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# CBR Communiqué

## CBR Strives to Help Bring Peace to Jerusalem's Preborn Babies

By Gregg Cunningham, CBR Executive Director

A few months ago I spoke at a conference in Jerusalem, organized by Sandy Shoshani, who directs an influential crisis pregnancy support ministry called Be'ad Chaim. They are part of a Messianic Jewish Christian church fellowship (pastored by Sandy's husband) and they have offices and hotlines



*CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham addresses a gathering of pro-life leaders and activists in Jerusalem on October 30, 2011. We are thankful to Sandy Shoshani, Director of Be'ad Chaim, for hosting this strategy meeting.*

throughout Israel. I was traveling with our great friend and CBR-Finland partner, Mirko Brummer. Sandy's talented assistant, Tehila Leonard, was also enormously helpful in organizing this meeting.

The October 30, 2011 conference was held in their church near the sacred sites in the Old City of Jerusalem, and the spiritual power of this sacred place was palpable. The conferees were wonderfully interactive and one of my favorite registrants was especially combative. It turned out that we are both military veterans and it probably showed in our spirited repartee.

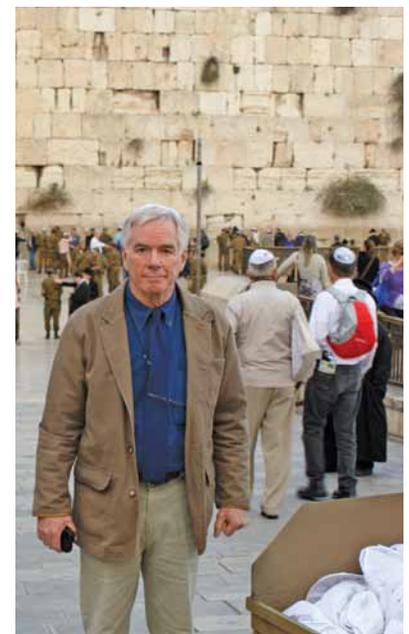
After my introductory remarks he interrupted to accuse me of traveling a long way to merely offer the latest "pro-life flavor of the month." I liked him right away and smiled at this opening to debate. My reply was that I was actually offering the "flavor of the century" because CBR has made an extensive study of hundreds of years of the history of social reform. I said we have identified immutable

principles generally associated with successful campaigns against societal injustice. We have adapted those principles for application to anti-abortion activism because they are demonstrably effective.

I did my best to remain diplomatic during these travels, but it wasn't always easy. A few days earlier at our conference in Helsinki, Finland, a member of the Russian delegation learned that I am a retired military officer who has participated in multiple NATO exercises in Europe. He somewhat testily informed me that Russians did not appreciate U.S. military "interference" in Kosovo. My first impulse was to reply that Americans didn't appreciate Serbian atrocities against Kosovo's ethnic Albanians. But just then I recalled my earlier promise to our CBR-Sweden partner, Mats Selander, that I would be a model of tact during the trip -- especially when difficult political issues arose. Now I had to deliver. So I paused before telling our Russian friend that whatever our political differences might be, we were united in our devotion to our Savior and our defense of life. His frown turned to a smile and as was the case with my Israeli "adversary," we eventually got along splendidly.

Shortly after returning to America, I received a gracious message from Sandy, saying: "I am deeply grateful for the time that you spent with us in the Fall. You imparted to us a passion to do much more than we have been doing. You gave us powerful ideas, concepts and images. We will use these gifts from you as building blocks for our outreach and expansion of our work." She then added: "Many thanks for all that you do for the unborn around the world, especially here in Israel."

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*CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham stands at the Western Wall in Jerusalem.*



## Abortion-Inducing Drug Mandate Crosses the Line

# ObamaCare Attacks Freedom of Religion

**T**he disputed U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) “contraceptive” mandate is a rule promulgated pursuant to the Affordable Care Act of 2010, derisively known as “ObamaCare.” It requires health insurance providers to fund “preventive care” without co-pays. Applying these provisions to contraceptives (and abortion-inducing drugs) implies that pregnancy is essentially a disease which must be prevented.

With this policy prescription, the Obama Administration adopts the clinical perspective of abortionist Warren M. Hern, M.D., who wrote in *Social Science & Medicine*, Volume 9, Pp. 365 to 372, Paragon Press, 1975, “The Illness Parameters of Pregnancy,” that “... it would be more appropriate and useful to regard pregnancy as an illness for which Western society has already devised an elaborate system of prevention and treatment [meaning artificial contraception and abortion].”

President Obama was similarly quoted at Politico.com, March 29, 2008, in a story headlined “Stop these abortions,” as saying at a town meeting in Johnstown, PA, that “... I got two daughters ...” but “... if they make a mistake, I don’t want them punished with a baby.” The Obama Administration not only regards unwelcome pregnancy as disease, but “progressives” generally see an inconvenient baby as “punishment.” Now the President is trying to force the church and secular society to embrace his Culture of Death.

Mr. Obama’s unconstitutional mandate would require employers to provide employees with “free” contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs, ostensibly funded by relevant health insurance companies. Churches have supposedly been granted exemptions, along with church-affiliated hospitals, universities, and similar institutions, but those exemptions are little more than cynical accounting gimmicks.

This conflict is not exclusively about the morality of contraceptives -- or even abortion. It is also about religious liberty, and more broadly, secular rights of conscientious objection. Allowing churches and affiliated institutions to decline to provide their employees with controversial drugs is a meaningless “accommodation” if babies are still being killed



*This new sign demonstrates CBR’s opposition to the ObamaCare mandate of abortion-inducing drugs. We will soon boycott businesses selling the drugs.*

pursuant to the church’s health insurance policy, or if the church self-insures, or the church’s insurance provider eventually passes the costs of “free drugs” back to the church, in the form of higher insurance premiums, as will be inevitable.

And if the government can force employers and insurance companies to provide conscience-violating goods and services as “preventive” care, what goods and services can ever be off limits to government mandate? If the provision of abortion-inducing drugs can be mandated today, why not abortion generally, after the President is safely reelected?

But regardless of what we may believe personally, as individuals, we are not attempting to outlaw birth control which prevents the creation of a baby. Our goal is to outlaw birth control which kills a baby after it has been created -- and to be certain that no employer is forced by government to provide any specific employee benefit, and particularly not benefits which violate its conscience. Help us stop this shocking bureaucratic overreach -- before more savable babies die.

*(The full article can be read at [www.AbortionNo.org](http://www.AbortionNo.org).)*

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Sandy was later as good as her word when she also wrote that “I wanted to let you know that we are grateful to use your images of baby development with your permission. We hope to go out with the [photos] next few weeks on the college campus.”

We convinced many at Be’ad Chaim that even though their organization’s mission may not lend itself perfectly to the use of CBR’s aborted baby imagery tactics, our overall strategy is needed in Israel. I thank God that they are now helping us make contact with other Israeli activists who may be better equipped to confront the culture with the horror of abortion. This important foothold could open exactly the kinds of doors required to reinvent anti-abortion activism in Israel.

Please remember to pray for the peace of Israel and especially peace for its preborn children. One million Jewish children were killed in the Holocaust and the slaughter continues to this day. It is painfully obvious that many Israelis are going to need help connecting the dots which link these two unimaginably ugly Holocausts.



# Going against the Grain is the Norm for Culture-Changers

**E**ducational projects for CBR require people to move outside their comfort zones to save babies. Most of our work is focused on the public square, following in the footsteps of great spiritual leaders. In the history of missionary and evangelism endeavors, some leaders went against the grain, risking offending “the establishment” as well as average citizens in order to bring positive change.

Mary Slessor sailed alone to Calabar (Nigeria) in 1876. This young Scottish missionary was compelled to move inland and to live in villages with the people, but this disturbed her senior missionaries. Nonetheless, she dramatically influenced the lives of Africans for the good, helping end customs like twin-killing (one twin was believed to be an offspring of an evil spirit) and wife slaughter when a husband died. She rescued and adopted numerous twins and other orphans.

Hudson Taylor chose to dress like the Chinese and live among them too, in sharp contrast to other English missionaries in 1853 who lived in missionary compounds and dressed like people did back in England. These stick-to-the-rules missionaries were appalled by Mr. Taylor’s dress and they did not share his vision to move farther inland to reach more Chinese for Christ; yet history records Hudson Taylor as a pioneer in modern missionary efforts that are culturally relevant.

He wrote, “China is not to be won for Christ by quiet, ease-loving men and women.” *Abortion is not going to be ended by quiet, ease-loving men and women either.*

During revivals like the Great Awakening in America and England in the 18th century, preachers realized that they could not stay inside the walls of the church in order to effect change in the hearts of the multitudes. Jonathan Edwards, George Whitfield, John Wesley and others preached in the open air in fields, outside coal mines, factories, etc. Charles H. Spurgeon said, “*Open-Air Preaching is the very back-bone of the movement to win the non-church-going element.* The more of it the better -- the whole world around!”

The Bible gives us the model for speaking the truth in public. Noah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Peter, Paul and Christ Himself all preached to the masses in public outdoor forums. Many of their listeners were as hostile as ours can be.

Our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) is one of our main forms of open-air pro-life “preaching.” Our photos do the heavy lifting. They draw the crowds, and then the images linger long after we leave the university campuses. *Consider this nursing student who told us she was an angry “pro-choice” debater at University*

**“When you see a baby in pieces, like that, you can’t help but feel some kind of bad feeling... It [GAP] changed my life.”**

*(Former “pro-choice” student at University of North Florida)*



*CBR-Southeast staff member, Jane Bullington, speaks with a student at our Genocide Awareness Project display at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, on November 2-3. The student newspaper quoted Dukes for Choice Co-President Emily Meyers as saying, “Access to legal abortion safeguards the physical and mental health of women.” She couldn’t be more wrong and there are post-abortion volunteers who give the facts to students at the GAP displays.*

*of North Florida GAP three years ago; now she says, “It changed my life.” Listen here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEtLrMp6EVc&list=UUu3J5u7kcm1Ja9Yqnr8iE3w&index=1&feature=plcp>.*

In subsequent Communiqués we will report more on CBR’s successful third-year Florida GAP Tour, conducted February 13-24, 2012 at five universities.

**We are grateful for your support as we seek justice for preborn children**

*“Thus says the LORD: ‘Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come and my righteousness be revealed.’”*

*ISAIAH 56:1*

- Pray for God to raise up leaders for public pro-life activism in Israel
- Funding and volunteers to conduct our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) and run our trucks

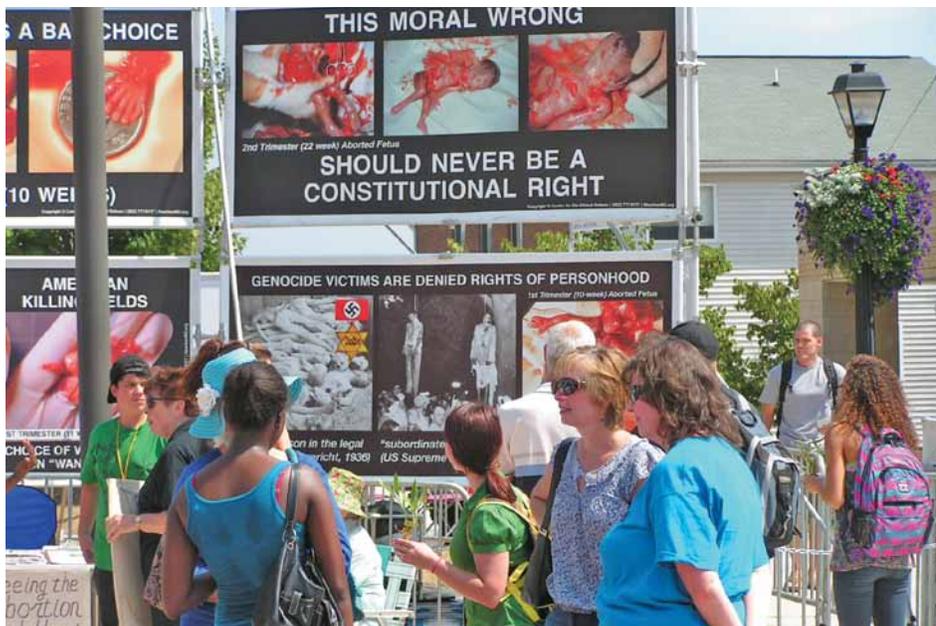
## Events

### GAP

- Feb. 13-14** Florida Gulf Coast University
- Feb. 15-16** University of Central Florida
- Feb. 20-21** University of North Florida
- Feb. 22** Florida A&M University
- Feb. 23-24** Florida State University

“ *I thought it was just a simple needle [abortion]  
but now I know reality.* ”

**18-year-old female, New York, February 7, 2012 visitor to CBR's AbortionNO.org**



*Radford University students gather to discuss abortion during our August 31-September 1 Genocide Awareness Project display. CBR-Southeast coordinated GAP for this first-time visit to this Virginia public university.*

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