR abortion photos for a number of years. He and his family personally help pregnant women in crisis by taking them into their home and/or meeting their practical needs. The following is an August 25, 2020 report:

> One morning I was invited to speak to a youth breakfast meeting.... [when] we closed that meeting, I saw some young ladies draw closer. I found out that one was pregnant and wanted to take some water to sell to buy food. She was three months pregnant and had not been to the hospital. I invited her home, led her to [the] hospital for medical care and took care of her until she gave birth to a baby boy. She named her baby after me. There are now 85 babies named after me. That baby is now five years old and has started school to enable her mother to work.… I have many stories to share, and some will make you cry.

Edward's vision is to establish a House of Hope for these women who face ostracism from their families. He also requests prayers for someone to donate a ministry truck; he recognizes that several international CBR affiliates have effectively adapted our abortion photo trucks for use in their countries. His is a real Black Lives Matter campaign!

We must stand with our brothers and sisters in Africa. The enemy is seeking the blood of their children. Shame on the United States and other Western countries which have dangled foreign aid in front of needy countries, but tie that aid to those countries' acceptance of legalized abortion.

In the country of Namibia, pro-abortion forces have again reared their ugly heads and CBR was contacted again for assistance by Catherine Louw. In 2018, we shared abortion photos with her group, Concerned Namibian Christians. They used the photos to produce a video to combat attempts to legalize abortion (Abortion photos start at 1:45: https://vimeo.com/433753230)

It encouraged us greatly to see all the churches and ministries which willingly supported this video (named at the end of the video.) We have provided them with our new prenatal images of babies aged from six to ten weeks to assist them in their plan to make a short prenatal development video. Mrs. Louw thanked us for our encouragement as she asked for our prayer support saying, "Isn't the Lord great and worthy to be trusted as we fight His battles?"

God bless you for faithfully remembering CBR and the babies.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."
Romans 15:13

Prayer Requests

- 2020 Key States Campaign – trucks will begin rolling in September
- Pray for 2020-2021 GAP and Revival Projects at colleges and universities
- Spiritual protection for all the CBR team members and their families

Events

Postcard distribution (CBR literature)

July 29 & Aug. 4 Knoxville, TN

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

July 30	Pigeon Forge, TN
July 31	Knoxville Center for Reproductive Health, Knoxville, TN
July 31	Knoxville, TN
August 5	Knoxville, TN
August 6-7	Nashville, TN

Prenatal Signs

August 8 Planned Parenthood, Mission Viejo, CA

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CBR summer intern

CBR's global influence can be seen in CBR-Poland's emulation of our truck project; they use our abortion photos and many of our sign designs. The truck is parked in front of a hospital that does abortions.

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