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Dear Pro-Life Friend,

On February 4, 2011, a student emailed Students for Life at University of California, Irvine (UCI) - the sponsoring club for CBR's Genocide Awareness Project on April 19-20, 2010. This student was a freshman last April - she was also pregnant and considering abortion. THANK GOD she saw our display with huge photo murals of abortion and other genocide victims. The photos plus the words on a new sign - "By day 22, the *embryo's heart begins to beat*" - prompted her to cry, so a CBR staff member spoke with and prayed for her. She was introduced to Students for Life members who referred her to a local pregnancy help center. In December 2010, she gave birth to a beautiful daughter. The student wrote about how thankful she was for CBR's GAP display. She and her child were spared from horror beyond what the photos depict.

Consider, for instance, an AP story which ran on January 19, 2011, headlined "DA: Pa. abortion doc killed 7 babies with scissors." It said: "A doctor whose abortion clinic was described as a filthy, foul-smelling 'house of horrors' that was overlooked by regulators for years was charged Wednesday with murder, accused of delivering seven babies alive and then using scissors to kill them." No one seemed to care that in addition to butchering preborn babies, "Dr." Kermit Gosnell was also killing *newborn* babies -- and killing their *mothers* too. "Philadelphia prosecutors called the case a 'complete regulatory collapse.'"

I am well-acquainted with Pennsylvania law related to abortion. While a state legislator, I sponsored much of Pennsylvania's abortion control legislation – some of it litigated before the U.S. Supreme Court.

As long as "Dr." Gosnell was willing to exterminate large numbers of minority babies, state regulators deemed it politically incorrect to ask how recklessly he was doing it. The AP said: "His clinic had no trained nurses or medical staff other than Gosnell, a family physician not certified in obstetrics or gynecology, prosecutors said. At least two women died from the procedures, while scores more suffered perforated bowels, cervixes and uteruses, authorities said."

This is the sort of atrocity one might expect to be commonplace in "Third-World" countries. And, indeed, The *Los Angeles Times*, September 9, 2010, published a Mexican "abortion" story headlined "7 are freed in so-called infanticides." The article explains that "Advocates say the women, who insist they suffered miscarriages, got caught up in Mexico's cultural wars over abortion. The seven women were accused of killing their newborn babies and handed long prison sentences."

One Mexican feminist argued that "... authorities were determined to prosecute the 'women without compassion or concern for the context.'" But where was the compassion for these defenseless newborns? And what "context" would justify killing a newborn? The fact that abortion was illegal? Eventually, she admits exactly that: "It is strange to me that [prosecutors] were so viciously targeting women who were not given the basic tools to make responsible decisions about their reproductive lives." Translation: **Where women are denied the right to abortion, they thereby acquire an alternative right to infanticide!**

Unlike Mexico (at least outside of Mexico City), late-term abortions aren't illegal in Philadelphia. "Dr." Gosnell just wasn't competent to perform them. FoxNews.com, said "Gosnell was certified in family

practice but had never finished an obstetrics/gynecology residency. In the words of Joanne Pescatore, a lead city prosecutor on the case, ‘He does not know how to do an abortion.’” So instead of “Dr.” Gosnell killing babies in the womb, “He ‘induced labor, forced the live birth of viable babies in the sixth, seventh, eighth month of pregnancy and then killed those babies by cutting into the back of the neck with scissors and severing their spinal cord,’ District Attorney Seth Williams said. ‘These killings became so routine that no one could put an exact number on them,’ the grand jury report said. ‘They were considered standard procedure.’”

There was even a trivializing euphemism for this barbarity: Gosnell referred to his execution technique as “snipping,” prosecutors said. The article adds that “Prosecutors estimated Gosnell ended hundreds of pregnancies by cutting the spinal cords, but they said they couldn't prosecute more cases because he destroyed files.” And abortionists killing late-term babies outside the uterus, because they are not competent to kill them inside the uterus, maybe be more common than commonly imagined.

For instance, *The Times* of London reported a November 27, 2005, story headlined “Fifty babies a year alive after abortion.” It said that: “A government agency is launching an inquiry into doctors’ reports that up to 50 babies a year are born alive after botched National Health Service abortions.” Why? “Its guidelines say that babies aborted after more than 21 weeks and six days of gestation should have their hearts stopped by an injection of potassium chloride before being delivered. In practice, few doctors are willing or able to perform the delicate procedure.” So they opt for a more primitive procedure.

Had “Dr.” Gosnell been smarter and more patient, he might have followed the lead of his British baby-butcher buddies and let his victims die of neglect after he induced their live births. Barack Obama has repeatedly blocked legislative attempts to incriminate abortionists who induce labor and abandon live-born babies. Taking advantage of Mr. Obama’s license to kill might have kept “Dr.” Gosnell out of jail.

In one of “Dr.” Gosnell’s most horrifying atrocities, an abused patient “Eyeing what she described as the dazed women in dirty, bloodstained recliners at the clinic ... had a change of heart as the procedure got under way. ‘I said, ‘I don't want to do this,’ and he [the abortionist] smacked me. They tied my hands and arms down and gave me more medication,’ Johnson, now 30, told The Associated Press.”

What an ennobling example of respect for a woman’s “right to choose!” Elections.NYTimes.com, reported January 13, 2011, that during an April 2007 Democratic Primary debate, Obama said, “I trust women to make these decisions in conjunction with their doctors ....” **The doctor’s role in this decision-making process appears to be beating and drugging reluctant patients.**

BBCNews.com, January 19, 2011, titled their Philadelphia carnage coverage “Dr. Kermit Gosnell ‘killed babies’ at abortion clinic.” Their story reported that “The grand jury said Dr. Gosnell and his staff had speeded women through the abortion process, skirting strict state regulations including rules about teenage patients. Performing abortions well past the state's statutory cut-off of 24 weeks, his clinic would induce labour [sic], then killed the babies, the grand jury said in its report.”

But state statutory “cut-offs” of any abortion rights beyond any fetal age are totally unenforceable. The press always gets this wrong, but all an abortionist must do to circumvent these prohibitions is claim that the terminated pregnancy threatened the mother’s “health.” The U.S. Supreme Court, in *Doe v. Bolton*, ruled that health exceptions must include the mother’s “emotional wellbeing.” In other words, “health” essentially means mood -- and since federal law trumps state law, if a mother is upset by her pregnancy, even on the last day of its ninth month, no abortionist can be convicted of killing her baby.

Post-Gazette.com, January 20, 2011, then reported a related story headlined “Mt. Lebanon man held on murder charges in abortion clinic probe.” It disclosed that “Detectives ... arrested Steven Massof, 48 ...”

and added that “For the nearly five years that Mr. Massof worked at [“Dr.” Gosnell’s] Women’s Medical Society clinic, he posed as a doctor though he did not have a medical license ....” Even more horrifying was Massof’s admission “... that there were about 100 instances in which he severed the spinal cords of babies who were breathing or had other signs of life.”

To make matters worse, were that possible, the article also reported: “Mr. Massof was often the only purported doctor working in the clinic during daylight hours, from noon until Dr. Gosnell arrived at the clinic as late as 9 or 10 p.m., according to grand jury report.” In that same regard, the January 19 AP story says: “One of the murder charges against Gosnell involves a woman seeking an abortion ... who authorities said died in 2009 because she was given too much of the painkiller Demerol and other drugs. Gosnell wasn’t at the clinic at the time. His staff administered the drugs repeatedly as they waited for him to arrive.”

CNN.com confirmed “Dr.” Gosnell’s pattern of “no-show” abortion practice in a January 20, 2011, story headlined “Pennsylvania doctor held without bail for alleged murders of 7 babies.” The article reported that “Law enforcement officers began delving into the case while investigating tips that Gosnell had illegally sold thousands of prescriptions for OxyContin and other narcotics to ‘patients’ he never examined, said Williams, the district attorney. This was despite the fact that the doctor was rarely present, instead having untrained, unsupervised workers routinely inject sedatives into women ... he said.” The story also notes that “An online resume of Mr. Massof’s posted on LinkedIn lists his most recent job as a team leader for the Dial America telemarketing company in Pittsburgh ....” Planned Parenthood might be interested in precisely these kinds of phone skills as they inaugurate their new “phone-it-in” abortion scam!

Operation Rescue issued a February 4, 2011, press release on ChristianNewsWire.com, “71 Congressmen Ask Sebelius to Come Clean on Telemed Abortion Funding,” explaining this scam: “A telemed abortion is abortion via a teleconferencing service similar to ‘Skype.’ Patients are put in a room where an off-site abortionist appears on a computer monitor and explains the medical abortion procedure to them over an Internet hook-up. After the brief teleconference, the dangerous abortion drug RU486, also known as Mifepristone and Mifeprex, and its counterpart, Misoprostol, are prescribed.” Operation Rescue says “The drugs are then administered to the patient by a nurse or ‘clinician’ who may or may not be licensed. The patient presses a button on a computer screen that opens a box containing the abortion drugs.” **This is death by vending machine!** “The patient is never physically examined by the medical doctor prescribing the drugs – or any other, for that matter – and never sees the abortionist again.”

Earlier still, a March 11, 2010, story on “Dr.” Gosnell’s initial arrest appeared at PhillyNews.com under the headline “Doctor from Hell ... or Godsend?” Descriptions of abortion clinics often evoke images of hell.

On June 10, 2009, the Enid, Oklahoma, *News & Eagle* reported a story headlined “Local woman formerly worked for slain Kansas abortion doctor.” This former George Tiller employee is Luhra Tivis and she reveals that: “‘I was seeing eight- and nine-month pregnant women come in,’ she said, ‘and out of those two dozen a week, only about 2 percent had medical deformities.’” The article adds that “She recalled one day seeing Tiller come from the surgery room carrying a cardboard box. He asked her to open a door for him and she saw his crematorium. ‘I realized that box was full of dead babies.’” On average, the late-term babies he killed were so far along in pregnancy that they could have survived outside the womb, had he induced labor without first killing them. Was “Dr.” Tiller any better than “Dr.” Gosnell?

A June 11, 2009, story by Kathleen Gilbert, LifeSiteNews.com, titled “How George Tiller Drove his Own Employee to Join Operation Rescue,” also quotes a letter which “Dr.” Tiller received from an angry patient who described her third-trimester abortion as “the most horrible experience of my life.” In a hellish scene straight out of *Dante’s Inferno*, the former patient detailed the nightmarish basement room to which women were sent to deliver their babies after “Dr.” Tiller had poisoned them. “She said that women were crying and screaming and there was blood everywhere – blood running down their legs and it was just horrible.”

Slavery is an analogous and demonically inspired evil which also evokes Satanic imagery. *Inhuman Bondage, The Rise And Fall Of Slavery In The New World* (Pulitzer Prize winner) by David Brion Davis, Oxford (2006) describes the hellish abuse suffered by slaves on sugar plantations: “The labor was exhausting .... The nighttime scenes of boiling cauldrons, the whirring mill, the sweating bodies, caused more than one observer to evoke the image of hell.” Davis adds that “When slaves were working shifts of sixteen to eighteen hours, usually with inadequate diets, there was considerable danger, especially at night, of a worker catching his or her fingers in the vertical rollers. ‘A hatchet was kept in readiness to sever the arm, ... [S]lave women with a missing arm were a common sight ....’ **Just as maimed women were a common sight at “Dr.” Gosnell’s clinic.**

RealClearPolitics.com, August 19, 2008, ran a related story headlined “Obama Lying About His Abortion Record.” It explained that Mr. Obama once told Pastor Rick Warren that he favors “limits on late-term abortions, if there is an exception for the mother’s health.” Mr. Obama cynically declined to reveal that, as noted above, the Court has defined “health” so broadly that any health exception in any abortion regulation makes that regulation unenforceable as regards any abortion at any stage of pregnancy. Mr. Obama supports killing late term babies who are partially born. Is he any better than “Dr.” Gosnell?

On August 11, 2008, Jill Stanek wrote an infanticide blog titled “Breaking news: New documents show Obama cover-up on born-alive survivors bill” in which she notes the discovery of “...2 separate documents proving Barack Obama has been misrepresenting facts” about his legislative record on infanticide. As also noted above, Mr. Obama believes that doctors “terminating” late-term pregnancies should be permitted to kill, by intentional neglect, babies who survive botched abortions. Is he any better than “Dr.” Gosnell?

*The Tampa Tribune*, January 28, 2011, published a story headlined “Police: New Tampa mom fatally shot her children.” The article says “She told investigators she killed her [teenage] children because ‘they talked back, they were mouthy and she was tired of it,’ police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said.” In shooting her bothersome born children, was she any worse than “Dr.” Gosnell? “Dr.” Tiller? Mr. Obama?

This mindless moral morass is why CBR works so hard to convince the public that an embryo is as fully entitled to rights of personhood as any teenager and that stem cell harvesting and abortion and infanticide are as evil as using handguns to execute adolescents. There are countless “Drs.” Gosnell out there and that is why we thank God for your willingness to help us counter- attack America’s expanding Culture of Death.

Lord bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregg Cunningham', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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P.S. On January 13, 2011, a twenty-two-year-old man from New York City described the influence our abortion videos and photos had had on him: “It has greatly impacted ... how I perceived abortion. To see the pictures and video changes my perspective and shows how gruesome this actually is. Thank you.”