



CBR Communiqué

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Transforming Florida Students Through GAP

You will be thrilled to read this astonishing report from Dr. Bill Calvin, CBR Mid-America Region Director, regarding CBR’s Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) tour of Florida:

One of the men protesting against our GAP display was holding a blue ‘Keep Abortion Legal’ sign. After our volunteer gave him one of our flyers, he reluctantly began to speak with her. At the end of their conversation, he conceded: ‘You’re right, abortion is always wrong.’ He proceeded to fold up his sign, tuck it under his arm, and thank her for talking with him.

As usual, many and varied conversions took place during the February 2016 Florida GAP tour as we visited four major universities over the course of two weeks. GAP gives students the photographic evidence that abortion is genocide, and that it is comparable to other more widely recognized forms of genocide. Our massive display prompts students to think differently about abortion.

Our Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR) organized the tour, working closely with Dr. Calvin and volunteers Frank Diorio and Jim Davis. They drove the CBR truck, brought the GAP display to all the campuses, and oversaw the set-up and take-down each day. Having these seasoned pro-life veterans on the tour also provided the youthful CCBR team with great mentorship.

Six of CCBR’s staff members, along with a whopping 40 Canadian volunteers, converged on Florida to bring the truth about abortion to students. It was two bad weeks for the pro-aborts. Since we first took GAP to Penn State University in 1998, there have been hundreds of bad days for campus pro-aborts. When we expose the evil deeds of darkness, their lies lose their power.

CCBR utilizes the annual Florida GAP tour to introduce young Canadian pro-lifers to effective pro-life activism and to recruit people for CCBR’s summer internship. The volunteers were trained to defend the pro-life position on the campuses. The training for the first week of GAP was on February 6 at the Hilliard Retreat Center in Hilliard; for week two the training was held in Miami on February 13.

Our GAP team went to the following universities: University of North Florida in Jacksonville on February 8-9, University of Central Florida on February 10-11, Florida Atlantic University on February 15-16, and Florida International University on February 17-18.

Tens of thousands of students saw the GAP display. The total student enrollment at these universities is 160,000. The Alan Guttmacher Institute estimates that 4.7% of female students in the U.S. abort each year. That means that on these four campuses, there were 4,000 women who were likely to abort their children this year. By God’s grace, our team greatly reduced those numbers.

Volunteer Irene De Souza spoke with many students, including two young men who revealed that their girlfriends were pregnant. Both young women were planning to abort their children. After talking with Miss De Souza, each of these young men asked for brochures to give to their girlfriends. One of them said, “We were going to have an abortion; now I want to show her this.”

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Canadian CBR volunteer, Irene De Souza, speaks earnestly with a student during GAP at Florida Atlantic University.



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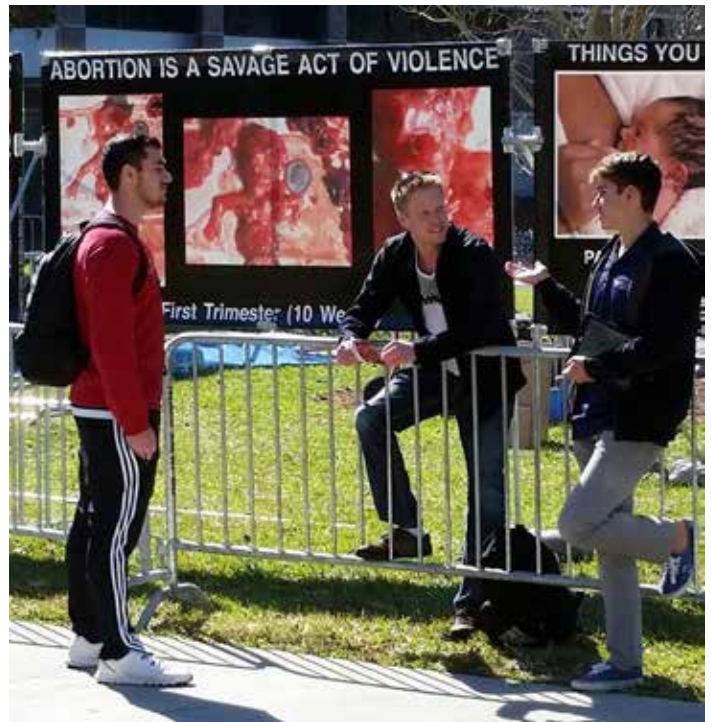
Dr. Calvin reported further on what occurred with one of the couples:

One of the young men returned to our display the next day with his girlfriend. They both spoke with Christine de Baets and David. The guy told Christine, 'Yeah, we actually just found out that she's pregnant last week and we haven't told anyone. We were really unsure what to do because in our culture it's very badly seen.' After they talked a bit more, Christine encouraged them and connected them with a crisis pregnancy center in Miami that David knew about ... After the girl left, Christine and David prayed with him. He had been strongly impacted the day before and wanted his girlfriend to see what he had seen.

We never know who God will prompt to come by the GAP display. One morning, CCBR staff member Kianna Owen asked a passing student what her thoughts were on abortion. The student replied, "You have no idea what kind of day I am having! Now I have to see that?" She added, "What about rape?"

Miss Owen responded with a question, "When a woman has had an injustice committed against her through rape, does it make sense for her to commit an injustice against her child through abortion?"

At that point, the girl's voice softened and she revealed, "I was recently raped. I'm on my way for a lab test. They think I have HPV." Miss Owen expressed her sympathy and asked how she was doing. That expression of concern opened up a conversation wherein the student told her story. Miss Owen showed the student that she has value as a person. When the student returned after her lab appointment, she stared intently at the images of aborted children. After a period of silence, she turned to Miss Owen and said, "In a way, I see myself in those pictures: I didn't have a voice and neither did they. Thank you for being a voice for the voiceless."



Volunteer Stan Vane speaks with students at the University of North Florida.

There are countless ministry opportunities like this one that present themselves if people are willing to move out of their comfort zones and join us in reaching out to lost and hurting students.

Over the course of the two-week tour, our staff and volunteers distributed 9,500 CBR brochures to students. Many of these students would not have accepted material from us if there were no GAP display. They would have assumed we were just soliciting business for a food establishment. The brochures help us save lives too, as evidenced by the following story.

At the University of Central Florida, Alberto came up to the GAP display and said he had always been pro-choice. Yet after he received one of our CBR pamphlets on his way to class and read it, he said, "It totally blew my mind!" There was a personal reason for his response as Alberto had just the night before spoken with a pregnant friend who was considering abortion. He'd told her it was her choice, but now he said he was going to meet with her to plead for the life of her child.

At the University of North Florida, new CCBR staff recruit Janelle van Hierden asked a student what she thought about abortion. The student acknowledged that she had never before considered the issue, but after seeing our abortion pictures she said, "I'm definitely pro-life. Abortion is not okay."

A student at Florida Atlantic University was initially in favor of abortion, but he changed his mind after speaking with our youngest volunteer, a 16-year-old. He told the teenager, "You are right! And if I don't do anything to stop abortion, I'm just as guilty."



Hannah Donovan, Jonathon Van Maren, Oriyana Hrycshyn and Maria McCann engage in conversations with students during GAP at Florida International University.



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CCBR partnered with National Campus Life Network (NCLN), and the western campus coordinator, Joanna Krawczynski, came on tour. In the March 2016 newsletter, CCBR speaks of how Ms. Krawczynski learned of a baby saved by GAP during a prior tour (http://www.unmaskingchoice.ca/sites/default/files/newsletters/ccbr_mar2016.pdf):

At one point, a young woman named Juri told her, ‘You guys are making a difference!’ She explained that her friend

Thank you for supporting CBR as we intervene on behalf of helpless preborn babies.

“Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.”

MATTHEW 25:37-40

Prayer Requests

- Pray for courage and wisdom for Chinese Christian leaders doing pro-life ministry.
- Pray for the start-up of effective pro-life campus organizations.

2016 Events

“Choice” Sign Outreaches

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| May 26 | Meadowbrook High School, Richmond, VA |
| May 31 | James River High School, Richmond, VA |
| June 1 | George Wythe High School, Richmond, VA |
| June 2 | George Mason University, Fairfax, VA |
| June 8 | George Mason University, Fairfax, VA |
| June 9 | Thomas Jefferson High School, Richmond, VA |

Matt. 28:20 Church Project

July 22-23 The Main Event, Nashville, TN

Urban GAP

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| June 10 | Knoxville Market Square, Knoxville, TN |
| June 17-18 | Firefly Concert, Dover, DE |
| July 16 | Artscape, Baltimore, MD |

Special Outreach Projects

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| June 25 | St. Jerome’s Catholic Church 50th Anniversary, Newport News, VA |
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Training Seminars/ Speaking Engagements

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| June 14 | California State University, Long Beach, CA |
| June 16 | Firefly outreach volunteer training, Dover, DE |
| July 14 | Palomar College and California State University San Marcos |

saw our display a few years ago and had yelled and sworn at the volunteers. When she found herself pregnant a couple of months later, however, she couldn’t help but think of the abortion pictures that had made her so angry, and her baby’s life was saved. Juri showed Joanna the little boy’s photo and told her to keep up what we’re doing.

Of great strategic importance going forward is the fact that on each campus we collected the names of over 100 students who are interested in joining or helping start pro-life organizations on their campuses.

Dr. Calvin is assisting a student at Florida International to start a pro-life organization on that campus. He also spoke with similarly interested students at the University of Central Florida. Our goal is to train and equip students to conduct ongoing effective pro-life projects on their college campuses. Accordingly, we are currently working with students all the way from Florida to California. Pray for courageous leaders and members.

Shall We Celebrate the End of the One-Child Policy in China?

News reports would lead you to believe that Chinese women now have much more freedom to have babies without government intrusion. This is far from true. China’s new Two-Child Policy still robs families of their God-given human right to procreate.

Reggie Littlejohn, Founder and President of Women’s Rights Without Frontiers (an international coalition to expose and oppose forced abortion, gendercide and sexual slavery in China) said, “The new Two-Child Policy is nothing to celebrate about. They used to kill every child after one, now they kill every child after two. So the entire infrastructure of coercion is still in place.” <http://bit.ly/29bqXia>

Mrs. Littlejohn, an attorney, spoke plainly when she gave a presentation at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, in New York: “China’s new Two-Child Policy will not end forced abortion, forced sterilization or other forms of coercion. Unmarried women and third children will still be forcibly aborted. The only way to end forced abortion under the One-Child Policy is to end coercive population control entirely.” <http://bit.ly/299zZKU>

Join us in praying for a total abolition of Chinese governmental control of pregnancy and child-bearing. Pray for Chinese pastors and lay leaders who have seen CBR abortion videos (thanks to CBR ministry partners), and who are now working to save Chinese babies from abortion. Their anti-abortion work is much more dangerous than our work in the U.S. and they need our prayerful support.

“ We were going to have an abortion;
now I want to show her this. ”

Florida university student at CBR's GAP display



Kianna Owen, a staff member of CCBR, speaks with a group of students at University of North Florida GAP.

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