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A Dramatic Change at University of Michigan

A woman from the community of Ann Arbor was recruited by local pro-lifers to volunteer at the October 3-4, 2011 University of Michigan GAP. Nearly 30 years ago, she herself was a UM student and a very different person. After participating in GAP, she emailed CBR-Midwest Director Darius Hardwick and gave us permission to share her impressions. We quote, in part:

Dear Darius,

I wanted to say again how much I was blessed by meeting your team and being with GAP at UM. ...

It's wild to reflect how I was just like many of those UM students when I was an undergrad there in the '80s. Actually, I was probably much more disturbed than most of the folks I met. I was promiscuous, bisexual, arrogant, enraged, suicidal, and that's before I joined a Hindu cult, bowed to a guru, and went off to India in hot pursuit of Eastern mysticism. Wild that I walked right through that diag so many times. And last week, at age 48, I was on the diag again, but preaching the gospel of life...!

God really seized me, transformed me. I am so grateful! Only God can do what we want "pro-choicers" to become.

We know that when God walked on this planet, He said, "My sheep hear my voice." I saw this in talking to the UM students at GAP. Some were so open-hearted in response to my words, because it was the Holy Spirit they heard – even mixed up with my human frailties and faults. We honor a living God. His truth and love resonate to those He has called as His Own....

Let me share, too, that it was very helpful to have the GAP training session. I was able to use precisely some of the things I learned. In fact, the woman who converted on the spot lit up when I asked her what sparked the Civil Rights Movement. She got it that that photo of Emmett Till changed society. ...

I asked this woman what changed her mind from being pro-choice and repelled by the pictures to considering them useful. She said one important piece was my pointing out that a day after the baby is born and killed, it is murder and unlawful, whereas one day before in the womb, it's abortion and legal.

She said, "When you think about it, it's not that different and it doesn't make any sense!"

S.K. (Oct. 9, 2011)



Volunteer Brian McKinney offers University of Michigan students sound answers to their concerns about abortion during our GAP display on October 3-4.

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UT-Chattanooga Pro-Aborts Increase GAP's Effect

CBR's Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) returned to University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) on September 12-13, 2011. Our large photomural display of powerful photographs comparing abortion to genocide was sponsored by Students Choosing Life (SCL) at UTC.

It takes courage for students to sponsor GAP on their campuses. SCL member Victoria had been fearful of GAP beforehand, but quickly became excited when she saw GAP's powerful effect. Victoria had been seeking opportunities to share Jesus in a spirit of love and GAP provided the perfect training ground.

Pro-aborts helped draw crowds to the GAP display, set up near the UTC library, as they protested with signs and petitions in a failed attempt to get GAP off campus. They yelled to passersby, "If you don't like these images, please sign our petition," and, "If you don't want fake pictures that really show miscarriages in front of the dining hall, please sign our petition." The city newspaper quoted Mary Kathryn Cox, a women's studies and psychology major who was collecting signatures: "We are just saying we don't want these pictures on our campus... This is not about abortion..." ("Abortion Group at UTC Draws Demonstrators," TimesFreePress.com, Sept. 14, 2011)

GAP is about abortion, and the abortion photographs are our most powerful tool to educate and bring about change. If we don't spark animated debate about abortion, we will never end abortion.

The university newspaper noted that the "editors split on abortion issue," so they published two editorials. The pro-abortion editors whined about the possibility of children seeing GAP, fretted about



"Warning: Genocide Photos Ahead" signs are always posted 100 or more feet beyond the GAP display, but most of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga students chose to travel by en route to class. Some are so mesmerized by GAP that they never make it to class, but instead stop to study the signs, listen and perhaps dialogue.



"I Regret My Abortion. Ask Me About It." Silent No More t-shirts help volunteer Debbie Picarello and CBR Virginia Director Nicole Cooley speak to UTC students about their own experiences. This can be a warning to those who have not aborted, as well as an invitation to healing for those who have.

offending Jews and Turks, and worried that GAP would trouble people on campus with post-traumatic stress disorder "due to their experiences with war, stillbirth, abuse or other traumatic events." We wonder if they express such concerns when liberals on campus use graphic imagery. ("Students Protest use of Grotesque Images," *The University Echo*, Sept. 14, 2011)

The second editorial was titled "Students Defend Use of Disturbing Photos" (Sept. 14, 2011); these editors challenged their peers to face the reality of abortion:

...The counter-protesters' poster boards carried defensive messages about womanhood and uteruses, but not one refuted the core message across the sidewalk: abortion kills another living creature....

College is the place where students' thoughts, beliefs and academic understanding are pushed to the limits and expounded upon, and if we, as students, are to become part of the 'educated elite,' on a wide range of topics, like abortion, it is important to know what an abortion is and the ramifications it produces, as disturbing as they may be.... (<http://www.utcecho.com/opinion/students-defend-use-of-disturbing-photos-1.2590472>)

A 21-year-old student stood and looked at the GAP photos with tears in her eyes. A staff member reached out to her and learned that when she was 16, her mom forced her to abort her 3-month-old preborn baby. She said she is a Christian. The staff member gave her post-abortion information from Deeper Still ministries and prayed with her.

Many Christian students have not seen the truth about abortion before GAP. A female student told us, "I was pro-choice all through high school at a Christian school. During my senior year, they showed me a video of abortion and it changed my mind. That is why I support what you are doing at UTC." Perhaps the video that changed her mind was a CBR abortion video.

There are countless personal experiences that students share with our team. Autumn told a GAP staffer, "My mother wanted to abort me."



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After they talked awhile, Autumn concluded, “Sometimes complete strangers make the best counselors.”

Students routinely express the devastating personal consequences of abortion. One female student was upset about her sister’s abortion and its damaging effect. She took post-abortive literature with her. Another student expressed, “I didn’t know. My friend had an abortion and she already regrets it. She didn’t know.”

Professors are also affected by GAP’s powerful comparison of abortion to genocide. A foreign-born professor told us, “These pictures are changing the way I look at this.” A male student told us, “I really like this juxtaposition to genocide. It makes sense. Oddly, my professor who usually takes the devil’s advocate position, so we see things from all sides, said this was a bad display.”

Yes, GAP is bad for entrenched pro-aborts because GAP works wonders to change the minds of open-minded people. The following conversation was heard between two female students and it sums up the need for GAP:

“It’s crazy. This should never be.” [Abortion]

“Did you know any of this?”

“No way.”

Students Choosing Life President, Larissa R. Hofstra, wrote CBR-Southeast an October 11, 2011 letter discussing her beliefs about GAP before and after she invited us to her campus:

.... I first met Dr. Fletcher Armstrong with The Center For Bio-Ethical Reform at the Students for Life of America Conference in Knoxville, TN, in September 2010. I heard about GAP, and I didn’t know if I wanted it to come to my school. ...

At first, I was intimidated. I thought, I don’t know how to defend the pro-life view that well. I don’t know if pro-choice people will get aggressive at GAP. So many doubts came, even the week approaching the event, but the Genocide Awareness Project was coming.

During and after GAP, I realized that it was all worth it. All my doubts disappeared when I saw the work it did on our campus. The Center For Bio-Ethical Reform brought a Pro-life Training Academy to our school two days beforehand to prepare us with the facts. Even through my inadequacy, God proved strong and faithful in the event. ... The GAP volunteers were wonderful! They were so faithful! They knew their facts and spoke with love. They sacrificed their time to come save babies’ lives on my campus! There were two women who had had abortions on the team. They worked with those grieving their abortions and could answer questions honestly from the students! Their openness was such a blessing!

This event had so many positive benefits! That’s not to say we didn’t have opposition, because there always is! However, the entire campus was talking about abortion...

The photos indeed get students talking about abortion and many will become pro-life as a result of GAP.



UTC students are captivated (September 12-13, 2011) by pictures that reveal the truth about abortion. They are forced to deal with the facts that the preborn child is really a baby, even in the first trimester, and abortion is a horrifying act of violence.

Thank you for your support as we seek justice for preborn children.

“Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless.”

ISAIAH 1:17

Prayer Requests

- Praise God for a fruitful CBR European networking tour in October
- Funding and volunteers to conduct our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) and run our trucks

Events

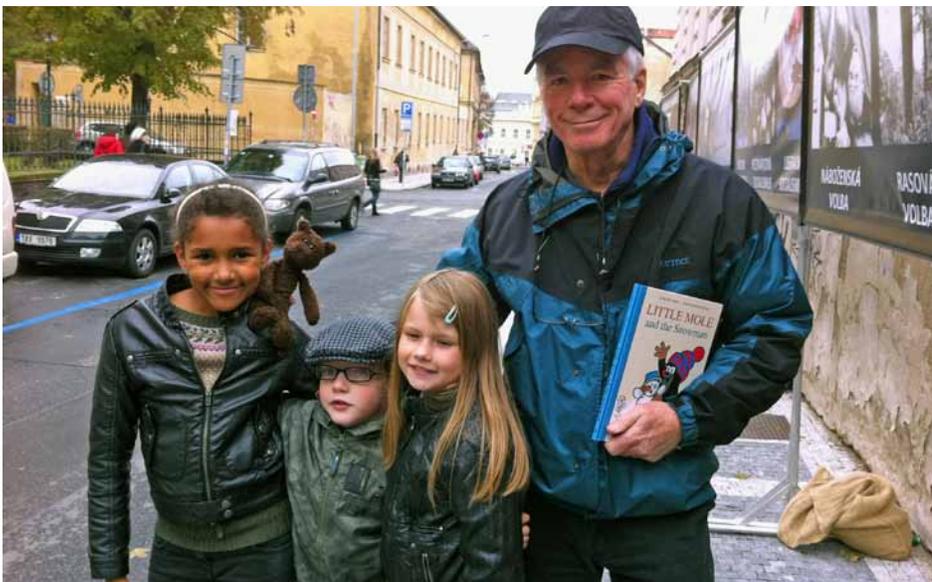
GAP

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| Oct. 3-4 | University of Michigan |
| Oct. 10-11 | University of Arizona |
| Oct. 14 | Arizona State University, Tempe |
| Oct. 17-18 | Northern Arizona State University |
| Nov. 2-3 | James Madison University |
| Nov 7-8 | University of Rhode Island, Kingston |
| Nov. 9-10 | Brown University, Providence, RI |
| Nov. 17-18 | Fletcher speaking at Kentucky Mountain Bible College |

TRAINING SEMINARS

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| Oct. 29 | Pro-Life Training Academy, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA |
| Nov. 6 | Pro-Life Training Academy, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI |
| Nov. 12 | Pro-Life Awareness Training, Blue Ridge Bible Church, Kansas City, MO |

“I didn't know. My friend had an abortion and she already regrets it. She didn't know.”
UTC student who saw CBR's GAP display on her campus.



CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham is standing at the site of a GAP display in the Czech Republic on Oct. 25. The three precious children standing with him were adopted by the director of the Prague crisis pregnancy center founded by Stop Genocide directors Radim and Katarina. Stop Genocide is a CBR affiliate which holds GAP displays outside high schools and colleges approximately eight days each month.

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