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CBR "Elevates" Abortion Concern

At CBR, we recognize the importance of reaching large groups of people with the message that abortion is an act of violence that kills a baby. We are currently conducting more projects at big Christian venues like Elevate Music Festival in Prescott Valley, Arizona, held June 20-22, 2014. CBR-Arizona Director Julia Friedner did an admirable job coordinating the event. Our small team of staff and volunteers held CBR abortion photo signs outside Elevate all three days, politely handing out brochures and talking to people.

Why are we at Christian venues? For two primary reasons:

- 1) Nearly one out of five women who abort calls herself a born-again or Evangelical Christian.
- 2) We must mobilize the Church to end abortion.

Groups of teenagers came by and were aghast at their first viewing of abortion victims. One cluster of about fifteen Hispanic girls gasped audibly and held their hands over their mouths. Several declared that they had no idea that this is what abortion actually looks like. No one will ever again be able to lie to them convincingly regarding baby-killing.

The Elevate event staff was deeply divided by our presence and two of them thrust themselves between CBR staff member Diana Jimenez (of Biola civil disobedience fame) and anyone to whom Diana attempted to offer a leaflet. CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham complained to their superior, and then a loud and long argument broke out among the manager and her employees. The manager eventually prevailed but it was clear that some of her subordinates despised us, and they had to be backed down repeatedly when they attempted still more disruption. They eventually gave up as it became clear that we weren't going to tolerate their tantrums. Abortion photos really do make pro-aborts crazy.

Gregg further reported on the response to our presence with abortion photo signs:

The most common question put to us by incredulous Christian concert-goers was, "Why are there anti-abortion pickets outside a Christian event?" Our polite answer was highly Socratic: "What are you and your church doing to stop abortion? The typical questioner said little or nothing. After three days of showing every music lover the majesty of prenatal development and the horror of abortion, many consciences were

definitely pricked. But as usual, the spiritual warfare was intense, and every hour presented us with some new obstacle.

The owner of the Toyota Center, the venue hosting the event, came out and chatted with me. He was cordial and unphased by the presence of our signs. The Toyota Center manager was, by turns, both extremely friendly and quite hostile. At one point, he angrily demanded that our staff stop approaching passersby to offer brochures, which he said we couldn't extend to anyone who had not approached us. I diplomatically informed him that I am a lawyer and we have a First Amendment right to approach anyone we wish on public property and offer them anything we wish ... I occasionally had to joust with the police over just which property was private and which was public. By God's grace, I came armed with a Planning Department plot-plan, so we always won.

Passersby would occasionally snarl their disapproval. One woman shouted, "Wrong venue" and tried to scurry away before any of us could engage her ...

Perhaps our greatest curse was gusty wind which hampered the display of our large signs and whipped off my huge straw hat, tumbling it into traffic where it was flattened by a big Cadillac.

Wars are won by fighting and fighting produces casualties. My hat was killed in action. But hearts were certainly changed and lives were likely saved and our determination to respectfully confront the church was strengthened.

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Volunteer Nora, CBR staff member Diana Jimenez, Executive Director Gregg Cunningham and other volunteers work to "elevate" Christian concern about abortion at the Elevate Music Festival in Arizona.



CBR-Maryland at Firefly Music Festival

Firefly Music Festival draws a crowd of over 100,000 people, most of whom are young people needful of our pro-life message. Accordingly, CBR-Maryland partnered with Delaware Right To Life (RTL) to bring our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) to concert-goers June 20-21. We chose the Hub (food vendors) as a display location as it was the busiest foot-traffic intersection. One of our signs has a progression of prenatal development photographs and poses the question: “When is it right to kill?” Our team reached these young people with the visual reality of abortion using the signs as well as our 24-foot truck which drove the streets just outside the festival grounds.

CBR-Maryland and Delaware RTL members were surprised at how much positive feedback they received, yet verbal harassment was steady and several physical attacks occurred. Two young women burned the literature we gave them. Another irate woman scattered our literature, attempted to push over our display, and then attacked the pro-life volunteer who had caught her on tape. Police arrested her, and there were at least two other arrests of violent pro-aborts.

Thankfully, CBR Co-Directors Kurt and Samantha Linneman and Jonathan Darnel had trained the volunteers in the Pro-Life Training Academy (PLTA) so they had solid pro-life answers and were anticipating persecution. There were numerous opportunities to minister to concert-goers who opened up about their past abortions.

Big projects like the Firefly outreach project require extensive advance preparations. CBR-Maryland spent several months preparing literature and equipment, recruiting and training volunteers, and coordinating with local police.

The result was big dividends. Pro-lifers down the road reported that the crowds were still talking about abortion as they entered



Crowds of 100,000 concert-goers saw the reality of abortion June 20-21 in Dover, Delaware. Eva, a Delaware RTL member and volunteer who teamed with CBR at the Firefly Music Festival project reported: “I specifically targeted couples who looked in love and who might face a crisis pregnancy later. Several were pro-choice and we talked a very long time. One couple in particular took our literature and said they would pass it out in the dormitories! They admitted that they really needed a new perspective on abortion and thanked me for giving it to them.”

the festival grounds nearly half a mile beyond. Delaware RTL member Moira reported, “On one occasion, I heard a group of young people admit that we were hitting our target demographic. Later, when one young man was berated by his friends for taking our literature, I heard him defend us and point out that he himself had been adopted.”

Most of our volunteers had never participated in an outreach like this before and a number were retirement-age volunteers.

Despite the physical, mental and spiritual requirements, and the persecution, every one said that they would do it all again!

A father uses our prenatal development sign as a teaching moment for his daughter at Artscape 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland.



Thank you for your willingness to give sacrificially to help us save babies and their families from the destruction of abortion.

You are like the Good Samaritan who “...felt compassion... and took care of him.”

LUKE 10:33-34

- Pray for volunteers and resources for our affiliates
- Pray for the Church to take abortion seriously

Events

Matt. 28:20 Church Project

Aug. 15-17 Harvest Crusade, Anaheim, California

Aug. 16 DC Fest, George Mason University, Virginia

Urban GAP

July 18-20 Artscape, Baltimore, Maryland

“Choice” sign outreaches

Weekly in Baltimore, Germantown, Berwyn Heights, Towson University 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.

Training Seminars/ Speaking Engagements

August 21 Christian Alliance Pastors’ Luncheon, Richmond, Virginia

Aug. 29-31 Pro-Life Boot Camp, Douthat State Park, Virginia



CBR-Netherlands Outreach to Christians at Pentecost Event

The day after the 70-year commemoration of D-Day, AbortusInformatie, our Dutch affiliate, stood alongside the Spijkweg road in Biddinghuizen, the town where Opwekking was held. This Christian event was held on June 8, 2014 and celebrates Pentecost. Many of this year's 27,000 visitors were challenged to remember preborn children as they saw the CBR abortion photo signs.

CBR-Netherlands' founder, Irene van der Wende, saw two policemen go by as she was about to set up the signs. Her brief case of nervousness was calmed when she heard the song based on Philippians 1:6 begin to play: "He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it." During the sign display, no more police came by, but when an ambulance passed by, Irene thought that was fitting for our life-saving work. Irene shared some details with us in an email report:

I was amazed at the almost constant steady throng of cyclists passing by virtually non-stop. The eerie silence as they passed, though, was deafening, just hearing the wind as the air current moving between the wheels as they cycled forwards. It was like the silence of the death that has stealthily crept in the windows of our palace and government, recommending us to kill our babies.

Some commented that showing this was very good, with a thumbs up. A teenager said as he cycled past, "Now, THAT is clear!" (Nou, DAT is duidelijk!). Only one teenage girl was angry, commenting, "Now what on earth good does this do!" It seemed to touch a raw nerve, so I guess she will be doing some thinking afterwards. Another group of youngsters marched past in pairs, singing a song that the grace of God is sufficient. As the leader passed at the back end of the column of people, I commented, "Grace for the babies!" ...

One woman pointed at the 11-week baby, aghast. Others were commenting about how horrific this abortion truly is. "Wat erg!" "Vreselijk!" Others were exclaiming, "Dood!" "Dead!!" ... In all, this is a truly good educational project to build awareness of what abortion is about from the baby's perspective.

We are proud of the good work done by Irene and her volunteers, as well as all of our regional offices and international affiliates. Please keep them in your prayers.

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Miss Jimenez was shocked that the organizers of a Christian concert venue did not want people to see the devastating genocide of innocent preborn people. Diana further noted:

The moments that shocked me the most during this event were seeing the faces of apathetic Christians towards abortion. I remember one year ago when I first saw graphic abortion imagery. I couldn't help but feel overwhelming sadness in my heart and absolute shock at seeing how indescribably horrible abortion actually is. And even now, when I give a presentation about abortion, it's still painful and difficult to look at aborted baby pictures ...

Two youth pastors thanked us for being there as their youth group members saw our signs and subsequently asked them questions all weekend about abortion. Our signs gave them with an open door to encourage their teens to care about preborn babies and be involved in the fight to end abortion. They invited CBR to give a pro-life presentation at their church and Julia is following up with them.

A young woman approached and looked at the abortion pictures. She had her 15-month-old daughter with her and tearfully said to Diana, "I can't believe I almost did this." She and her boyfriend had considered abortion, but thankfully her aunt urged her to go to a pregnancy resource center (PRC) where she had an ultrasound. She was astonished to see her baby already had a heartbeat and at that moment, she knew she wouldn't get an abortion. She can't imagine life without her daughter. We trust God that many similar young women saw our signs at Elevate and they too will be grateful that we were present to warn them away from abortion.

Julia summed up our purpose with this statement: "CBR is an army that goes face to face in this battle to save babies and this event certainly didn't disappoint in presenting us with enemy tactics. This is my affirmation, because I know we are making a difference in a battle against potential victims, both mother and child, as I witness the divine interweaving of the Holy Spirit into each and every moment, all glory to God!"

A pregnant student named Candace

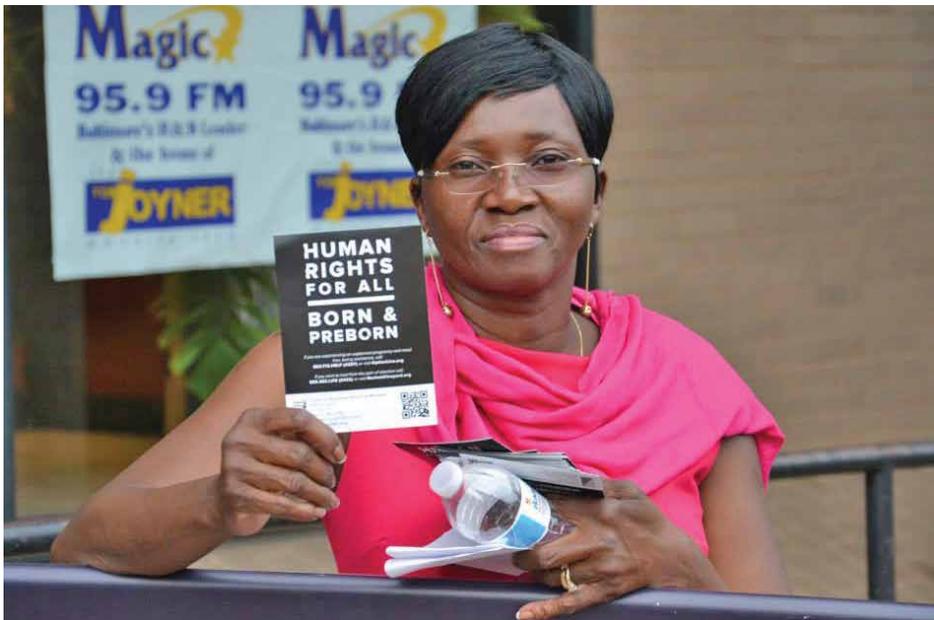
saw our Genocide Awareness Project at University of California, Irvine, spoke with a CBR staff member, and later told us, "Abortion was no longer an option for me." During a videotape interview by a GAP volunteer the following year,



Candace responded to the effect GAP had on her, "I've never been so thankful in my life." Today, she's a UCI graduate, married to her baby's father, the happy mother of a 3-year-old daughter, and expecting a second child. Providentially, this summer Candace stopped to meet some of our colleagues (Survivors, At the Well Ministries) as they showed abortion signs on an Irvine street. She told them, "Don't stop." To see the original video of Candace at UCI GAP, visit <http://q-r.to/iLe> or scan the QR code.

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Volunteer who spoke with students at CBR sign display outside the Firefly Music Festival



CBR volunteer Florence displays new literature at Artscape in Baltimore, Maryland. “To me,” said Florence, “this is personal. I was once talked out of abortion. We hear people say all sorts of filthy things to us, but for me it’s a blessing to be here.”



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