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# CBR Outreach to "Passion" Youth Saves a Baby

**A** preborn baby was saved on January 18 when 20,000 evangelical Christian college students attended the Passion Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Julia Thomas (member of Operation Outcry - a ministry of The Justice Foundation, and a volunteer with CBR's Genocide Awareness Project) spoke with two young women whose friend was planning to abort her child. When these women saw our signs, one of them took a picture of the abortion image on our brochure and sent it to her friend. She pleaded with her friend to not abort her child and encouraged her by saying, "We're going to host a baby shower for you." We praise God that the pregnant friend changed her mind and said that she would keep her baby! We also thank God for the team spirit we had with several pro-life organizations that were also present as witnesses against abortion.

Lincoln Brandenburg, CBR-Georgia Project Director, coordinated the CBR team of 18 staff and volunteers who set up graphic abortion signs along the busiest sidewalks used by conference-goers. They distributed nearly 4,000 CBR brochures which were designed to ask Christians to take a stand against abortion. This is the third year that the Passion Conference has drawn attention to the crisis of modern-day slavery. Now, CBR drew their attention to the crisis occurring right in America: the killing of preborn children.

When attendees were inside the conference, the team repositioned our signs to form a CBR "Choice Chain" which educated people in vehicular traffic. Some cars stopped to take literature from our volunteers. At a red light, one woman rolled



Volunteers hold "Choice" signs in front of the CNN Center in Atlanta on January 18, 2014.



CBR volunteers stand outside the Passion Conference in Atlanta, holding abortion photo signs and offering brochures exhorting Christians to speak up for the babies.

down her window to ask our volunteer for information, stating that "seeing this picture really makes the issue clear to me."

We encountered a small number of students who were genuinely concerned and wanted to know more about how to get involved. Sadly, most of these Christian students were apathetic. The commitment to Christ that they had made during the sessions somehow didn't translate to learning more about how to save babies from being killed. Many tried to ignore us. Many declined or threw away our literature, stating that they were "already pro-life" as our volunteers pleaded with them to help end the killing.

During the Passion Conference, John Ensor conducted an interview with Pastor Francis Chan (Author of *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*) and Pastor John Piper (DesiringGod.org). Mr. Ensor (who also was a pastor) introduced the topic of facing difficult issues like abortion and asked for their feedback on the use of graphic abortion images. Pastor Piper replied, "I think there's a place. It has to be done sensitively; it has to be done sensitive to children, to groups, the moment, the timing. But if we're afraid to look at what's happening as babies are being torn limb from limb, some of them this small, some of them this small, we're being dishonest because we will use those for any other issue we care deeply about." Pastor Chan shared how he invited Scott Klusendorf (Life Training Institute Director) to speak to his congregation about abortion, and to use [CBR] abortion video. Scott was

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# CBR at 2014 March for Life and SFLA Conference

**B**elow freezing temperatures greeted CBR staff and volunteers and all who participated in the 2014 March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22. This was the 41st anniversary of the tragic Supreme Court decision that “made abortion legal in all 50 states for any reason or no reason at all” (Gregg Cunningham).

The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform participates in the March primarily to educate the hundreds of thousands of young marchers about the reality of abortion. Many are eager to miss a day of school and ride together on the busses into the Capitol. When they pass by our display, they are challenged with the gravity of abortion. School teachers have reported on the change in their students’ sometimes jovial behavior when they come upon the GAP signs.

A secondary goal is to exhort pro-life people to be more active throughout the year. We distribute literature which explains our position. CBR-Maryland Co-Director Kurt Linnemann led the team of local volunteers who helped us with this task as well as with the display set-up. We’re thankful for each one who gave sacrificially to serve that day. Due to gusty winds, we could not erect our usual two-tiered Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) signs, so our team resourcefully arranged the signs in triangular “pods.”



*Marchers are proceeding up Constitution Ave towards the CBR GAP display which was located directly across from the Capitol Building.*

A woman from Cameroon, Africa, attended the March for Life with her daughter. She agreed that people need to see these pictures and asked if CBR can come to Cameroon as they “need and want CBR.” She asked us to contact her about starting a work in her country; we followed up by sending her some information via email.

CBR-Maryland staffer Jonathan Darnel wrote: “The March for Life is an amazing spectacle, but if it is ever going to be more than that, marchers must bring their passion home with them and become year-round activists.”

The day prior, Canadian CBR Director Stephanie Gray was a keynote speaker at the Students for Life America Conference (SFLA), also in Washington, D.C. Her powerful presentation included showing the students CBR abortion video footage. Afterwards, Pat Mahoney told Gregg Cunningham that his wife is a professional speaker but she felt like an amateur after listening to Stephanie! CBR hosted a table at the conference with the hope of recruiting full-time professional pro-life activists. As CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham has stated, “Until we have more people working full-time to save babies than those working to kill them, nothing will change.” We do not want a 42nd anniversary with Roe vs. Wade still being the law of the land.



*In the midst of brutally cold weather, CBR staff and volunteers educated people during the January 22, 2014 March for Life in Washington, D.C.*



**God bless you for your faithful prayers and support of CBR. The babies need us to "do justly."**

*"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*

*MICAH 6:8*

- Pray for young people to become full-time professional pro-life workers
- Pray for pastors to lead their churches in pro-life ministry

## Events

### Urban GAP (Genocide Awareness Project)

January 22 March for Life Washington, D.C.

### "Choice" Sign Outreaches

January 18 Passion Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

January 25 Walk for Life, San Francisco, CA

Weekly in Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, and Rockville, MD. Also at Northern Virginia Metro stops; George Mason University in Fairfax, VA; Montgomery Community College in Rockville, MD; Washington, D.C.; and Old Town Alexandria, VA.

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formerly a CBR staff member, trained by Gregg Cunningham how to do this sensitively in a church setting. We thank God for these pastors who are bold in teaching their congregations the whole truth of the gospel, including the sanctity of life.  
<http://bit.ly/1aCTLuQ>

One student was deeply moved by our outreach and she posted online:

I have worked at a pregnancy resource center for a little over six months. But after this weekend, my heart has never been so broken over the existence of abortion.

I attended the Passion Conference in Atlanta where 20,000 college students gathered to proclaim the name and the fame of Jesus Christ. I watched people surrender their lives to their Maker and accept the love, forgiveness and freedom of being in relationship with Him. It was an unbelievable experience. As we flooded the streets of Atlanta for our evening dinner break, I saw extremely graphic pictures of aborted babies at just ten weeks posted on signs. The images were disturbing, but what was more disturbing were the reactions of my peers to the people holding the signs. 'No thank you, I'm pro-life already' or 'No I don't want any brochures or papers.' However the majority of students didn't say anything at all, they simply ignored the display and the people all together.

I spoke with one of the members of the organization with the displays and he was astonished by the students' lack of participation. He said, 'Surely a bunch of students coming out of a Christian conference would be more receptive.' There is a difference between saying you support a cause, and actually doing something to support it.

## Thanks from Sweden

**G**regg Cunningham, CBR's Executive Director, worked in the UK and Europe for 6 weeks this fall. He provided training and legal expertise to our international affiliates as well as persuading other pro-life groups and individuals to adopt CBR's strategy. Gregg taught numerous seminars in eight countries, including Sweden. CBR-Sweden has the distinction of becoming our second international affiliate (after Canada) in December 2004. Here is an email Gregg received on September 12:

Thank you so much for coming to Sweden and Gothenburg. We were truly blessed and inspired (and provoked!) by your message tonight. I'm also happy that so many turned up and that they were eager to discuss this issue.

As Mats probably has told you, we are very few who are actually involved in demonstrations, even though quite a lot of people agree with us. But now I feel encouraged to carry on. ...

Annette

I was tormented for the rest of the dinner break, just thinking of the students who carelessly walked past the exhibit. Were they turned off by the graphic images? Did they not understand that the exhibit was a plea for help and not a protest? ...

... God's redemption knows no boundaries, and I know many women who are post- abortive that He has healed and made new. That being said, let's put an end to it. Let's not tiptoe around the issue anymore, let's be bold in our faith and our convictions and speak the truth about abortion. ...

We ask that you join us in praying for God to raise up young women like this student to "put an end to it" by dedicating their lives to full-time professional pro-life work. We are modeling that at CBR, but we need many more to join us to bring an end to abortion.



*A CBR volunteer offers our new brochure "Why This, Why Here?" to young people who stopped to learn about abortion outside the Passion Conference in Atlanta.*



*Seeing this picture really makes the issue clear to me.*



**Woman who saw CBR abortion sign while stopped in traffic**



*This young woman's mother is from Cameroon, Africa. When she saw our display at the March for Life, she asked if CBR can come to Cameroon.*

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