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Pro-Life Witness in Slovenia

What would you do if you learned that an international gathering of abortionists was coming to your area? That is precisely what happened when pastor and evangelical missionary, Todd Hunnicutt, read on a Catholic website that the FIAPAC (International Federation for Professionals of Abortion and Contraception) conference was going to be held in Slovenia. God prompted him to be a public witness against the evil of abortion as this conference provided an excellent opportunity both to educate the Slovene people as well as to hold accountable the people attending the abortion industry conference. Mr. Hunnicutt contacted his sister, Lois Cunningham, to ask CBR for resources; he also recruited two other missionaries to assist him. CBR sent four representatives from CBR-Netherlands and CBR-Germany. CBR-Netherlands Founder, Irene van der Wende traveled by plane and Astrid Burroughs and team traveled by automobile from Germany, bringing along prenatal development poster signs and CBR abortion photo signs.

“Task Sharing in Abortion Care” was the strange title for the conference. The program’s pre-conference sessions listed were: Value clarification - Catholics For Choice; Dilatation and Evacuation (D&E) Workshop - BPAS, NAF and Ipas; Advocating for Choice in Europe – BPAS. We noted that British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS), whose CEO, Ann Furedi, debated Gregg Cunningham in London in 2013, was heavily involved in this conference. Ms. Ann Furedi gave a keynote address entitled: Safe abortion – a moral obligation: why is it so difficult to follow the evidence?

Sadly, American abortionists were also involved in this poisonous conference. Boulder Abortion Clinic (Colorado specialists in late-term abortion) was a sponsor, along with the US-based National Abortion Federation. One workshop was on the topic of “the problem of conscientious objection;” abortion advocates do not necessarily want doctors and nurses to have the choice to not be involved in abortion.

We advised Mr. Hunnicutt to research laws related to free speech and to notify the police of the peaceful demonstration, which he did.



Women from Kyrgyzstan approached our CBR sign display outside an international abortion conference in Slovenia in October; one woman was writing a report about the conference and wanted to include a picture of our display. They were quite moved by our display and indicated they only believed in abortion in extreme cases. Due to our team’s presence to show the visual evidence of abortion, it was impossible for seasoned abortionists to deceive these women.

Miss van der Wende was surprised to travel on a plane seated in the row directly in front of leaders of Women on Waves. She overheard Rebecca Gomperts talking to Gunilla Kleiverda as they discussed pain and the amount of misoprostol to administer for chemical abortions.

On Friday, October 3, Mr. Hunnicutt assembled the team in the capitol city of Ljubljana in Republic Square. The Cankarjev dom, a cultural event complex like our “Kennedy Center,” was where that conference was about to commence. The square is quite significant as it also includes Parliament and the main bank. Our signs were positioned at two locations: a major intersection where hundreds of cars and people came by (mainly Slovenes); also, at the front entrance to the conference where conference-goers either stopped to look, or commented among themselves about the images.

Mr. Hunnicutt reported on the two-day outreach:

The Lord was good in that in the first minutes we found that the police knew we were coming and were ready to be nearby in case of any problems. But there were no problems - only a few negative folks. There were mainly people silenced and thoughtful as a result of the pictures. But there were several great conversations with people at

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the conference, including a Slovene who was so disturbed by seeing the abortion tools on sale that she went home. [On her own initiative, she gave us her conference literature.] AND, we ran into many Slovenes, likely mainly Catholics (and a girl from Ireland who literally lives across the river from us) who were really, really interested in this form of outreach and dealing with the issue. Pray the Lord would lead a team to form.

On October 4, our teammate Ben joined us for the second day. Because Ljubljana is a kind of a ghost town on Saturdays as everyone leaves for the countryside, we focused on the conference. We added three new signs today, so as they walked by or stood at a distance smoking, they were again interested enough to look. We had some good conversations with attendees...

As he prepared for this outreach, Mr. Hunnicutt had located and made contact with a small Slovene pro-life group run by a Catholic woman. Her team was to be joined by three women from England. They planned to have a march outside the Cankarjev dom conference venue on the first day, but they only felt comfortable using respect life-type message signs and so they stuck with their plan. Afterwards, after observing the missionaries and CBR staff in action, she emailed Mr. Hunnicutt this message:

Thank you for your great work you did with those shocking pictures during the FIAPAC conference. I want to thank you because we learned a lot from you. Initially it was somewhat negative for me to support a demonstration with those pictures and I thought that they would make people appalled instead of wanting to change their thinking. But when I saw you there in front of Cankarjev dom, the only thing I got from you was love and I saw right away that God was using you, that with those pictures you were spreading His love. I cannot be limited to just one method of making people aware, God uses us in different ways, but the goal is the same. Once again, thanks! If you want, we can begin to plan another protest with those photos in front of one of the

universities – perhaps the medical / health one in Ljubljana.

An angry conference-goer was infuriated that we were there, and filmed us with her iPad from across the street for about an hour. Conference goers took pictures and films of our team all the time. These pictures of our campaign will be going all over the world! The abortion professionals were clearly affected by our presence.

A conference attendee from Kyrgyzstan told Miss van der Wende abortion was needed for medical situations, like rape etc. Miss van der Wende told her of her rape and subsequent whirlwind abortion, and of being conceived in violence herself, yet grateful for life. “I told her how I cried and cried when I saw pictures of

what they do to babies in the D&E abortion I had, where they tear off arms and legs. What have I done?! My own flesh and blood! ... I realized we weren't given all the information beforehand to make an informed decision.” As Miss van der Wende spoke, the

Kyrgyzstani woman translated for the other woman. They were both visibly affected and thanked Miss van der Wende. She also reported on her conversation with a fellow Dutch person:

At the end, I recognized a man I had already met once before on opening day of his new abortion clinic in Houten in Holland. So I walked up to him, hand outstretched, “Good afternoon, Mr. van Herk!” As representative of the worldwide governance council of IPPF (International Planned Parenthood), he signed off their 2013 financial statement in which they proudly state they work in 172 countries. (The world has around 196 countries.) He asked who I was, and whether we had come there to shake things up a bit? I responded by saying that we were showing that there are different viewpoints, and mentioned my own D&E abortion experience, that I was horrified when I saw afterwards what is done to babies during the procedure, and that I feel women have a right to know beforehand what happens to their baby, so they can truly make an informed choice. Due to his belittling comment about the “dolls” [prenatal development models she displayed] I simply said they were models of little children, which he corrected to “fetuses.” His attempts to spark something were clearly diffused, and all he could say was, “Ja ja. You're done?”

“Yes, we are finished with our activities and leaving,” she replied. After which he walked away.

Miss van der Wende summed up: “Todd Hunnicutt was an awesome leader ... we were an awesome team all together ... wonderful honour to work together on this important project.”

Astrid Burroughs, CBR-Germany founder, emailed us: “I believe this was an important journey and a strategic mission.” We pray that many of these abortion industry people will have a Damascus-like experience as Saul did in the book of Acts.

CBR-Netherlands Founder Irene van der Wende was interviewed by LifeNews. The article link is: <http://bit.ly/1vuyoVH>



Staff from CBR's European affiliates stand outside the FIAPAC international abortion conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia.



Genocide Awareness Project Visits Michigan Universities

On April 7-8, 2014, CBR had our first Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. Students for Life at Oakland University, our sponsoring student group, was full of energy and fearless. They didn't back down in the face of challenges from pro-abortion students who approached our huge photomural display which compares abortion with genocide.

Many students had their own stories to tell. Three Armenian students had lost family members in the genocide perpetrated by Turkey; they related to our message of genocide. A Chinese-American student had been adopted by an American family. Her birth mother bravely defied the government's one-child policy and gave birth to her. Through God's providence, this girl was adopted. By the end of the GAP day, this young woman was handing out literature and had joined the Students for Life.

A mother of three young children walked with her children around the GAP display. The children were glad we were teaching college students!

Some students called us "disgusting," while others focused on the display images, rightly calling them "disturbing."

A Malaysian Muslim woman asked, "Is this allowed in your country? Even in the last months? I am glad you are doing this and I pray it gets changed in your country."

When a male student proclaimed, "If my girlfriend gets pregnant, she's going to have an abortion," our staff member replied, "That doesn't sound like 'choice' to me."

Our team, headed by CBR-Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong, then traveled on to Michigan State University for GAP on April 9-10. MSU Students for Life were our student sponsors on this campus in East Lansing.

The State News student newspaper reported: "Students... were confronted with images that were hard to shake..." The reporter interviewed MSU Students for Life president Lisa Jankowski on the effect of GAP: "It makes people realize that yes, this is a genocide; this is murder; we can't let this continue in the US."



CBR-Southeast Region Director Fletcher Armstrong addresses key points about abortion with students during GAP at Oakland University in Michigan in April 2014.

Student Maddie cried as she looked at the photos; she told our staff member that her friend just had an abortion and everyone was devastated. Maddie said, "We all would have helped her, and she didn't let us." We gave her information about Rachel's Vineyard and she promised to offer it to her friend. Since experiencing GAP, Maddie could very well save other babies.



Lincoln Brandenburg, CBR Georgia Project Director, talks to this group of students at Michigan State University GAP in April 2014.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts to CBR.

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'" MATTHEW 25:40

Prayer Requests

- Pray for God to bless our international affiliates
- Pray for the Church to take abortion seriously

Events

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

November 10-11 James Madison University

November 12-13 Radford University

November 18-19 Rio Hondo College Whittier, CA

Jeremiah 7 Church Project

Nov. 20 Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

Reproductive "Choice" Campaign (trucks)

Nov. – Dec. Key States Initiative – Louisiana

"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

November 9 Pro-Life Training Academy, Harrisonburg, VA

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God was using you, that with those pictures you were spreading His love ...”

European pro-life leader who saw CBR/missionary team in action in Slovenia.



Our newest regional staff members, Bill and Jeanette Schultz, organized a CBR event at North Carolina State University. They were joined by Aubrey of NCSU Students for Life (SFL) and several others to show our “Choice” signs in the “Brickyard” on October 1. Many students saw the truth about abortion, and SFL signed up at least 15 new club members. After packing up the display came the difficult trip back uphill with the nearly 100-pound equipment-filled wagon. As the Schultzes struggled, they heard a voice call out, “Do you need some help?” It was a young atheist student they spoke with earlier. The Schultzes thanked him profusely and told him they hoped to see him again. He agreed. The seeds of God’s truth have been planted and the Holy Spirit will do the growing.

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