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Boldly Bringing the Truth to Tennessee and Kentucky Universities

The spring Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) tour of four southern universities was filled with spiritual warfare and victory. CBR-Southeast recruited and trained volunteers to interact with students at GAP at each school, beginning with University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) on April 3-4.

Pro-Life Collegians, led by President Adam Lovejoy, sponsored this GAP and secured us a great location. One of his ROTC peers named Sara was shocked to see him standing publicly against abortion.

Pro-abortion students were determined to hinder our message, so on day two they held large signs in front of GAP.

We welcome protestors; in contrast to the attitude of the blockers, we respect their right to free speech. Nonetheless, when protestors blocked our speech rights, we asked the university administrators and UTK police to relocate them. They refused, so we added a front line of “Choice” abortion photo signs.

CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham sent a subsequent letter to university counsel, Mr. Matthew Scoggins:

UTK pro-abortion students intentionally and unlawfully obstructed from view the educational exhibit erected by our organization and pro-life students on your campus. This disruption of a lawful, permitted educational display violates the First Amendment and your own university regulations, which you are obligated by law to enforce. Law enforcement authorities, under the direction of university administration, endorsed and ratified this misconduct by refusing our repeated requests that the disruptive students be removed to any nearby location which would not cover up our signs and thereby suppress our expressive rights. The disruptive students were thereby made proxies and agents for the university. It should be borne in mind that CBR never requested that the dissident students be denied their right to communicate their message; only that they be required to communicate it via means not violative of our expressive rights. Simply moving a reasonable distance from our exhibit would have easily accommodated the rights of all parties.

We are returning to your campus Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Any repetition of this misconduct will result in the immediate filing of a civil complaint against the university in federal court if the university does not take effective measures to halt it.

We recently prevailed in a related motion to dismiss a complaint we filed against a university in federal court in New York. The motion was unsuccessfully prosecuted by the State University of New York – Buffalo, which we sued on facts nearly identical to those in the instant case. Counter-protesters in New York used large fabric screens to block our signs from the view of passersby, and the university refused to enforce their own regulations, which prohibit disruption of educational presentations. Please see the press release immediately below and the court’s decision and opinion attached:

<http://bit.ly/2qldisa> [By time of publication of this newsletter, the State University of New York – Buffalo granted our every demand and paid our lawyers’ \$30,000 legal fees.]

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UTK students tried to cover up our GAP display on April 4. When police would not relocate them, we added a front line of signs and promised a return campus visit. CBR-Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong is holding a “Choice” sign and wearing an orange cap.



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Your Student Code of Conduct, Standards of Conduct, Paragraph 27, explicitly prohibits “Obstructing or disrupting teaching, studying, research ... or any other university affiliated activity.” CBR was operating pursuant to sponsorship of a university-chartered student organization which had complied with university regulations in reserving the display area which dissident students concealed from the view of passersby...

If the university permits future violations of its own regulations, it is effectively repealing them, and inviting a descent into anarchy. Every student who is offended by any substantive academic content may, with impunity, disrupt that presentation...

This hostility to disfavored speech is becoming endemic in academia. It is a dangerous trend...

By the time our team returned to UTK on April 25, the administration had surrendered to our demands. GAP took place without a hitch.

Lincoln Brandenburg, CBR-Project Director Georgia, had conversations with students Mia and Dan which ended with them saying, “I have a lot to think about” and “I may have to reconsider.”

Student and former airman Kai spoke with CBR Project Director for Carolinas Joanna Kielson. He wanted to remain neutral about abortion, but ended their conversation saying, “I’m more on your side; you’re doing a good job of convincing me.”

There are countless ministry opportunities that arise with GAP. Volunteer Laurice Baddour approached a psychology major who had no position on abortion. As he opened up, he shared that he did not even value his own life and had attempted suicide three times. When he sat down on the ground, Mrs. Baddour joined him and shared the gospel of eternal life with him. He listened thoughtfully, and stated, “I will ask God if these things are true.” When two of his friends passed by, Mrs. Baddour invited them to join the conversation. At the end of their time, the suicidal student’s countenance had changed. Mrs. Baddour embraced the students and they thanked her for giving them a life-changing argument for life.

The next campus tour stop was East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in Johnson City on April 5-6. The next article is a dramatic account written by Mrs. Baddour.

God empowered volunteer Laurice Baddour (in center wearing a white sweater) to counteract the lies of the ETSU professor (far right). Notice how students were now listening to Mrs. Baddour, even raising their hands to ask questions.



This ETSU Women’s Studies professor brought his class out to mock GAP. Little did he know what would happen when he began to attack the character of one of our female volunteers ...

Love and Righteous Indignation Overcame Hate and Lies at ETSU GAP

Some of the female protesters from day one had complained to their African-American male professor of Women’s Studies about our display. He was so enraged that he decided on day two to teach his class outside, on the steps, right in front of our display. His personality/teaching style was very loud, articulate, and abrasive; he used foul language to intimidate and make his points. At first I ignored him, smiling as I passed out brochures to passersby, to his interested seated students on the periphery, while engaging students passing through that area. This was the/our free speech area for two days, and he was attempting to take over.

Then, in his arrogance, he shouted for all to hear in the vicinity, insulting our character, lying about our display, and dehumanizing the preborn. He began attacking the character of one of our female volunteers, and I looked to see one of our male volunteers with her. At that time I was reaching out to a minority female student, so I excused myself and went to stand

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God bless you for your support of our ministry.

“So he answered and said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

LUKE 10:27

Prayer Requests

- Courage for pastors to preach against abortion
- God to raise up brave students to sponsor GAP
- God’s blessing on our volunteers

Events

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

May 8-9 Cerritos College, Norwalk, CA

Training Seminars and Speaking Engagements

April 30 St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Richmond, VA

June 1 Luncheon for Life, Venice, FL

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with my sister and brother in the faith. The vile words coming out of the mouth of the male Women’s Studies professor were misogynistic!

Holy Fire and Holy Love overcame me, righteous indignation, love, and compassion flooded me, and I took over *his class*. To my own surprise (!), my mouth opened, and I called out to the female students, loudly enough to overshadow his voice, and firmly said, “Ladies, I love you! You are being lied to by this professor, and you’ve been lied to by our culture.” Keeping my eyes on them, I pointed in his direction and immediately corrected each lie, one by one, with truth. I began listing, one at a time, the risks of abortion to their bodies, souls, and relationships, while sharing testimonies of some post-abortive campus peers with whom I had connected. I was in a totally peaceful state and had no fear, whatsoever, of the professor verbally or physically attacking me...

The female students became angry, loud, and mob-like (I LOVE MOBS) but I called out for order and assured them that each one of their comments and questions would be addressed, one student at a time. Immediately the raging lionesses became sweet li'l lambs, and several began to raise their hands, waiting their turn. The others listened. As God once closed the mouths of the lions in the den where Daniel was thrown, so He closed the mouths of the students, and the accuser of the brethren, who was speaking through the mouth of their professor. After our time of questions, answers, and comments, the class disbanded. Several of the classroom students came down the steps and shared their personal stories and concerns with me. It was a victory for TRUTH. And the professor? Well, you’ll have to ask someone else, because I never heard his voice or saw him again.

What About Small Children Who Might See Abortion Photos?

Children are never the target of CBR’s abortion photos, but we cannot always anticipate when a child may inadvertently see the photos. The parents set the tone for what happens next. Parents who understand God’s heart regarding abortion can use it as a teaching moment and calmly explain this is an evil that breaks God’s heart and we must compassionately and sacrificially help save babies from abortion. A parent who is not prepared to give an answer can advise the child to look away.

In CBR’s experience, if a parent explodes in anger, the child will be distressed more by the parent’s behavior than the images. The parent may be projecting his/her own history with abortion onto his/her child.

Children as young as middle school are getting pregnant and having abortions, yet seeing abortion photos can protect them from aborting their babies. It is far worse to allow the wholesale slaughter of a million children each year than to risk the possible discomfort of some children. Consider that in each instance God allowed the child to see the photos, and He will bring good from it.

Children saw Jesus’ battered and bloody body as he carried His cross through the streets of Jerusalem on the way to Calvary. He died on the cross publicly to show the price He had to pay for our sins. Should we keep our children from knowing the truth that could spare many lives from abortion?

*Assemble the people — men, women **and children**, and the foreigners residing in your towns — so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 31:12)*

Raise Funds for CBR While Searching and Shopping Online

Every time you shop online or search the internet, you can help save preborn babies. If you use GoodSearch.com each time you browse, a donation will be made to the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform. Here’s how it works:

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine which makes a donation to CBR each time you do a search using GoodSearch. GoodShop.com works with thousands of online stores and every time you purchase something, a percentage will be donated to CBR; it may range from 1-25% of your purchase price, depending on the store.

Thus far, with 40 supporters who are designating CBR as their cause on GoodSearch, we’ve received \$337.18. Thank you to those 40 people! If you participate, you will help CBR fulfill our mission to make abortion hard to trivialize or ignore.

Start here to select “Center for Bio Ethical Reform – CBR.”
<https://www.goodsearch.com/choosecause/>

“ You are being lied to by this professor. ”
CBR volunteer to ETSU students at GAP



At ETSU GAP, CBR Tennessee staff member Jane Bullington spoke with many students, including Lizzy. This anatomy student is a believer, but said, “Even until now, I might have said in rape, it is OK, but I look at this sign and [recall that] God said, ‘I have a plan for every life I create.’ (Mrs. Bullington is at far right in this photo.)

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