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CBR Returns to Florida Universities

Our powerfully effective affiliate, Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR), organized the annual Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) winter tour of Florida universities. CCBR staff, interns and volunteers were assisted by CBR-Missouri/Kansas Director Bill Calvin and longtime volunteers Frank Diorio from New Jersey and Gene Garrett from Alabama. Bill Calvin’s granddaughters, Susie and Heather, and his son-in-law Darren Kaufman were participants at Florida International University in Miami and Florida Atlantic University. Local volunteers were also recruited and trained by the staff of CCBR.

The first GAP training on this tour was held on February 7 at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami. The training provided local pro-lifers and students with the knowledge they needed to answer students’ questions in a respectful and knowledgeable manner. Our abortion photo signs do the “heavy lifting,” so our GAP team uses the “soft answer that turns away wrath.” Proverbs 15:1

Wrath routinely comes from pro-abortion students and faculty who are dismayed to see our GAP display which compares abortion to recognized genocide. GAP is so effective that there are few things pro-aborts fear more than GAP coming to their campuses.

We had a team of 25-35 people who served on the Genocide Awareness Project over the course of two weeks. Florida International University in Miami GAP was held February 9-10. Subsequently, GAP traveled to Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton and began with an evening training on February 10 and continued with the GAP display on February 11-12.

On Saturday, February 14, the GAP training was held at University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando. Then three full days of GAP ensued on February 16-18 at UCF. This huge school has 60,000 students and is the second largest campus in the country. Our team not only displayed the huge GAP photomurals with abortion pictures, but they also distributed 3,000 brochures to the students and other passers-by.

An “open microphone” session was held outside

the Student Union, where students could ask questions of one of our staff members. You will be encouraged to hear a few minutes: <http://bit.ly/1JVaJ6k>

Additional exposure to our message came through fair coverage, including pictures, in the campus newspaper, *Central Florida Future*. We also were pleased with the coverage of our UCF GAP by *The Orlando Sentinel*. <http://bit.ly/1J4kXRj>

The story headlined “Anti-abortion group uses graphic imagery to make point” had the potential to reach the combined daily circulation of 327,000 *Sentinel* readers via print, web and mobile editions. This exposure greatly amplified our message far beyond the three days on the university campus. We have numerous reports from students about GAP conversations in the classrooms, outside the classrooms and on chat groups long after our staff leaves their campuses.

The following encounters demonstrate how GAP works. Our staff and volunteers had these interactions with students at the three Florida universities. We address here some common concerns that pro-abortion and even pro-life people have expressed about GAP.

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“I’ve changed my mind on abortion.... It’s so much easier to kill someone when you can’t see them.”
Medical student who saw GAP



During our Genocide Awareness Project at University of Central Florida in Orlando, volunteer Roland Verhey spoke with these protesters whose signs read: “Keep abortion safe and legal,” “No uterus - no opinion,” “Abortion is a personal decision not a legal debate,” and “My body, my choice.” Planned Parenthood and men who take advantage of women certainly chortle when they dupe young women to believe these lies. Thank God that the abortion photos stay in their minds after GAP and God will continue to work on their hearts.



Our well-trained GAP team interacts with Florida Atlantic University students on February 11-12, 2015.

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Won't the abortion pictures upset women who've already had abortions?

One student was quite upset by the abortion photos and she began to tell Emily about the abortion she had four years ago. Emily listened to her share about the suffering she had subsequently endured. When the student departed, she told Emily that if she became pregnant again, she would never have an abortion. *GAP saved her future children.*

What about the hard cases like rape and incest?

Janine asked a student who walked by what he thought of the images on our display. "That's nasty," he said. He thought abortion should only be allowed in tough circumstances like rape. Pointing at the pictures, Janine asked if he could tell which of the babies was conceived through rape. He paused and said, "You got me. Abortion is always wrong."

Susie spoke with a man who said he was "pro-choice" in cases of rape and incest. Susie pointed out the parallels between killing a preborn child and killing a 2-year-old toddler. His eyes were opened and he finally told Susie, "You know, I didn't realize until talking to you that I really am pro-life." When he asked for additional responses to pro-choice arguments, Susie gave him Scott Klusendorf's *Pro-Life 101* book. She encouraged him to read it and start spreading the message of the pro-life movement himself. *This man is now equipped to share the message that all preborn children deserve a birthday.*

You won't change anyone's mind – you will just anger people if you show abortion photos.

The team met a student named Darianna at Florida International University. She was a

protester against GAP several years ago, but became pro-life after seeing "the mangled bodies of the little kids."

Mark spoke with a medical student who was in favor of abortion in some circumstances. After a long debate, the student admitted, "You know, you're right. All your arguments are perfect. I've changed my mind on abortion." He also told me that our method was by far the most powerful and effective one. "It's so much easier to kill someone when you can't see them."

Maaiké spoke with a medical doctor who thought abortion should be limited to the first trimester because after that the fetus was "too developed" and "it should no longer be the woman's prerogative." They discussed the science of when human life begins, as well as difficult circumstances and moral responses. At the end he said, "I haven't spoken with the other members

of your team, but if everyone has thoughtful and intellectual arguments like you, many more people would be pro-life." *Consider how many babies will now live because this doctor changed his mind and became pro-life!!!*

If you compare abortion to genocide, it will just anger people.

A woman told Cana she was very upset about the comparison to past genocide. She calmed down after Cana explained why we make the comparisons. After a two-hour conversation, the woman said, "You have perfect logic. I agree with everything you are saying." *The soft answer turned away wrath and brought clarity to this confused student.*

You are wasting your time – abortion will always remain legal.

A freshman who spoke with Daniel said that while abortion was not a preferable choice, he was still pro-choice. After they discussed the "hard cases" and how in every context abortion

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Seasoned volunteer Frank Diorio (far right) traveled from New Jersey to Florida to help erect the GAP display and to educate students about abortion. This display is at Florida International University in Miami.



The youthful team from Canadian CBR is pictured in Boca Raton, Florida, where they conducted our Genocide Awareness Project at Florida Atlantic University with the assistance of CBR Missouri/Kansas Director Bill Calvin and volunteer Frank Diorio.

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is killing an innocent human being and how abortion isn't a solution but a violation of human rights – the young man agreed. When Daniel explained that mass human rights violations take place not just because mean people do mean things – but because good people do nothing – he said he wanted to sign up to be part of ending abortion.

One young man approached Cana after he'd spoken with another volunteer. He said, 'I learned a lot. I never knew it was this bad.' I told him that through our work, it will be possible to end abortion. He signed up for the pro-life club and thanked us for being there. *We helped collect hundreds of email addresses from students who signed up for pro-life clubs.*

At the end of the GAP Tour, the weather did not permit a planned "Choice" Chain, so staff and volunteers team joined John Barros' ministry (www.whowillstand.net) at the Orlando Women's Center. On February 19, the CBR team stood and prayed and sang as a witness against abortion outside this killing center. They saw many women go inside, pay money for their precious babies to be killed, and then come out a few hours later with empty wombs. God was at work, nonetheless.

One young lady was inside the abortion center waiting for a late-term abortion when she heard the team sing "Amazing Grace." God touched her heart and she changed her mind and walked out of the abortion center! Mr. Barros then spoke with her and offered resources and support. God blessed the team's efforts.

Thank you for your continued support of our vital ministry. So many are depending on us.

"The Lord executes righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed." PSALM 103:6

Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to raise up students to sponsor our Christian College Project
- Pray for God to bless Canadian CBR

2015 Events

"Choice" Sign Outreaches

April 1, 15, 30 George Mason University

April 24 Falls Church High School, Virginia

May 26-29 Choice Chains at Virginia high schools

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.

Training Seminars/Speaking Engagements

April 25 Incrementalism vs. Immediatism Debate
(Gregg Cunningham vs. T. Russell Hunter)
Tulsa, OK Video here: <http://bit.ly/1dyKLJJ>

May 2 Restoring America Conference, Santa Ana, CA



Virginia Project Director Ruby Nicdao helped train another new Virginia Project Director, Philip Hamilton, at George Mason University (GMU) on April 15. They are pictured here, ready to educate and assist students who may be facing crisis pregnancies.

“ *You saved my future children. I would have aborted them.
Now I won't because I know what it looks like.* ”

**Grand Valley State University student who saw our
Genocide Awareness Project in April 2015**



On April 24, 2015, Virginia Project Director Ruby Nicdao organized this “Choice” sign Outreach at Falls Church High School. Pictured from left are Ruby Nicdao, Mary Ellen McElresh and Sara Dina. Mary Ellen and her husband, John also frequently volunteer at GMU.

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