



THE INSPIRATIONAL WORK OF CBR

THIS MONTH, WE ARE honored to offer you photos and testimonies from pro-life leaders who have been inspired by the work of CBR. Some of these international and U.S. leaders credit their full-time professional pro-life involvement to CBR. Others note the profound influence CBR has had on the effectiveness of their work. We share these testimonies to encourage you, our supporters, with the effect your gifts and prayers are having worldwide. To God be the glory!

“CBR’s creative combination of compassion, clear thinking and boldness has set my life on a new, exciting and very meaningful path. Here in Sweden we get testimonies on a regular basis of how CBR’s images change hearts and minds. I feel honored to be part of this.”

–**Mats Selander, Executive Director, CBR-Sweden**

LIFENET’s Executive Director Christine Flaherty credits CBR and Gregg Cunningham for her full-time pro-life work. In her February 2010 newsletter, Christine recalls hearing CBR’s Executive Director Gregg Cunningham speak at the 1994 New Jersey Right to Life Convention. When he gave a direct call for full-time pro-life professionals, both Christine and her friend answered. Christine left her career as an engineer; both women have continued to save babies for 15 years at LIFENET. Christine wrote about the strategic plan she learned from CBR and helped implement in New Jersey: *“Gregg’s plan encouraged synergies between various independent pro-life efforts, for example activists running crisis pregnancy centers, legal organizations working to protect the constitutional rights of pro-life workers, and those working to educate the public.”* Bill Calvin was the founding director of LIFENET and he is now the CBR Missouri/Kansas director.

–**Chris Flaherty, Executive Director, LIFENET, New Jersey**



CBR’s Polish affiliate erected this billboard in Poznan on March 1, 2010. It reads: “Abortion for Polish women was introduced by Hitler in March 9, 1943.” After one day of stunned silence, the media became very interested in the story. The three main Polish TV stations (TVP, TVN, POLSAT) covered the billboard. Local television and radio stations and newspapers also reported on the billboard. Director Mariusz Dzierżawski has even received inquiries from BBC Brazil and Il Messagero.

“It was really a no-brainer for me. I’d searched countless other pro-life sites in the U.K. and felt as inspired as a child trawling through the complete works of Shakespeare—in French. I love the simplicity of CBR’s strategy yet the sheer brilliance of its ground-taking, baby-saving, subject-changing projects. We have started implementing the same principles here on a small scale (law limiting at the moment) and we are seeing the same results. Gregg’s leadership and generosity is saving babies in the U.K. Thank you.”

–**Andrew Stephenson, Executive Director, CBR-United Kingdom**

“I had been involved in pro-life activity in Poland since 2000. After some years, I was a little frustrated due to the lack of effectiveness of our activity. In December 2005, Gregg Cunningham came to Poland. I attended a meeting with him. His speech was clear and moving, although the proposals were astonishing.

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CBR-UK is displaying their abortion photo signs outside a Brighton, England, abortion clinic on Feb. 22, 2010. CBR-UK is currently testing their free-speech rights, as guaranteed under the European Union. The bobbies (police) often shut down their displays if people call to complain. Director Andrew Stephenson (pictured at right) reported that the girl with the umbrella walked past the signs twice. The first time she was walking in the direction of the clinic entrance, looked at the signs as she walked past, walked on another 20 feet, stopped, stood still briefly, turned round and then walked back the other way. Perhaps a baby was saved.

After some weeks of thinking, our group decided to follow the way of CBR. The effects are also astonishing. The number of abortion supporters in Poland has dropped rapidly; the number of abortion opponents grows rapidly. Today it is a real possibility to ban abortion in Poland totally. I hope we will exploit the possibility. We are big debtors of CBR and Gregg.

Cooperation with CBR made also it possible to meet wonderful people. I am very grateful for this."

–Mariusz Dzierżawski, Fundacja Pro – Right to Life, Poland, CBR International affiliate

"I've been a long-time admirer of your work [at CBR]. Los Angeles Pregnancy Services is located in one of the most critical and impoverished neighborhoods in the country. No less than nine abortion businesses surround our pro-life pregnancy center within a one-mile radius. ... The Lord put in our hands CBR's incredible DVD, the Hard Truth and its Spanish-language counterpart "Dura Realidad." For years, we have invited women contemplating abortion (the majority of women who visit our center are abortion-minded) to view the truth of what

abortion does to their child. In addition to counseling and education, we also pray with them, provide quality medical referrals, baby and maternity clothes, as well as generous financial assistance—whatever they need to choose life for their unborn child and spare themselves a lifetime of pain from abortion. In our exit interviews, we always ask "What changed your mind? At what moment did you decide to choose life for your baby?" The number one answer has always been "the video." The women explain with relief and gratitude that when they viewed Hard Truth and saw what happens to the child they could not go through with the procedure. ... We believe that women have the right to know what abortion is and how it can affect them. The response from our clients has been overwhelmingly positive, empowering and even healing. Since we opened in 2000, we have saved more than 1,000 babies from abortion. CBR's DVD's Choice Blues and Hard Truth were instrumental in saving those lives."

–Astrid Bennett Gutierrez, M.E.V., Executive Director, Los Angeles Pregnancy Services, California



CBR-Europe/Slovakia regularly sets up their Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) display outside entrances to rock festivals in Slovakia. Here GAP is displayed in Pohoda in summer 2009. The average age of rock-festival attendees makes them prime targets for abortion and needful of our approach to abortion education.

“There is simply no way to overstate the decisive role that Gregg Cunningham and CBR played in my early development as a full-time pro-life apologist. Indeed, I wouldn’t be doing pro-life work today were it not for Gregg. Watching him debate abortion-choice advocates, I gained courage to look controversy in the face. Watching him sacrifice his own material wants to save lives, I gained a vision for a greater moral good. Both these virtues have served me well.”

–Scott Klusendorf, Founder and President, Life Training Institute, Colorado Springs, Colorado

“You may remember Victor Kiam, entrepreneur and owner of the New England Patriots. He held up his Remington razor and said, “I liked it so much, I bought the company.” I didn’t buy CBR, but I certainly bought in to the vision.

In the 1990s I was totally engaged in the pro-life movement, but I didn’t like the results we were getting. Bottom line: nothing we were doing was changing anybody’s mind from pro-choice to pro-life. To win, something needed to change. I knew that to change the culture, we needed to change the pro-life movement. Then I met CBR and heard about GAP. I was repulsed: ‘You want me to stand where and hold up what? Ain’t no way.’ But I listened. I learned what successful reformers have done through history. I saw the successes of abortion photos at Penn State and the University of Kansas. So our group brought GAP to the University of Tennessee. I liked the results so much, I quit my engineering career and bought in to the vision of simply showing people the truth.

–Fletcher Armstrong, CBR Southeast Region Director

“When I was 19, I heard a pro-life speaker, Scott Klusendorf, who said ‘There are more people working full time to kill babies than there are working full time to save them.’ Those words struck a chord with me and I decided to devote my life’s career to full-time pro-life work upon finishing university. A short while later, I learned that Scott began full-time pro-life work because nine years earlier he had heard Gregg Cunningham share those same words. Around my 20th birthday, I had the privilege of meeting Gregg and partnering with



CCBR assisted pro-life students at University of Calgary as they defended their right to display GAP as they’d done each semester since 2006. This GAP exhibit was in September 2009, right before the Alberta Crown Prosecutors’ office stayed the trespassing charges that had been filed by the hostile school administrators. The students won!

him and CBR to display the Genocide Awareness Project on my campus. And so began a life-changing working relationship that led to me co-founding the Canadian CBR in 2001. Even more encouraging is that the ripple effect of Gregg’s words continues: our Canadian office now has five full-time staff with plans to hire more in the months to come. I am so grateful for Gregg’s intelligence and example to strategically and sacrificially proclaim the pro-life message.”

Stephanie Gray, Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR)

Events

- Feb. 15-16 - GAP – University of Florida
- Feb. 17-18 - GAP – University of Central Florida
- Feb. 22-23 - GAP – University of South Florida
- Feb. 24-25 - GAP – Florida Gulf Coast University
- Feb. 24-25 - GAP – Cal State University, Los Angeles

CCBR’s Pro-Life Institute was held at the following schools:

- Feb. 12, 2010 – University of Central Florida
- Feb. 14, 2010 – University of Florida
- Feb. 20, 2010 – Ave Maria University
- Feb. 21, 2010 – University of South Florida

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 *I love the simplicity of CBR's strategy yet the sheer brilliance of its ground-taking, baby-saving, subject-changing projects.*
—Andrew Stephenson, Executive Director, CBR-United Kingdom



In the city of Norrköping during one of their summer campaigns, CBR-Sweden's Director Mats Selander answers a TV reporter's questions about their abortion photos on display.

Prayer Requests

- For Winter/Spring Genocide Awareness Project at universities.
- That CBR will continue to inspire effective pro-life activism in the U.S. and worldwide.

Your support is appreciated and vital as we help the most fatherless and motherless of children. *"But you, O God, do see trouble and grief; you consider it to take it in hand. The victim commits himself to you; you are the helper of the fatherless."* Psalm 10:14

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