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# CBR is Saving Preborn Children in Finland, Russia and Beyond

By Gregg Cunningham, CBR Executive Director

In October 2011, I flew to Helsinki, Finland, to speak at an important anti-abortion conference organized by long-time CBR associates Mirko Brummer and Pastor Mika Ebeling. Mirko is a biochemist by profession and Pastor Mika leads a Lutheran church and is also a member of the Helsinki City Council. Their organization, Ihmisoikeusjärjestö Pro Life Suomi / Pro-Life Finland, is a CBR affiliate. They regularly display CBR abortion photo signs in heavily trafficked areas of Helsinki's central business district and they were eager to discuss even more effective tactics.

Also attending were activists who had traveled from Russia, Estonia and Germany. The Russians are members of St. Petersburg's Omega group, now renamed "Warriors of Life." They reported that our friend Vadim Zharov, to whose organization CBR had made a donation to help buy a billboard truck, has now raised the additional money required to make the purchase and is currently driving CBR abortion photo signs on roadways in Siberia.

Our Warriors of Life Russian friends also take advantage of St. Petersburg's extensive river transport system to display huge



*CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham speaks during the question and answer period during the October 8, 2011 pro-life conference in Helsinki, Finland. Our Finnish affiliate hosted this meeting; they were instrumental in bringing members of Russian Warriors for Life over to Finland.*

signs on the top of watercraft which pass through the city center. Office workers in great numbers hear the church bells attached to the boat, and they look down on these boat signs from the large buildings which line both banks of the waterways. They also display our photos on handheld signs they exhibit



*Activists from Russia, Estonia and Germany interact with CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham during the Helsinki pro-life conference lunch break.*

at times and in places intended to create the level of controversy which the news media finds difficult to ignore.

They are careful to comply with the government regulations which control demonstration activity (as is true of all CBR activists worldwide) and have developed an effective working relationship with the authorities. Protest activity in Russia is often tightly restricted, but we theorize that the government may be tolerating conspicuous (but orderly) anti-abortion activity because Russia's high abortion rate is threatening the country's national identity and jeopardizing its economic and security interests.

Our St. Petersburg associates were fascinated by CBR's *Angel of Light* video, [http://abortionno.org/index.php/blog/the\\_most\\_shocking\\_graphic\\_imagery\\_four-minute\\_abortion\\_debate\\_you\\_will\\_ever/](http://abortionno.org/index.php/blog/the_most_shocking_graphic_imagery_four-minute_abortion_debate_you_will_ever/), in which we use written narrative and abortion footage to expose the lies of an abortion clinic sales video. Their eyes immediately lit up and they exclaimed that they knew exactly which Russian abortion website posts the perfect abortion video sales pitch to debunk with our CBR abortion footage in their own mock-u-mentary. You can see the Russian abortion saleswoman they will use as a foil by visiting <http://www.medhelp-clinic.ru/gin.shtml>. She is featured in the fourth video player down from the top of the homepage. You will recognize her by the large round glasses and odd green hairstyle.



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The following day I delivered the message in the main worship service at Helsinki's International Church. Both the senior and associate pastor initially seemed reluctant to permit me to use video but the former graciously relented. I showed the congregation incontestable evidence that a preborn baby is already the "neighbor" we are commanded to love by taking the risks and making the sacrifices described by our Lord in Luke 10:25-37. At the conclusion of the service we were approached by members of the congregation who asked for information related to involvement in our work in Helsinki.

It was clear that CBR's strategy and tactics are spreading across Europe. Activists have grown weary of thinking small and trying to appease the Culture of Death. They are looking for new ways to expose the awful truth and force our adversaries to defend the indefensible and do it in the public square. That is the history of successful social reform and it is the future of effective anti-abortion activism.

Immediately after the October 8 conference, Mirko emailed the Director of CBR-Sweden:

Hi Mats,

Gregg and the Russians arrived and the conference worked out well. I think we can honestly say that it was encouraging to see how much Omega [Russian pro-life group] had progressed in a few years. They even had done a thing CBR has yet to do: hire a boat! They put banners on it and church bells. Quite a show! ...

So thank God for this! And everyone involved. If you hadn't taken Gregg to Finland [in 2004] we wouldn't have gone to Russia, etc., etc. CBR is having a huge impact on global prolife operations. Amazing.

Mirko



*We were blessed to have Steve Macias as a CBR volunteer; he serves as West Coast Director for Students for Life of America and is pictured here speaking with U of A students. Some, like the student at the left, take notes for classes or to write newspaper articles.*



*This first day of GAP at NAU, pro-abortion students peacefully lined up to protest our display. This was unusually polite behavior. The next day they set up a table to distribute condoms and Planned Parenthood literature. No matter how pro-aborts respond to GAP, our photos are what will remain in the students' minds forever.*

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

*“Follow justice and justice alone,  
so that you may live...”*

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## Prayer Requests

- Pray for follow-up to the October CBR European networking tour
- Funding and volunteers to conduct our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP) and run our trucks

## Events

Nov. 11 CBR Netherlands opened first abortion information/pregnancy center

### “CHOICE” SIGN OUTREACHES

Nov. 10 Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ

Nov. 14 Boston, MA

Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 16 Portland, Maine

Nov 29, Dec. 13 Waterville, Maine

### TRAINING SEMINARS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Nov. 1 Club de Jovenes, Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic— *Michael Schrimsher speaking*





# GAP Educates at all Major Arizona Universities

By Jason Walsh, CBR Southeast Director

It has long been a dream of the CBR-Southwest office to bring the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) display to the three major universities in Arizona. By God's grace and with the special assistance of the Midwest office and some very crucial out-of-state volunteers, this dream finally became a reality in October. We started our tour at the University of Arizona (U of A) in Tucson on October 10-11, which we had previously visited in March of 2010. By God's grace, our sponsoring student group, U of A Students for Life, reserved the prime location in the heart of the campus! We utilized the open microphone on both days to draw the students in and to listen to their concerns and ideas about our presence on their campus of 30,000 students. One of our trained staff or volunteers guides the conversation and gives a strong defense for protecting preborn children.

One 18-year-old female student agreed to talk to us on camera and commented, *"I don't think a lot of college students are aware. I wasn't aware when I first saw these pictures and I just kind of thought it was like a little procedure that was done, but now seeing all these*

*pictures and viewing all the little babies and how small they really are—it's very intense...This is the first time I've ever seen pictures like this."* Similarly, a freshman U of A student added, *"You can say words but not everyone gets it in. A picture brings it up to your mind, which is what it did for me. I had to walk over here and see what you all were doing."*

**"Studying to be a nurse, I went to a clinical practice expecting to see a birth. Instead, I saw an abortion and have never been the same. I just can't believe the one I saw was 'humane' compared to the ones I saw on this website [AbortionNO.org]. At least, the baby came out in one piece. I had no idea until today that it is not always done that way. I am devastated and will show this website to anyone considering an abortion. I will never allow someone close to me to ever do this!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"**

*(21-year-old nursing student, NJ, October 23, 2011 web survey)*

On October 13, our GAP tour was at Arizona State University (ASU), and with 58,000 students, it has one of the largest student enrollments in America. Again, God blessed us with a prime location directly outside the student union, which was reserved by our sponsoring student group, The Newman Center. The open microphone session during the heavy lunch rush was another tremendous

vehicle for dialogue and debate. Speaking to a student press reporter, an ASU accounting sophomore stated, *"I was shocked by the pictures. A lot of people are just walking by and trying not to see it, but this is reality."*

The NAU Newman Center sponsored GAP at Northern Arizona University in beautiful Flagstaff on October 17-18. This university had never before seen GAP's photo mural display of horrifying genocide images, so the 17,000 NAU students received an important education that argues that abortion is genocide.

Once again, because of God's special grace there were school construction detours that helped funnel the kids to our GAP display outside the student union; virtually no one could ignore us. Thankfully, NAU allows for an open microphone to be used for an amazing four hours each day (amplification is not permitted on some campuses near classroom buildings). This gave us the tremendous opportunity to once again listen to and answer dozens of student-offered questions and concerns. For so many of these students, they had never heard a persuasive defense of the pro-life position. Brooke Burns, the Education Director for Arizona Right to Life, witnessed the transformative power of this dialogue. *"But what was so incredible was that nearly 100 students stood around listening to the truth about abortion, regardless of where they stood on the issue. It became a priority for them for 2.5 hours on a Tuesday afternoon, even if it was just to prove their own point. But rather than shouting their opinion and storming off, they stood around, listened, asked questions and shared their opinions. Seeds were planted that day, whether those present knew it or not. They will forever be changed and their views of abortion were challenged in conviction and love, and that is something one can never forget."*

*Our ASU GAP display ran almost the entire length of the north side of the student union and students came by in droves.*



*“ I have changed from pro-choice to pro-life. ”*

**18-year-old female from Boston, MA, who saw abortion photos  
on [www.AbortionNO.org](http://www.AbortionNO.org), November 19, 2011**

***THIS IS WHY PRO-ABORTS FEAR CBR'S ABORTION PHOTOS!***



*This huge NAU crowd stayed to listen to our powerful arguments in favor of life. Together with the GAP images, the open mic dialogue creates the perfect setting to engage the next generation. View video footage of open mic at the NAU GAP site, as recorded by Campus Reform on this link (the CBR volunteer on the mic at the beginning is Trent Horn): <http://home-nau.campusreform.org/group/blog/video-genocide-awareness-project-rocks-northern-arizona-university-nau-campus>.*

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