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Pro-Life Boot Camp Trains Students

Pro-Life Boot Camp was a highly profitable time of training students in effective campus activism. The camp, organized by CBR-Virginia, took place August 29-31 in Douthat State Park, Virginia. The university and college students were attentive, receptive, and engaged all weekend as they heard inspiring messages. Nicole Cooley, Project Director CBR-Virginia, received continual thanks from the students for organizing this second-ever Pro-Life Boot Camp.

Student Kate told Nicole that she often feels alone at Virginia Tech -- and even did one event entirely by herself when her other club members wouldn't help out. Being part of CBR's Boot Camp has given her a group of friends just a few hours away at Liberty University. The students discussed how they could join together for future campus events.

The students heard moving first-hand accounts from post-abortive speakers and from Beth, an abortion survivor and student from Liberty University. Beth is alive because her mother refused to take the doctor's advice to abort her because her umbilical cord was too small and she wasn't growing and she probably wouldn't survive to term. Her mother chose to leave Beth in God's hands because "it wasn't her choice to make." Her mother started taking baby aspirin to thin her blood and Beth immediately began growing again and weighed 9 pounds at birth! Beth told the students, "Yes, there has been pain, but there has been much more joy and laughter over my 22 years, and I'm very glad to be alive."

Two key volunteers, Karen and Donna, helped make Boot Camp a success as they provided scholarships for students to participate, offered transportation and helped Nicole prepare the meals. "Grandma Donna" also had the vitally important role of being an on-site prayer partner to cover everything in prayer.

Jay Watts of Life Training Institute taught pro-life apologetics. The students gave him rave reviews on the evaluations, with one student giving him six stars although the highest choice provided was five stars. Mr. Watts taught students, "Carefully placed questions put you in the driver's seat."

Claire Chretien spoke from her own experience leading a pro-life club at University of Alabama (UA). Her boldness and enthusiasm was contagious and we definitely agree with this



Pictured here are participants in the Aug. 29-31 Pro-Life Boot Camp held at Douthat State Park in Virginia. These college students are now well-equipped to reach their peers on campus with bold projects like CBR's Genocide Awareness Project.

advice she gave to students: "Activism breeds membership...a handful of big events [like GAP] will get you a lot more attention than lots of little events." She also told students to ignore friends who tell them not to do controversial events like GAP because our focus is to save babies' lives.

Miss Chretien had a hostile campus newspaper staff to contend with at UA. Her group handled it well, submitting numerous letters to the editor and paring down their best statements to be printed in the paper. Her recommendations regarding reporters were laudable: "State your talking points and stop talking. Stare them down. It will get uncomfortable for about 10 seconds when nobody says anything, but don't give them anything else. Keep repeating yourself until they go away."

Mrs. Cooley provided all attendees with Boot Camp handbooks filled with valuable pro-life information. Next year, she plans to provide a "Ranger Handbook of sorts -- like I had as a cadet for infantry tactics in the Army." Since we are engaged in a battle, we like that idea.

Pray for these students to boldly speak up for the babies on their campuses. They are sure to encounter hostility and enemy fire. They have our training; now they need our prayers.



**Thank you for partnering with us
to save babies at risk for abortion.**

*“Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless
of justice.” DEUTERONOMY 24:17A*

Prayer Requests

- Pray for boldness for pro-life students on their campuses
- Pray for the Church to take abortion seriously

Events

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

Sept 15-16 University of Minnesota
 Sept. 18-19 Minnesota State University, Mankato
 Sept. 22-23 North Dakota State University
 Sept. 25-26 St. Cloud State University, Minnesota

Jeremiah 7 Church Project

August 15 Hillsong Concert, Baltimore Arena
 August 16 DC Fest, Fairfax, Virginia

Reproductive “Choice” Campaign (trucks)

Sept.– Nov. Key States Initiative – AK, LA, AR, NC & IA

“Choice” Sign Outreaches

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

Sept. 14 GAP Pro-Life Apologetics,
University of Minnesota

Sept. 16 Jeremiah 7 Church Project Training,
Lynchburg, VA

Sept. 17 GAP Pro-Life Apologetics,
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Sept. 21 GAP Pro-Life Apologetics,
North Dakota State University

Sept. 24 St. Cloud State University, Minnesota

CBR's Projects Help Pregnancy Centers Save Babies



*Persephanie is a young
Kansas City mother who
changed her mind about
aborting her beautiful
daughter while watching
Choice Blues video
produced by CBR.*

A child has been saved from abortion in Kansas City because her mother watched CBR's DVD *Choice Blues*. When a Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic staff member learned that Persephanie was considering aborting her baby, she offered her the opportunity to view *Choice Blues*, CBR's short video which shows the brutality of abortion. When women are shown the real facts about abortion, most will reject abortion. Persephanie later told the staff, "As I watched the abortion, my eyes and stomach were disgusted. I would never want myself or any other woman to go through what I saw. What bothered me was watching a detached arm with all five fingers developed. At that moment I was thinking 'I can't do it', I would never forgive myself." She changed her mind about aborting and now has a beautiful daughter.

CBR- Missouri / Kansas Director Bill Calvin also serves as President of Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic. When Mr. Calvin was facilitating the formation of this excellent pro-life clinic, he took members of the steering committee to visit Choices Medical Clinic in Wichita, Kansas. In 1999, CBR was instrumental in opening Choices Medical Clinic, which was located next door to the late-term abortionist George Tiller. (Read Gregg Cunningham's *National Review* article <http://bit.ly/WWqu8c> .) This highly effective clinic is still saving babies at that location today. Mr. Calvin wanted Wyandotte to follow the model of this clinic which utilizes volunteer doctors, performs ultrasounds, and also shows clients the truth about abortion.

Since Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic's opening seven years ago, they added Wyandotte's Mobile Pregnancy Clinic which regularly parks outside the nearby abortion facility to offer counseling and free 3D sonograms to women seeking abortions. Mr. Calvin reports that this abortion operation has just closed. The *Kansas City Star* (August 2, 1024) reported the abortionist, Ronald Yeomans' lament that "Aid for Women" wasn't seeing enough patients to stay in business." This is huge!

For eight years, CBR drove our abortion photo billboard trucks in Kansas City, and other pro-life activists engaged in sidewalk counseling and regular prayer vigils. These victories come by God's grace and through all of our combined efforts.



On August 15 and 16, CBR-Maryland and CBR-Southeast staff and volunteers teamed up for outreach at two Christian music concerts. In this photo, volunteer William Alston is watching Hillsong concert-goers lining up at Baltimore Arena.

Calling on the Church at Harvest Crusade

Harvest Crusade is a huge evangelistic event held annually at Angel Stadium. Pastor Greg Laurie preaches and popular Christian bands and singers help him draw crowds. As people entered the stadium August 15-17, they saw large signs we held at four or more locations to attempt to reach everyone. Some of our signs showed abortion victims; others asked people “What are you and your church doing to stop abortion?”

The crusade leadership attempted to dissociate from us. They tried to get us to move away from the crowds; they had staff cover up our signs at two different locations; they threatened to call the police, and so on. When CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham stood up against these tactics, he encountered hostility from Harvest staff in grey shirts, some of whom apparently are pastors.

The crowd itself was mostly reflective of the indifferent Church. A handful of people were openly positive and a few indicated their desire to volunteer with CBR, but most just stared as they walked by. Some criticized us for showing the pictures.

A forceful adult woman approached CBR staff member Lois Cunningham and told us she wanted our signs removed immediately because children were present (only a baby was visible nearby). When we told her why we were present, she angrily sought aid from a security guard. He told us we were upsetting people and urged us to move, but we declined as we were not blocking pedestrian traffic while exercising our First Amendment rights. Two college-aged girls, comrades of the forceful woman, then covered up our signs with a blanket. When Mrs. Cunningham asked them to move, they smiled and claimed that they just happened to stand there. Mrs. Cunningham replied, “Don’t be ridiculous. You are standing there to deliberately block our signs.” She informed them that their actions were unlawful, and they moved away only to hatch another plot. Just minutes later, they literally started dancing right in front of our abortion photo signs. The Cunningham children asked them why and one



A team of CBR staff and volunteers held abortion photo signs and text signs at the Harvest Crusade in Anaheim, California on August 15-17. Over 116,000 people saw the signs -- now what will the Christians who attended do with this knowledge?

replied, “Oh, I just have to go to the bathroom.” These young women added lying to their other grievous behavior.

One man kept saying over and over to us, “Don’t you think this is too graphic?” He finally said, “People are here to have fun” and quickly left.

CBR staff member Kathy Jones had a man approach her Sunday evening to request our “Why This? Why Here?” brochure. Michael Flaherty of Monrovia said that when he entered Angel Stadium the night before, his copy had been confiscated by a Harvest Crusade staff member who told him, “They are not part of the Crusade!” Mr. Flaherty said to Kathy, “I believe that Jesus, if He were here, would have gladly accepted it and peached on this.” Pro-abortion students do not grab our brochures out of people’s hands on public university campuses; why would Christian event staff be so threatened by our message imploring the Church to help us stop abortion?

Mrs. Jones spoke with a mom who shielded her school-age daughter’s eyes as she complained about the abortion images. Gradually, she realized her daughter wanted to know the truth. We are confident that this little girl will not grow up to have an abortion.

One man paused to let his school-age son take a photo of our abortion photo signs. We believe this little guy will not grow up to pressure his wife or girlfriend to have an abortion.

People are horrified by the beheading of journalists in the Middle East, yet where is the outrage from Christians over preborn babies who are beheaded in abortion clinics every day? The majority of the American Church is like the priest and the Levite who walked right by the beating victim on the road to Jericho. When CBR does outreach at these big Christian events, we are seeking not only to save the babies of attendees who are uneducated about abortion, but we also seek more Good Samaritans to join us in actively caring for the children.



CBR - Hawaii Director Steve Holck founded 12 crisis pregnancy centers in Hawaii. His van is festooned with the names of many of the babies they have saved. Recently, a woman stopped him to say, “Thanks for saving my granddaughter. She is now 15 years old.” Her name is on the van. Driving the van around Oahu Island brings smiles to many children and adults. Teenagers and adults tell Steve that the van and the CBR abortion photo truck changed their lives.

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At that moment I was thinking ‘I can’t do it’, I would never forgive myself.* ”

Pregnant woman who saw CBR's *Choice Blues*

We continue to marvel at the courage of our Russian Affiliate, Warriors for Life. Their leader, Dmitry, noted that the Russian Parliament approved a new Commissioner for Human Rights. On March 18, her first day on the job, they picketed Ella Pamfilova's office in Moscow using this photo sign. They returned on March 19 and also delivered a letter to Ms. Pamfilova's secretary asking what she will do to protect the right to life for children in the womb. By placing Ms. Pamfilova's picture on the poster, Warriors for Life is following CBR's strategy of holding elected officials accountable for their actions regarding abortion. The other sign quotes Father Elijah, the spiritual father of the Patriarch of the Russian Church, saying that abortion should be banned.



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