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Fertile Ground at Florida Universities

The winter tour of CBR's Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) to five Florida universities was a tremendous success due to your support and to the hard work of 32 CBR international team members who brought the message that abortion is genocide to a population of 125,040 students. Many of these enrolled students saw our exhibit firsthand or saw abortion photos on our Reproductive "Choice" Campaign (RCC) truck that drove around campus every day of GAP. Others heard about it from friends, saw photos their friends sent them from cell phones, or read about it online. It is vital that our message extends to the online audience.

One online venue was the story produced by Florida Gulf Coast University *Eagle News* and posted on YouTube. At the beginning is an interview with senior Venes St. Illis. This young man said of GAP, "I think the display is the best way to do it, because it kind of gets people's attention. Like me, I was walking by and the first thing I saw was those pictures and that kind of touched me." (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f19xe1ESFH4&feature=player_embedded)

Darius Hardwick, Director of CBR-Midwest, and Fletcher Armstrong, Director of CBR-Southeast, reported on another



CBR team member Laura Gerein speaks quietly with a student at University of Central Florida GAP on February 15-16, 2012, while a crowd is engaged in discussions about abortion at right.

student who saw GAP at University of North Florida (UNF) on February 20-21. She was profoundly affected after her previous exposure to GAP.



GAP at University of North Florida generated large crowds of students. This photo was taken during "open mic" time when students ask questions using our microphone. Many students stand by to listen and come to recognize the validity of our pro-life arguments.

The incident took place on February 21, at the end of a 2-hour "open mic" session featuring Stephanie Gray, Executive Director of Canadian CBR, and Nicole Cooley, CBR-Virginia Project Director. The crowd was largely hostile to our message and barraged them with typical pro-abortion arguments. Right before our team was set to end the session, a student returned to campus to complete a forgotten errand. She parked where she doesn't usually park and walked a route she doesn't usually walk. She didn't know why. Julie then saw the GAP display and soon asked for the microphone, saying, "I was just like them."

She went on to describe how very angry she was with us during our 2009 GAP at UNF. She had spent hours debating with our staff and volunteers, then she left; but **when she went home, the pictures went home with her.**

"I thought it [GAP] was disgusting, but it followed me home. It followed me for several days. And I went online and looked up a video of an entire abortion." [It was likely one of CBR's abortion videos on AbortionNO.org.]

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Julie said she almost threw up. “I cried until I couldn’t breathe, and *I changed at that moment from pro-choice to pro-life.*”

Julie told us we were changing many more hearts and minds than we could imagine. What a breath of fresh air this was to our team of staff and volunteers! Be encouraged as well when you hear her testimony, when she was interviewed by a staff member. Visit this URL <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNmCtv-fCfM> or *access the video directly by using your smart phone to scan this QR code.*



There was no fresh air blowing from the student paper when it published an editorial accusing us of “blackmail.” The editorial ended with:

Possibly the most effective tactic the GAP uses is blackmail. On its website, The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform lays out the bottom line of this campaign. “So long as America accepts the practice of abortion, CBR will continue to show America pictures of abortion.” So get used to these photos, Ospreys. Apparently the only way we can stop them from crowding our campus is to let the fetuses live, no matter what their moms say. (<http://www.unfspinnaker.com/opinions/2012/02/22/abortion-editorial/>)

Merriam-Webster defines “blackmail” as “extortion or coercion by threats especially of public exposure or criminal prosecution.” It seems this student editorialist could benefit

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University of North Florida nursing student
who was profoundly affected by GAP

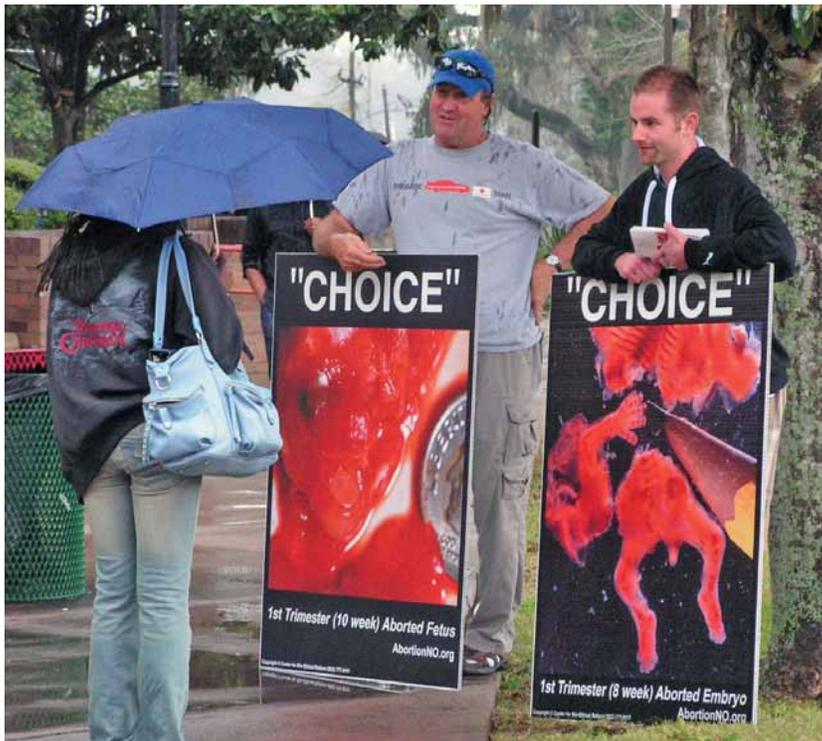
from more liberal use of a dictionary, but in reality, he is resorting to behavior typical of liberals when confronted with morality -- call the messengers names or distort the meaning of words. Imagine if we changed one word in his sentence so it applied to children outside the womb: “...let the toddlers live, no matter what their moms say.” People of conscience would intervene on behalf of toddlers whose mothers were about to kill them, but why not preborn children?

There are students of conscience on each campus who are delighted to see GAP. UNF student Michael Oliveros e-mailed us to say:

It was really nice to see you on campus, since I am around a very pro-choice environment so much. I am really excited about the pro-life club that you are starting! It will give me a way to express my pro-life views, as well as a place for support, and to be around people of like mind.

Again, I’d like to reiterate how appreciative I am of you all coming out. I commend all of you for your courage in being a voice for these babies, and for standing up for life. I hope and pray that I can have the same courage and dedication that all of you have as I become a part of this pro-life club.

God bless, and all of you are in my prayers!



Florida A&M – Bubba Garrett, long-time CBR volunteer and volunteer Alex Spike from Alberta displayed a “Choice” Chain at Florida A&M University on February 22. Rain does not deter us from reaching students as the signs are waterproof and very mobile.

One legacy of GAP is that we help start pro-life campus clubs, or we help existing ones grow. Right at the GAP site, we assist club members in recruiting prospective student members. On some campuses, we sign up dozens of interested students.

Another lesser-known aspect of GAP is the direct one-on-one ministry that takes place. Team members are able to pray for or with students as they express needs, or we direct them to pregnancy resource centers and churches to find help.

At Florida A&M University on February 22, part of our Florida team set up “Choice” (3x4-foot) abortion photo signs on campus. One student invited us to speak to her class the following day and another wanted a “Choice” sign for herself! We are eager to equip students to share the message that abortion is an act of violence that kills a baby.

At the end of the tour was Florida State University GAP exhibit on February 23-24. While there, our team was blessed by another unexpected testimony, **“I protested you last year, but this year I am pro-life,”** James said. He’d been part of the huge protest against our 2011 Florida State University GAP, but he came back to tell us he had changed his mind. By God’s grace, this happens everywhere we display the photos. We show up and God works on their consciences.



At the University of Central Florida on February 15-16, 2012, scores of students saw our Genocide Awareness Project. With an enrollment of 58,587 undergraduate students, this is the largest second university in the nation. Many students enter into discussions with our staff and volunteers, while others debate abortion with their friends right by the photo display. The photos help students see the humanity of the pre-born child and the inhumanity of abortion; most students have never seriously considered the reality of abortion, much less its long-term ramifications.

**Please continue to stand with us
as we boldly seek justice
for preborn children.**

*“It is not good to be partial to the wicked
and so deprive the innocent of justice.”*

PROVERBS 18:5

- Pray for sponsorships for GAP at universities not yet visited
- Funding and volunteers to conduct our Corporate Accountability Project (CAP)

Events

GAP

April 25-26 California State University, Long Beach

May 22-23 University of California, Irvine

CBR Summer Internships

Please contact our office if you are interested in a summer internship with CBR. Your summer will be well-spent helping us save babies, and you will receive invaluable training that could lead to a full-time pro-life vocation. Internship locations are available in California, Tennessee and possibly other regional offices.

Virginia University Students Behave Civilly at GAP

On April 2-5, CBR’s Genocide Awareness Project visited George Mason University (GMU) and Virginia Commonwealth University. At GMU, large crowds filled the plaza. A GMU administrator watching GAP commented to CBR’s Nicole Cooley that he had never seen so many people talking in one place on campus. He was amazed at the civil tone of the animated discussions about an emotional topic. Our well-trained staff and volunteers are to be praised for their conduct that models civil discourse to students.

One GMU student told Nicole, “I was hard-core, in favor of abortion for any reason and at any time until I saw GAP and talked to your staff today. “Now I have one foot solidly in the pro-life camp, as well as the big toe of the other!”



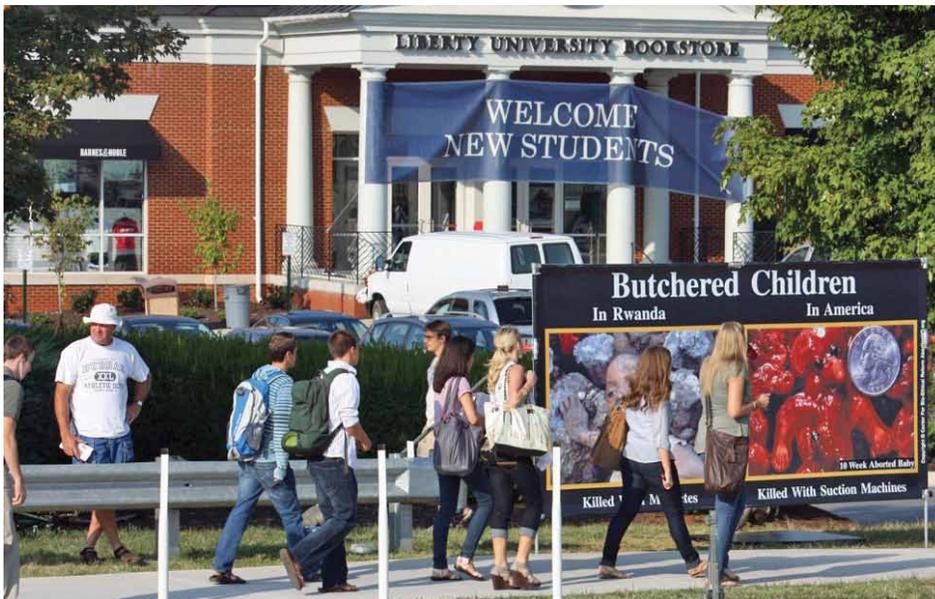
CBR-Southeast staff member Jane Bullington listens patiently as University of Tennessee, Knoxville students express their opinions on abortion during GAP on September 14-15, 2011. Jane’s manner can disarm the most hostile student, demonstrating Christ’s love to those who are spiritually lost.



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Virginia University student, April 2012



Why would GAP set up outside a Christian university? Two reasons: 1) Christian university students are having abortions; and 2) Most Christian schools won't permit us on their private property. CBR-Southeast, CBR-Midwest and CBR-Florida regional offices took GAP and our RCC truck to Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, from August 29 - September 2.



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