CBR Communiqué

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CBR-Netherlands Confronts Abortion Promoters

International CBR affiliates routinely rely on our legal input to assist them as they carry out public abortion photo displays. It is important to note that without the First Amendment, our international friends encounter challenges beyond what we face in the U.S.

This week, CBR-Netherlands Founder Salome van der Wende emailed us to say thank you:

> We are very grateful for all the prior legal help, which has once again shown that we are within our rights. Thank you, Gregg, for all your advice over the years, which we included in the response we had sent the evening prior [to the Zwolle mayor], which also included judicial advice from various people here in the Netherlands.

Ms. van der Wende has reported that CBR-Netherlands did not know for four months where they stood with authorities from the city of Zwolle. When CBR- Netherlands (AbortusInformatie.nl) displayed abortion and prenatal signs on August 18, 2020, World Humanitarian Day, they were threatened with legal prosecution. The law varies from town to town and permission to display photo signs must be granted by the mayor. In December, Ms. van der Wende sent the mayor a letter asking for clarification, specifically asking if authorities could substantiate their claims, and inquiring whether legal action would be taken if CBR did future displays. Two weeks later, she finally received a response from the Zwolle council. We quote, in part:

> The BOAs [Buitengewoon opsporingsambtenaar-investigative officers] who were on the scene at your demonstration in August also tried, in collaboration with the police, to assess whether the materials you use in the demonstrations are permissible under criminal law. It has not yet been shown that it is inadmissible. So no legal action will be taken against you.

The council avoided the question of whether CBR-Netherland's photo displays can be deemed "offensive" and "hurtful," arbitrary words which where included in a Zwolle regulation given to CBR. Violations could result in up to two months in jail and a fine. AbortusInformatie.nl had an earlier run-in with authorities in Zwolle in 2015.

CBR-Netherlands (AbortusInformatie.nl) Founder Salome van der Wende confronted Dutch politician Lilianne Ploumen, a fierce abortion advocate. Dutch television aired their conversation, but producers cropped out the CBR photo sign image.

Meanwhile, babies continue to be aborted, so CBR-Netherlands sent an email reply to the council and proceeded with a photo sign display the following day. Ms. van der Wende carried with her the letter she wrote to the council in which she requested knowledge of the laws pertaining to council demands. She presented the letter to the two BOAs and two female police officers who appeared on the scene that morning, seemingly to sabotage their freedom of speech.

The four officials refrained from shutting down the display, but one of the BOA agents hinted that they may yet attempt to stop CBR-Netherland's displays. The agent indicated

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that they will not make a police report, but they are going to investigate and offered, "You are entitled to a lawyer."

CBR-Netherlands lacks consistent aid from pro-life lawyers, in spite of our efforts to recruit such help. A number of European lawyers who claim to be Christ followers have refused to defend the expressive rights of CBR affiliates. Here in the U.S., our lawyers at the American Freedom Law Center have effectively represented us for years.

CBR-Netherlands stands up for preborn children and their mothers with a small number of volunteers and supporters, but they make up for their size in courage. Recently, they confronted the Dutch politician Lilianne Ploumen, a fierce abortion advocate who initiated SheDecides. When President Trump reinstated the Mexico City policy, which ended U.S. funding of abortion overseas, Ms. Ploumen solicited international money to keep aborting babies in the third world, as well as the babies of women who travel from countries where abortion is restricted (e.g. from Poland to Holland).

CBR-Netherlands Founder Salome van der Wende was waiting to meet Ms. Ploumen as she stepped out of a taxi to enter an Amsterdam meeting where she was scheduled to speak. A television crew actually recorded their discussion and aired it on prime time television. The coverage also included another CBR-Netherlands photo display held in The Hague.

This was not the first time CBR-Netherlands held Ms. Ploumen accountable. When she was collecting international abortion money in Brussels, Belgium, in 2017, Ms. van der Wende and other pro-life groups were present with abortion photo signs and other graphic reminders of the horror of abortion.

CBR-Netherlands stood with signs outside the International Peace Palace on the 75th anniversary of the UN Peace Day. This Peace Palace is the seat of the International Court of Justice of the United Nations in The Hague. Spiritual darkness is apparent in this place in contrast to its name.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support.

"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."
Ephesians 6:11-12

Prayer Requests

- God to expose the evil deeds of abortionists
- 2021 GAP, Revival and Prenatal Projects
- Provision for our international affiliates

Events

Prenatal Signs
January 9 Planned Parenthood, Mission Viejo, CA

Choice Signs
January 22 Honolulu, HI
January 30 Glendale, AZ

Urban Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)
January 22 Honolulu, HI

There are international life-and-death consequences when U.S. Presidential elections are held. A January 18, 2021 article in the Dutch publication *de [the] Volksrant* lamented the effect of President Trump's decision to reinstate the Mexico City policy, first enacted in January 20, 1985 by the Reagan administration, to prevent US government funds from being used directly or indirectly to facilitate abortion elsewhere in the world.

This policy has been dubbed "the gag rule" by pro-aborts, and it has see-sawed back and forth with each presidential election. When a Republican president has been in office, babies' lives are spared. When a Democrat wins, more babies die as millions of abortion dollars flow out from the U.S. The pro-aborts crave funding to carry out their evil work.

Predictably, President Biden rescinded the Mexico City policy on his first day in office, reopening the blood money fund. *The Volksrant* article lamented the effectiveness of "the measure by which Donald Trump mercilessly cut international programs for the reproductive health of women and girls in 2017." What is merciful about killing babies and destroying family lines forever? SheDecides was

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CBR-Hawaii Takes to the Streets

CBR-Hawaii joined in prayer outside the Honolulu Planned Parenthood. Satan hates it when Christians pray. We are concealing the identities of the prayer team lest they be arrested for the laying on of hands at the death chamber.

Hawaii has faced severe lockdown during COVID-19, but that didn't keep CBR-Hawaii from joining other pro-life groups and individuals and taking to the streets to commemorate the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on January 22, 2021. The Hawaii March for Life was sponsored by Hawaii's Knights of Aloha, who "promote and uphold the values of faith, family and freedom." CBR-Hawaii Director Steve Holck helped provide leadership for the event that included people holding CBR photo signs outside Planned Parenthood.

We know that "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." II Corinthians 10:4. Accordingly, these Hawaiian defenders of the sanctity of human life laid hands on the Honolulu Planned Parenthood building and prayed. The forces of darkness surely trembled when the saints of God prayed for Him to move mountains.

As they prayed, they beseeched our Lord to stop abortions in the building, to move staff members to quit, and for it to be transformed into another Aloha Pregnancy Care & Counseling Center. Mr. Holck founded the Aloha centers, one of which is housed in an office that was formerly a Planned Parenthood abortion facility. God can do it again! See this inspiring Aloha PCCC video which features Mr. Holck and Shayna. https://vimeo.com/429490509

Mr. Holck is one of the few crisis pregnancy activists who is willing to show women the horror of abortion. We pray that more will be willing to expose the truth and save more babies' lives.

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reported by *Volksrant* to have "raised hundreds of millions of euros to (partially) close the hole left by Trump." If true, this figure did more than "close the hole," as the reputable Population Research Group reported: "President Trump's Mexico City Policy has slashed an estimated $153 million in U.S. international aid dollars to foreign organizations that perform or promote abortion overseas, a report from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has found." (http://bit.ly/2KRzDOm)

CBR-Netherlands' outreach extends beyond Holland. On December 28, 2020, Ms. van der Wende wrote the Argentinian Senate as they deliberated the legalization of abortion. With the assistance of CBR-Spain's director Jorge Benito, Ms. van der Wende sent 72 letters personally addressed to each senator. She included CBR prenatal photos of babies ages 6 to 10 weeks. Although a majority of the Argentinian Senate (38 to 29) voted to make abortion legal up to 14 weeks in Argentina, they are accountable before God and cannot say, "We did not know."

Please keep CBR-Netherlands and all of our CBR-International affiliates in your prayers. Learn more about AbortusInformatie.nl here: http://bit.ly/2Yh0Ahv

People in the city of Zwolle were educated by these CBR-Netherlands signs on August 18, 2020, and again in December.

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"Which is more "offensive," abortion photos or abortion itself?"

CBR-Hawaii joined Hawaii's Knights of Aloha for their March for Life January 22, 2021 in Honolulu.

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