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# CBR-Netherlands Publicly Links Abortion to Slavery and Civil Rights

The Netherlands has a celebration underway and our CBR affiliate (AbortusInformatie.nl) was eager to use this opportunity to speak up for preborn babies. The country is celebrating the 150-year anniversary of their decree to abolish slavery. This decree was signed in The Hague, thus it seemed appropriate to hold there a public education display seeking civil rights for preborn children. The August 28 timing also perfectly coincided with the 50-year anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I have a dream" speech.

CBR-Netherlands Founder Irene van der Wende selected for the display location a square directly in front of the entrance to the Houses of Parliament in The Hague, Holland, where they could reach the politicians as they walked in and out.

She writes: "The unthinkable *has* happened: although our economy thrived on the slave trade, slaves were freed, and seen as fellow citizens. Thanks to the movement Martin Luther King started, dark coloured people were also seen as fellow citizens. History teaches us that social injustices are turned around, by depicting what things are like for the victim - bringing in the human aspect, what they can identify with."

*Our CBR- Netherlands affiliate linked the country's 150-year anniversary of their decree to abolish slavery to a project to educate people about abortion. Volunteers stood with signs outside Parliament in The Hague seeking civil rights for preborn children. The poster second from the left is the one the Dutch policeman described as, "I find it really killing."*

Irene issued a press release prior to the event which included pictures the abolitionists used to help end slavery. At the end of the press release, Irene noted how the media is currently showing pictures of children killed in Syria, but not of children killed by abortion. Therefore, Irene wrote: "We went to the Hague to show what they go through."

Irene and her team of 10 enthusiastic female volunteers arrived and stood in a row behind photo signs depicting babies before and after abortion.

As this public education project was underway, Irene noted the reactions on people's faces. She reported to us: "Some, striding past, would stop dead in the tracks, and pause to look... then take a few more steps, turn around to look at the images yet again, and one could virtually 'hear' their minds changing gear, and thinking in a new way about abortion."

A copy of the press release was sent to the SGP, a reformed political party known for its courageous stance against abortion. The week prior, their leader Kees van der Staaij, had been interviewed on a Dutch TV channel (Knevel en van den Brink). Footage showed him touring an abortion facility in Amsterdam, followed by a live debate with an abortion doctor. Irene had asked the SGP if Kees van der Staaij would be able to come outside briefly and shake hands.

Our team was pleasantly surprised to see Mr. van der Staaij come out to the square looking for them. He encouraged the group by spending quite some time speaking with them. In a subsequent email, their party expressed "much appreciation for your continuing concern for life."

The group actually totaled 12 people, including Irene and CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham. He is currently working his way through a number of European countries, assisting and training our affiliates and sharing the CBR strategy with leaders in other countries.

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Gregg's legal training proved especially helpful when the police came by in three different pairs.

The second group opened the conversation immediately with the question: "Are you for abortion, or are you against abortion?" to which Irene, surprised by the question, responded, "We just show what abortion does." The police further inquired, so Irene explained that she and other women there had previously had abortions without knowing about the development of the baby, or what the baby looked like after the abortion. She said, "We are of the opinion that one is entitled to this information before you even make a choice like that." Content, the officers left.

Later, two plain-clothes officers arrived, showed their badges and asked for the leader. They said they had problems with the image of the 11-week aborted baby. One officer said, "I don't want to immediately be mega-hostile, but I find this one to really be 'too much,' and if I just look at it, I find it really, I find it really 'killing.'"

A volunteer offered to him the example of a person receiving complete information before having a knee operation.

"Yes," said the policeman, "That happens, but that is no comparison. This is the ending of a life."

Irene asked Gregg to come join the discussion. He explains what happened next:

I just kept agreeing with the police. They said our 11-week baby in the gloved hand photo was over-the-top and I said, 'You are correct. The photo is over-the-top because abortion is over-the-top.' They wanted us to use a different photo that was less over-the-top and I said, 'We could but that would be deceptive because it would mislead passersby to mistakenly imagine that abortion is less over-the-top than it actually is. We want to be honest with the public. If you believe we are breaking the law, then threaten us with arrest and we will let the courts resolve the issue.' Then they admitted we weren't breaking the law. They then complained about children seeing our signs and I said we turned the signs away when children passed. They next complained about the wording on our warning signs and I said you tell us how you would word them and we will incorporate your phraseology. Then there was a long pause and I offered them my card, we shook hands and they walked away, not sure what had just happened --but they never returned.

One of the policemen commented that even though we didn't say anything to passersby, "The photos have an effect, because images say more than words."

A woman who volunteered with AbortusInformatie.nl for the first time, said "The photos are amazing! We are TRULY standing here for the unborn kids who also have a right to life!" Irene wrote:

She was encouraged that Gregg was there with us, coming all the way from abroad to do this in Holland ...she really sensed his heart for this work, and how it gave her a serene feeling, commenting also how he spoke in such love also with those who were objectionable.

Gregg reported on what happened that evening:

Every one of these ten women who held signs at The Hague came all the way out to the suburbs where I am staying to see our CBR PowerPoint presentation. After two hours, the most outspoken of Irene's friends said, "I want to hear that again!" I told her she was the first person in my 23-year pro-life career who ever listened to me for two hours, and then insisted that I go back to the beginning and say it all again!

The following day, one of the volunteers emailed Irene, "Yesterday was great!" Irene gave us her overall impression of her volunteers' response:

We were greatly encouraged that Gregg was there with us. He gave a lot of wonderful advice, and showed our group what we can accomplish. Many were enthusiastic, motivated, and want to move forward, standing on the streets regularly.

Because of the attempt of the police in The Hague to stifle our free speech by objecting to the 11-week aborted baby picture, we are considering what action is best before proceeding. They were going to make a report, 'needed to cite us, and give it to the mayor.' So after taking my ID, they also took pictures of the 11-week baby sign and one of the warning signs, and left.

We placed abortion in the bigger picture of human rights...

## Thank you for your support of CBR.

*"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders;  
make the most of every opportunity."*

COLOSSIANS 4:5

- Pray for our international CBR affiliates
- Pray for openings for GAP at new universities and colleges

## Events

### "Choice" Sign Outreaches

Held weekly in various cities.

### Training Seminars and Speaking Engagements

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| July 22     | Chattahoochee Valley United for Life meeting, Columbus, GA      |
| July 30     | Georgia Right To Life Cobb County Chapter meeting, Marietta, GA |
| Aug. 28     | CBR photo display, The Hauge, Netherlands                       |
| Aug. 29-30  | Frankfurt and Weiterstadt, Germany                              |
| Sept. 3-4   | Ferrara and Rome, Italy   |
| Sept. 6-7   | Clarkson Academy, London, UK                                    |
| Sept. 8     | Church services, Stockholm, Sweden                              |
| Sept. 9-10  | Lidköping and Gottenburg, Sweden                                |
| Sept. 12    | Oslo, Norway  |
| Sept. 14-22 | Logroño, Bilbao, Lerida and Barcelona, Spain                    |



# Black Genocide Awareness Project at 50th Anniversary

**V**olunteers from CBR-Maryland and Life Education and Resource Network (LEARN) spent Saturday, August 24, speaking out against black genocide.

This witness took place during the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Justice in Washington, DC. The original march was on August 28, 1963, when Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous “I have a dream” speech. Today, this event is exploited to promote pro-abortion policies and politicians. The rally prior was orchestrated by the National Action Network, led by Al Sharpton. Speakers included Attorney General Eric Holder, who has persecuted pro-life activists for years; notably, his wife owns an abortion clinic. No speaker raised the concern of civil rights for preborn children.

As the Black Genocide Awareness Project was held along the March route and on the National Mall, our team distributed nearly 5,000 pieces of literature plus the DVD *Maafa21: Black Genocide in 21st Century America*.

Participating pastors did amplified street preaching to the throngs of people, and many marchers stopped to talk. At least four people stepped out of the crowd to help hold our signs!

North Carolina Pastor and LEARN member Bobby Fulmore was ecstatic about the days’ events: “We got this message out to at least



*CBR Board member and Director of LEARN Northeast, Pastor Clenard Childress, Jr. (third from right) preaches to marchers along the route of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Justice in Washington, D.C. Pastor Johnny Hunter, National Director of LEARN, (second from right) also preached and was live on the air with the Wiley Drake Show.*

50 percent of the people who came through here today. When they saw these signs, when they saw the message, they were touched in their hearts. We got a chance to preach the Gospel ... to pass out about 1,000 DVDs of *Maafa21* ... and most of them saw it and they understood what was happening ... today we prevailed against the gates of hell and we just want to give God the glory!”

## GAP Saves More Lives in Florida & Alabama

**D**uring our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) at the University of Central Florida, Lincoln Brandenburg reported on a baby’s life saved:

Just had a student at UCF tell us in tears, ‘It’s so weird that you guys are here today. ... I think I’m pregnant, and I was considering abortion because I don’t want kids, but after seeing these pictures I’ve changed my mind.’

This is one of many victories that occurred when CBR and Canadian CBR teamed up for another winter GAP tour of Florida universities. Our traveling team exhibited our large photo-mural signs which contrast abortion to other recognized genocides from February 11-21 at University of Central Florida, University of South Florida, Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University.

Soon thereafter, CBR- Southeast conducted GAP at Auburn University on April 8-9. Huge crowds gathered on day two. *The Auburn Plainsman* (“Graphic Anti-Abortion Demonstration Sparks Protest,” April 11, 2013) described GAP photos with: “pictures of arms and legs that have been taken off of an unborn child’s body.” CBR-Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong told the reporter that the first fact most people don’t understand is the baby is a living human being from the point of conception. He then pointed to the GAP signs and said, “If that happened to any student on this campus, we would readily understand that that’s an act of violence against that student. Number two, abortion is an act of violence, so that’s not less true for the unborn child.”

CBR-Southeast staff member Jane Bullington saw a student nearby reading

her Bible and occasionally looking over at GAP. When Jane went to talk to her, she learned this Christian student knew abortion was wrong, yet she was worried that post-abortive women might see the abortion photos and commit suicide. She was so upset that she wanted us to take down the display. Jane gently explained to the student why we must expose this evil using graphic images, yet we train our volunteers to speak respectfully with students. Jane shared that it’s not us, but the abortionist that puts women at risk since women who abort are more likely to commit suicide than other women. Jane asked her, “Where are the Christians on your campus? Why aren’t they out here?” The student had no answer, but she left for class promising to post a Facebook plea for students in her campus ministry to join her that day on the concourse to pray for GAP and for their campus.

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“ *I Have a Dream,* ”  
says the preborn baby.

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*Huge crowds gathered around the Genocide Awareness Project at Auburn University on April 8-9.*

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