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First Spanish University to see the Face of Abortion

May 2 was victory day for the little ones in Spain! Our CBR associates in Spain conducted the first-ever abortion photo sign display at a Spanish university, Universidad de La Rioja in Cigüeña street. Pro-life leader Jorge Benito Daniel created signs from our images and then borrowed a sign-carry design from our Russian colleagues that utilizes a neck strap.

Jorge and his team carefully followed our protocol for the public display of abortion photos. This included notifying the police in advance of the display and using cameras on site to document people's reactions as well as for security purposes. Here is part of Jorge's report on the display:

The day has gone smoothly, taking into account that we had guardian angels in the form of a police patrol that were protecting us all the time. We asked for the presence of police to avoid possible problems and to demonstrate our legality, and it worked very well. The police have behaved very well during the two hours we were there (from 12:00 to approximately 14:15). So, all the info you shared in e-mails about the warnings and recommendations were very useful for us to organize it.

We also know lovely people were praying for the event.

We encountered people manifesting their support and obviously, also people manifesting their disagreement, but without incidents. One person shouted angrily at us from his car, 'There are not better things to worry about?' I just shot him some kisses and he left us with a dumb face.

A group of young boys with different ideas (rather ignorant about abortion) had an interesting discussion with us; we saw them leave with more doubts than the certainties they brought....

Although the flow of persons along our sidewalk was at times slow, at other moments there were large groups of pupils entering and leaving the classes, and maybe some teachers... But mostly lots of people were passing in front of us driving by car or travelling on a bus with astonished faces, and there were passersby on the opposite

sidewalk. I even saw some people were watching us with binoculars from in the upper stories of buildings. We estimate about 2000 persons saw our signs. Some girls saw our signs out of the corner of the eyes and although they exhibited unhappy faces, they accepted our pamphlets. Other girls avoided our signs like robots, not watching them; we could see some kind of trauma in their faces.

In our signs and pamphlets we have made clear that we want also to promote help to women in vulnerable social situations and also the healing of those who committed an abortion.

The media covered the event, including this Christian news source <http://bit.ly/17ezpEu>, the local newspaper, and this media outlet which included many photos: <http://bit.ly/YAbCvT>.

Jorge's team has received congratulations from pro-lifers around Spain, with some wanting to do abortion photo displays in their cities.

"I give you many thanks, because this couldn't be real without you. The Lord bless you," is how Jorge ended his report. We add that this display wouldn't have taken place if you were not supporting the work of CBR with your gifts.



CBR's Spanish affiliate held their first-ever abortion photo sign display at a university. Their cameraman didn't take pictures of the larger crowds who came by between classes, but 2000 people saw the signs. (Leader Jorge is in the yellow cap.)



CBR at Rome March for Life

Our CBR Netherlands associate, Irene Van der Wende (AbortusInformatie.nl/ English- AbortionInformation.eu), alerted us earlier this month that she was traveling to Rome to participate in Rome's second annual Italian March for Life on May 12. She asked for prayer that the airlines would permit her to take her abortion posters on the plane and for God's grace to speak to the people in Rome. God answered our prayers.

Crowd size was estimated at between 30,000 to 40,000 participants. When Irene arrived early at the speakers' platform, she asked where she might put the banners, suggesting right against the platform. The lady who organized the March replied, "Sure!" Irene wrote us: "So, there they stood - images of aborted babies - alongside the Coliseum where people used to be killed, as a witness to what this March was about - the killing of babies."

These images are CBR abortion photos which we freely share with international pro-life activists.

When it was Irene's turn on the platform, she spoke passionately about the importance of showing pictures in public:

Irene Van der Wende, who was conceived in rape and aborted her baby after she was also raped, also spoke out against abortion at the Coliseum.

'I've come here to educate the public about what abortion does to children,' said Van der Wende.

'It's only when we show the graphics, pictures and the reality that people will be moved in their hearts,' she told CNA. <http://bit.ly/17lxP3C>



Irene stands by the speakers' platform on which she spoke at the Rome March for Life on May 2. Her signs were displayed throughout the rally and March. No one tried to shut down this vital visual education. Our kudos to Irene and the Italians!

Italy is a country in which we have sought a pro-life leader to implement CBR strategy. One Italian man has already contacted us to request abortion photos for a human rights exhibition.

Irene wrote in her follow-up report on the March:

When I looked at Lifesitenews.com for pictures of the March for Life in Washington in January 2013, I mentioned in the comments section how surprised I was they weren't showing any pictures of the victims of abortion, and their horrific

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Thank you for your support of CBR as you show "regard for the weak" – preborn children at risk for abortion.

"Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the LORD delivers them in times of trouble."

PSALM 41:1

- Pray for our international CBR affiliates
- Pray for students sponsoring GAP to stand strong against persecution

Events

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

May 23 University of California, Irvine

May 30-31 University of California, Riverside

Urban GAP

April 2-3 Juneau, Alaska

June 14 Knoxville, Tennessee

"Choice" sign outreaches

May 11 DeFund Planned Parenthood Demonstration at Komen Race for the Cure in Washington, D.C.

May 12 DeFund Planned Parenthood Demonstration at Komen Race for the Cure in Philadelphia, PA

May 17 DeFund Planned Parenthood Demonstration at Komen Black-Eyed Susan Day at Pimlico Race Track, Baltimore, MD

Weekly Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, and Rockville, Maryland.

Also at Northern Virginia Metro stops, Washington, D.C., and Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.

Matthew 28:20 Project

May 25 Display at 95.1 Shine FM concert, Inner Harbor, Baltimore

Training Seminars and Speaking Engagements

April 7 Calvary Chapel Golden Springs, Diamond Bar, CA

May 1 Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, GA

May 20 Fayette County Public Library, Fayetteville, GA

This man's wife started crying when she saw CBR-Netherlands associate, Irene Van der Wende, holding an abortion sign as they walked past the Coliseum in Rome. They spoke a different language than Irene, but they shook her hands heartily and wanted to take a picture with her sign. Irene said, "They were converts then and there about abortion, simply by seeing the pictures on the street."



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death. <http://bit.ly/13IrbQh> I wrote, 'The march needs (new) leadership, and LSN photo deciders, who realize that you can't outlaw a social injustice by covering it up! If you were the one being victimized, wouldn't you want people to see what you looked like, before and after the tragedy?' Little did I know I would be meeting the new president of the U.S.A. March for Life, Jeanne Monahan, a few months later on stage at the 2nd Italian March for Life in Rome! After I spoke, she even thanked me for what I had said - which surprised me, as I had called on Italy to start showing pictures of aborted babies.

I started off [the speech] by saying that history teaches us that social injustices (think of Martin Luther King and the slave trade) are stopped by showing what the victims go through. After first introducing myself as a woman who regrets her abortion after rape, the crowd responded heartily when I mentioned the importance of showing abortion pictures, even blowing horns.

As other speakers walked up to the stage, they also commented that THIS is what is needed, that no words are needed, if you just show these pictures.

The National Catholic Register.com wrote about Irene: "A woman who regretted her abortion for a child conceived through rape called for pictures of aborted victims to be publicly displayed. Irene Van der Wende from the Netherlands argued that abortionists are happy that, for 'so many decades, we've not shown what happened to victims' and called on those present to 'be courageous and start showing pictures to the masses.'" <http://bit.ly/18RuPKP>

Even *The Times of India* covered the event and wrote about Irene's speech: "A woman who regretted her abortion, [her pregnancy was] conceived through rape, called for pictures of

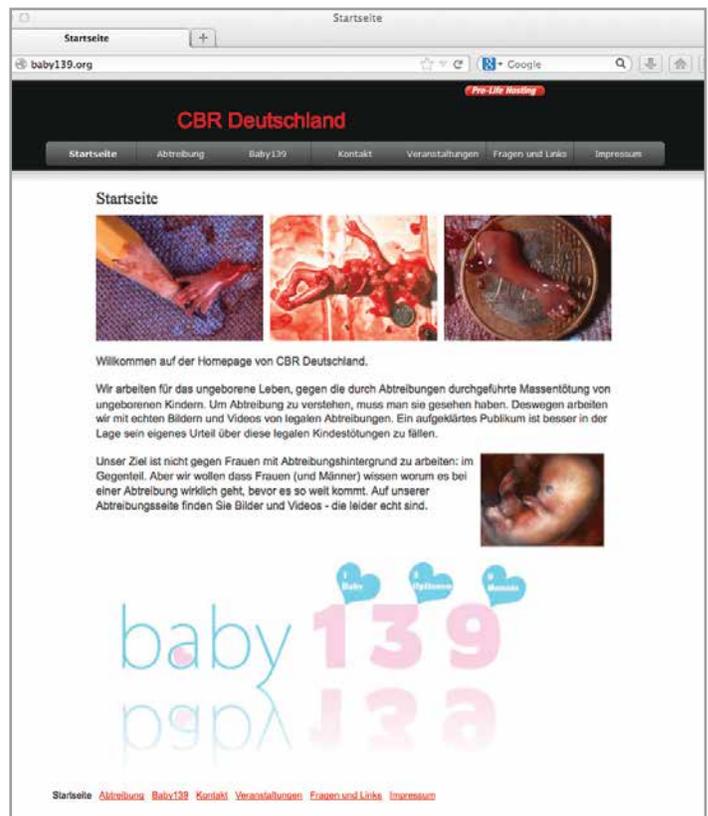
aborted victims to be publicly displayed. Irene Van der Wende from the Netherlands..."

At this link, Irene is shown speaking on stage in the second picture of Rome's 2013 March for Life: <http://bit.ly/12uA58k> .

This blog emphasized Irene's call for the use of abortion pictures to educate people, choosing to use her quote right in the heading: <http://bit.ly/14je17H> .

After the March for Life speeches, passersby saw the photographic evidence that abortion kills. Some cried. Irene told of people who hugged her in gratitude for her witness for "wee little babies." One apparent tourist couple saw Irene holding an abortion sign as they walked past the Coliseum. The wife started crying. They spoke a different language, but they shook Irene's hands heartily, and wanted to take a picture of Irene with her sign alongside the husband. They hugged Irene. She wrote us: "They were converts then and there about abortion, simply by seeing the pictures on the street."

At CBR headquarters, we are greatly encouraged to see our international affiliates and associates not only using the abortion photos, but urging others to do the same. We anticipated that CBR would help change the abortion debate, and we see it happening before our eyes. Pray for these brave international pro-life leaders.



One of our newer international associates is in Germany. Astrid Burroughs received help from CBR-Finland Director Mirko Brummer in creating this website to reach Germans. Baby139 stands for "1 baby, 3 options, 9 months" and God gave her this inspiration through Psalm 139:13-16.

“ *I just shot him some kisses and he left us with a dumb face.* ”

Jorge's (CBR associate in Spain) response to a man who yelled at them during a university abortion photo sign display.



In Philadelphia, seven CBR-Maryland volunteers held CBR signs along Benjamin Franklin Parkway for the May 12 Komen Race for the Cure. We were so close to race participants that we were able to explain to many why we were there. It took at least an hour for 25,000 runners to pass. This man was very angry that we were exposing the truth.

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