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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

Our campaign to expand expressive rights on Christian college campuses is critically important because the pro-life movement cannot outlaw abortion without mobilizing the church. As we have noted repeatedly, the church cannot be mobilized if we have lost our pastors on this issue, and lost pastors are the type of clergy which Christian schools have most commonly produced for decades. We won't get serious pastoral leadership until we force these schools to embrace curricular reform characterized by the offering of entire majors dedicated to inspiring and equipping the right kinds of students for careers in professional pro-life ministry. Secular schools have women's studies departments which crank out abortion industry activists by the thousands. Winning the right to display abortion photos on Christian college campuses is the first step in creating the sense of urgency required to propel a drive for the curricular reforms we need to counter this opposition.

View CBR's presentation of abortion video in a large church service (www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxt5sX-tKvs). Send the link to your pastor and urge him to watch and invite Gregg Cunningham to speak.

What follows below is the first part of a multi-part open letter we intend to publish as a paid ad (two full facing pages) in the Biola *Chimes* newspaper:

An Open Letter to Biola University:

My name is Gregg Cunningham. I direct the anti-abortion Center For Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR). Last May, Diana Jimenez, then a senior Biola University nursing student, was mistreated by several Biola administrators who harshly threatened and punished her for publicly displaying abortion photos -- abortion photos which saved the life of a Biola sophomore student's preborn child. She had earlier partnered with our organization to jointly sponsor an outdoor abortion photo display on campus. The administration denied the application, as it has for years.

So Ms. Jimenez decided to exhibit the photos without permission, and the university responded as though she were a criminal. Some of the administration's more scandalous behavior was captured on video which was later posted on YouTube under the title "Biola University Threatens Pro-Life Student." The video has attracted more than 18,500 viewers, with the "Like" / "Dislike" ratio running four-to-one against the university. The hundreds of video comments are also overwhelmingly critical of Biola's handling of the controversy. The film provoked substantial news coverage which depicted the university in a highly unflattering light. The school badly mishandled the resulting fallout, and the consequence has been a public relations train wreck.

Biola, of course, does have the *legal* authority to declare, no matter how absurdly, that its own students are trespassers when they display abortion photos in public. This is essentially what Biola did to Ms. Jimenez. Biola can also cause offending students to be hauled off by sheriff's deputies and prosecuted as common criminals. This is what Biola threatened to do to Ms. Jimenez.

No Christian school, however, has the *Biblical* authority to impose man-made rules which guarantee the commission of preventable abortions. Ordering that the horror of abortion be largely concealed guarantees the commission of preventable abortions. And no student has any Biblical obligation to obey school rules which conflict with God's laws. God's law regarding injustice mandates that we intervene in defense of its victims (Isaiah 59:15-16). Ephesians 5:11 prescribes intervention by "exposing" the "deeds of darkness" -- not covering up those deeds, which has been Biola's consistent practice. Why this cover-up? The first school official to confront Ms. Jimenez over her abortion photo display was from the marketing and public relations office, and the administrator declared, "You're making us look bad!"

Exodus 1:15-17 explains why Ms. Jimenez cared more how we look to God than how we look to man: "Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah: 'When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live.' But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king's orders." The Hebrew midwives defied an order to slaughter male babies. Ms. Jimenez defied an order to permit the slaughter of those babies whose mothers will not choose life unless they are shown death. Such mothers abound, and we meet them all the time. They will not come to us. We must go to them. Biola has forsaken these women and their children.

Jesus repeatedly faced down the same kinds of pharisaic legalists who tormented Ms. Jimenez. In Mark 3:4 Christ asks rhetorically whether it is lawful to break rules to save lives. His question answers itself. Jesus frequently and confrontationally broke rules to save lives by, for instance, healing on the Sabbath. (See John 5, Luke 13, Matthew 12, Mark 3, John 9.) In Matthew 23:23 He criticized legalistic religious leaders who cared more about rules than justice. In Matthew 15:8-9 Christ rebukes religious leaders who dishonestly misrepresent the rules of man as though they were the laws of God. He says of such frauds, "They honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me."

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Arguably farthest from the heart of God was Susan Elliott, the director of Biola's nursing program. Dr. Elliott was so outraged by Ms. Jimenez's abortion photo display that she sabotaged her own student's job prospects by ordering faculty members to deny Ms. Jimenez's requests for standard letters of reference. Under legal pressure from CBR the university eventually overruled Ms. Elliott, but by then the damage had been done. The cumulative effect of all this bullying, compounded when she was berated during a stressful face-to-face meeting with Ms. Elliott, left Ms. Jimenez too shaken to adequately prepare for her nursing licensing exam, which she consequently failed. In this and other misconduct, Biola has almost certainly violated the law. Ms. Elliott wasn't fired. Incredibly, she still has her job. Where's the accountability?

Attorneys for Ms. Jimenez (and CBR) have now received and reviewed Biola President Barry Corey's "apology" letter. Dr. Corey's attorneys sent this letter to CBR's attorneys in response to a CBR letter asking three things of Biola: A public apology for the university's profoundly un-Christian behavior toward Ms. Jimenez, the granting of recognition of First Amendment speech rights to all students (limited only by the school's statement of faith), and curricular reforms which would offer entire majors designed to equip students for full-time professions in anti-abortion ministry.

I am frequently asked why Ms. Jimenez and CBR are communicating with Biola exclusively through the press and our respective legal counsel. The unfortunate answer is that Barry Corey has consistently refused to meet with me. Nor will he take or return my phone calls. He also refuses to reply to my email messages. He has additionally declined to meet with Ms. Jimenez because she insists on having me present. He refuses to even mention CBR's name in any public statement regarding this matter, as though the conflict

involves only one random act by a now-graduated student and has no organizational context whatsoever. He refers to CBR only in the abstract, despite the fact that six of our staff members are Biola or Talbot graduates. Our only means of establishing a dialogue with Dr. Corey was, therefore, to direct our lawyers to send his lawyers a letter proposing that if we can't come to terms out of court, we will seek judicial review of Biola's students' rights violations. The adversarial nature of this exchange is certainly not our preference, but it is preferable to no dialogue at all. There needs to be accountability and reform before there can be closure.

It is also lamentable that it took three months of damaging publicity and the prospect of a lawsuit before Dr. Corey was finally willing to break his silence and express regret for Ms. Jimenez's disproportionately punitive treatment. But his "apology" letter is filled with ambiguities and evasions regarding his willingness to expand students' expressive rights. It contains many equivocations and qualifications concerning his openness to the implementation of curricular reforms. Our attorneys find Dr. Corey's letter largely meaningless as an offer of reliable commitments. I share their doubts.

During these three months of stonewalling, Dr. Corey's staff issued a defiant June 5, 2013 press release titled "Biola University Response to Recent YouTube Video of Student Demonstration." The statement stubbornly persisted in the school's contention that "The public displaying of very graphic, disturbing images ... is *not* an appropriate venue [sic] of student expression on our campus." The release went on to preposterously allege that Ms. Jimenez had "baited" the police (how's that for blaming the victim) and that "... the photos were not allowed because they would be disruptive to campus activity." The most significant activity abortion photos disrupt, however, is abortions. Biola has worked harder to stop Ms. Jimenez than it has ever worked to stop an abortionist. Biola's photo censorship may protect students' feelings but it imperils babies' lives.

Please designate CBR as a beneficiary of your will or trust. The abortion industry receives hundreds of millions of dollars from the estates of their supporters, but we receive virtually no help from estate planning.

Our skepticism concerning Biola's sincerity was only heightened when Irene Neller, Biola's vice president for public relations, recently organized a large group of Biola demonstrators for the purpose of disrupting a CBR abortion photo display on the public sidewalks at the entrances to campus. We were conducting an informational picket during "move-in" weekend at the start of the fall 2013 semester. Under Ms. Neller's direction, Biola's demonstrators positioned their own large signs nearly against and directly in front of CBR's signs in an obvious attempt to prevent our abortion photos from being viewed by arriving students. We have video which documents this juvenile interference with our exhibition. CBR was forced to call the police and responding officers quickly acted on our complaint, moving Biola's demonstrators away from CBR's signs. If Biola can't tolerate abortion photos on the public sidewalk *outside* its campus, why should we believe the school's promises to permit abortion photos to be meaningfully displayed *inside* its campus?

Heightening our misgivings was a disturbing article posted by Barry Corey on September 4, 2013, at "Corey's Corner" in the *Chimes* campus newspaper. He referred to the foregoing picketing incident but conveniently omitted any mention of his staff's attempts to block our signs. He instead claimed that "We graciously extended hospitality and treated ... [CBR sign-holders] as our guests." He apparently means that violating our expressive rights is somehow less reprehensible if Biola offers warm greetings while covering up our signs. To some this may seem a trifling matter, but this sort of duplicity is endemic at Biola. Ms. Jimenez felt deeply betrayed by the frequency with which administrators smiled and spoke reassuringly while they conspired to mistreat her. She called this treacherous pattern "the Judas kiss," and it clearly hasn't gone away.

In the same *Chimes* post, Barry Corey said he found it "strange" that CBR would "protest" at a school which "believes in the sanctity of human life." We find it stranger still that Dr. Corey doesn't care more

about saving the babies whose mothers will kill them if these women aren't shown that portion of abortion's evil which cannot be expressed in words. Abortion is invisible at Biola. It is a secret sin whose darkness is occasionally mentioned but seldom shown. Biola's "beliefs" may be "pro-life" but policies which help abortionists deceive students are not.

The result is moral confusion in which many students accept the contention that abortion is evil but mistakenly assume that it is a nominal evil, perhaps merely the lesser of two evils. This leads to abortions which might otherwise have been prevented. These butchered babies aren't real to Dr. Corey. We intend to make them real.

As an aside, CBR does not "protest" abortion. We expose abortion. We are exposing abortion at Biola because Biola has been helping Planned Parenthood hide the magnitude of the evil abortion represents. We come to Biola as friends. Were it our intention to protest, we could flood the sidewalks with hundreds of demonstrators from all over the country. Dr. Corey attempts to trivialize our presence by dismissively referring to the small size of our picketing team, as though we don't need to be taken seriously because we are not present in full force. We pray it doesn't come to that, but rest assured that we are capable of bringing a far more substantial presence to Biola's sidewalks if this conflict escalates. *Part 2 next month.*

Please let us know if you will host a coffee and dessert for friends and family members who might be interested in supporting CBR. Gregg Cunningham is available to make a presentation at your home.

An Associated Press article, October 26, 2013, headlined "Saudi women get behind the wheel to protest" described coordinated acts of civil disobedience by Saudi women who drove cars in defiance of the government ban on female drivers. The story reported that "In June 2011, about 40 women got behind the wheel in several cities in a protest sparked when a woman was arrested after posting a video of herself driving. Later another woman driver was arrested and sentenced to 10 lashes, but the king overturned the sentence." The king arguably backed down because of intense international criticism and domestic discomfort with such repressive policies. The driving ban is indefensible, but it was easy for many to ignore if not made an issue. A public challenge makes it an issue and exposes its indefensibility. One of the protestors said, "We will continue driving and posting videos"

This protestor is using video and social media to harness the power of humiliation. She is serving notice that Saudi women will no longer accept unjust limits on their mobility. CBR is serving notice that we will no longer accept unjust limits on the expressive rights of students on Christian college campuses. Many of these students want to co-sponsor CBR's life-saving Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) on their campuses. The Guttmacher Institute reports that 1 in 5 abortions are performed on women describing themselves as "born-again" or "evangelical" Christians. In some years that is a quarter-million "evangelical" abortions. Guttmacher says professing Catholics are 29% more likely to abort than Protestants. Shouldn't we also care about the children on Christian college campuses? We could take the truth to so many more campuses if we could fund the trips. Please help us open Christian schools and show the truth to believers too.

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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