GAP Blesses Many Students at Texas A&M

CBR took our Genocide Awareness Project to Texas A&M on November 8-10, 2010. This GAP was conducted by CBR Missouri/Kansas, with a traveling team of 10 staff and volunteers that included representatives from CBR Midwest and the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR).

The sponsoring student club, Pro-Life Aggies, provided dozens of student volunteers who were mentored by our CBR staff. The students were given a day of training on November 7 through CBR’s Pro-life Institute, so they were well prepared to assist our seasoned staff.

Texas A&M is located in College Station, Texas, and is one of the largest campuses in America with over 50,000 students. The GAP exhibit was set up in front of the Academic Building and the West Mall Area, two well-traveled locations on campus, during the three-day display. Countless lives were changed forever.

CBR Missouri/ Kansas director, Bill Calvin, reported: “The Aggie students were very open to taking in the GAP display – and many were converted by the pro-life message.”

One student told our staff she had been pro-choice until she saw the exhibit, but, “It definitely changed my mind.”

Another student was in a campus computer lab when a student entered and began talking about the GAP display. Students nearby joined in the discussion of GAP, which prompted the initial student to come see GAP for himself. Students talking to their peers quickly spreads our message that abortion is genocide. Social networking sites were buzzing about our pro-life project.

“‘Well, y’all keep doin’ what you guys are doin’ ‘cause it made me look at things differently,'” said a young man on a bike as he looked at the personhood poster. Student after student rode their bikes or skateboards up to the display – often speechless with looks of curiosity and dismay on their faces.

At Texas A&M, our “Free Speech Board” stimulated a great deal of student discussions about abortion. Every morning, our team set up the two-sided, 6’ x 12’ Free Speech Board a short distance from the GAP display – and by the end of each day both sides were completely covered with student comments. Between classes, there regularly were 10-30 students at the “Board,” dialoguing with our volunteers about

When Stephanie Gray (on left), director of Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, asked a female Aggie at Texas A&M, “What do you think about abortion?” she replied, “I think it’s wrong.” Then Stephanie asked, “Do you think it’s so wrong it should be against the law?” and she responded, “After seeing these pictures, yeah.”

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Your continued support will help us win peace in the womb: “LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.” Isaiah 26:12

Prayer Requests

- Blessings on all CBR affiliates and associates worldwide
- Funding to conduct our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) and run our trucks

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“I’ve never seen an actual video of how abortions are done. It’s cruel and disgusting and it brings tears to my eyes. I don’t know what woman can do this.”

19-year-old, Brooklyn, NY, December 13, 2010
AbortionNO.org web survey

the pictures. Some conversations continued for two hours. Many others will continue for weeks and months.

CBR volunteer Alanna Campbell had a lengthy discussion about the preborn child and abortion-related topics with a young man who walked around the whole exhibit. At the end, he told Alanna he had never spoken to “someone so well informed on the issue,” and that she’d given him some things to think about. Alanna also lead a discussion at the Free Speech Board with five students sharing their opinions and experiences. The most helpful contribution was from one young man who worked in a lab where they conduct psychological brain imaging studies with infants, and he gave a very simple testimony to the clear humanity of babies inside the womb by how they already can interact with the world outside.

The school newspaper ran a lengthy story on GAP. They interviewed Veronica Arnold, Pro-Life Aggies president, and CCBR Director Stephanie Gray:

Stephanie Gray, spokeswoman for the Center, said the mission of the display was to make abortion unthinkable. The organization travels across the country setting up displays of larger-than-life images of aborted fetuses. The pictures sit next to images of genocide such as mass graves from the Holocaust.

“We attempt to show denying the personhood of the unborn is parallel to denying the personhood of people throughout history,” Gray said. …

Crystal Ploehn, junior meteorology major, said she thought the idea of comparing abortion to genocide was interesting. “It gives a different perspective because I’ve never likened abortion to genocide,” Ploehn said. “But I am definitely a women’s choice supporter.” …

Gray said the main issue is whether the fetus is considered a person. (“Pro-life advocates visit A&M with no-holds-barred imagery,” The Battalion Online, November 9, 2010)

CBR volunteer and certified professional midwife Erin Burow spoke with a student near the GAP exhibit who was surprised at the rapid development of the preborn child. Although raised as a Baptist, he was confused about the morality of abortion. He said he didn’t think Jesus would have gone around forcing his belief on people. Erin asked him if, when Jesus made a whip and drove the merchants out of the temple, maybe that was “forcing his belief”? She clarified that CBR does not use force of any kind, but we are simply giving photographic evidence about the injustice of abortion. They had a lengthy conversation and Erin later emailed us about it: “It blessed me so much to be able to speak to that young man, dive into something of eternal value immediately and feel his excitement in the encouragement toward God. Thank you, [CBR] GAP. You bless so many.”
Mirko Brummer, co-director of CBR’s Finnish affiliate, traveled to Russia with his wife and baby to help train and encourage pro-life friends from The Omega Group, our CBR associate group in St. Petersburg. The Brummers were willing to endure unpleasant and even dangerous travel challenges — and time away from their three young children — to further the pro-life cause. They reported openness from those who came for Mirko’s CBR presentation — which featured CBR’s strategy, including tactics involving the use of abortion photographs and video. At least four Russian orthodox priests, several theology students and journalism students attended the presentation.

Fortunately, this was not Mirko’s first trip to Russia on behalf of CBR and he was somewhat prepared for the “unexpected,” as he told us in an email report: “I didn’t mention that my talk was interrupted and moved to a larger auditorium in the middle of it. That sort of disorganization is commonplace in Russia.”

Although Mirko and Hanna do speak some Russian, they presented in English rather than Finnish for ease of interpretation. Their Russian interpreter was Dr. Aleksei Fokin, an M.D. and psychologist who had just translated into Russian the book “Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion” by U.S. pro-life leaders David C. Reardon and Theresa Karminski Burke.

The Omega Group is already using CBR abortion photos in large sign format as part of their educational outreach, but Mirko was in Russia to further equip them in their work. We are proud of our pro-life colleagues in both Finland and Russia. Please keep them in your prayers.

All of America’s most pressing problems could more readily be solved if our politicians turned back to the Constitution and our pastors to scripture. But voters who think the government should follow the Constitution are mocked as “constitutionalists” (or worse, “originalists”) and Christians who think the church should adhere to the Bible are dismissed as “fundamentalists.” How did we allow the Constitution and the Bible, literally sacred writ, to be stigmatized as pejoratives?

Much of man’s progress from savagery to civilization derives from the immutable political and spiritual truths handed down to us from the Founding Fathers and the Holy Spirit. Yet we have permitted leftist political and theological elites to marginalize the two greatest documents ever penned. Liberals are rebranding them as outmoded obstacles to enlightenment. The terrible result is an unhinged nation and a misguided church which have come to perilous tipping points. God help the entire world if we can’t force a rapid return to first principles.
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Texas A&M student who saw GAP in November

Abortion is Wrong in Every Language

CBR Sweden’s truck is running regularly to educate Swedish people about abortion. Here it is traveling by Sergels torg, a “tower” in the main square in Stockholm; the sign says: “Abortion kills small humans.” This progressive European country does not have established free speech rights like the U.S. Constitution grants Americans, so we applaud our Swedish colleagues for their courage to stand up for the babies.