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CBR Honored by American Freedom Law Center

On September 20, 2016, Gregg Cunningham accepted, on behalf of CBR, the “Freedom Fighter” award from our attorneys at the American Freedom Law Center (AFLC) in Michigan. This honor was conferred in recognition of CBR’s aggressive defense of preborn babies and their mothers. Without you, our faithful donors, our pioneering work could never have happened.

But no matter how well-funded we ever become, without the legal protection of our excellent AFLC litigators, most notably Rob Muise and David Yerushalmi, countless government agencies and universities would ban our abortion photos from the public square. Time and again, AFLC has gone to court (or threatened to) in vindication of our right to expose the horror of abortion. Government bureaucrats in large numbers would quickly put CBR out of business but for AFLC’s intervention. CBR seldom has fewer than two or three cases in active litigation at any given time -- and many more in negotiations which threaten litigation.

AFLC’s stalwart defense of CBR’s expressive rights is indispensable to us, but attorneys who do this same work on behalf of activists in many other countries are even more heroic.



CBR Executive Director Gregg Cunningham (center) stands with AFLC Attorneys David Yerushalmi and Rob Muise and as he receives the Freedom Fighter Award on September 20, 2016.

Before foreign tyrants arrest social justice activists, they often round up the attorneys who might otherwise defend them in court. The New York Times reported, January 18, 2016, a story headlined “Charges against Chinese Rights Lawyers Draw Foreign Criticism.” The article described “an ‘unprecedented crackdown’ on Chinese advocates who take up contentious human rights cases” and explained that “none of the arrested legal workers ‘have so far been allowed access to counsel ... and they [have] ... effectively disappeared.’” More chillingly, these attorneys are said to be “at high risk of torture or other cruel and inhuman treatment.” Chinese President (actually dictator) Xi Jinping’s government warned “that the country’s stability is menaced by political subversion, including lawyers and activists who espouse ideas of unfettered human rights and rule of law.”

Shamefully, the U.S. legal profession has largely looked the other way regarding the abuse of their Chinese colleagues. “As the Xi Jinping regime grows increasingly repressive ... the ABA [American Bar Association] should speak out more forcefully,” said Jerome Cohen, “a lawyer and professor of law at New York University with long experience in China ...”

Chinese abuse of attorneys who represent activists was also reported in a Time magazine story July 12, 2015 titled “China Arrested More Than 100 Human Rights Lawyers and Activists ...” The account said “State media outlets have framed the mass arrests as an effort to ‘smash a major criminal gang’ that had supposedly manipulated a Beijing law firm to ‘draw attention to sensitive cases, seriously disturbing social order...’”

Human Rights Watch published a report, July 7, 2016, titled “China: Free Rights Lawyers Held Secretly for a Year.” It referred to “a nationwide sweep of more than 300 human rights lawyers and ... activists ...” The story adds that attorneys representing Chinese human rights activists “have long faced violence inside and outside courtrooms: intimidation, threats, surveillance, harassment, arbitrary detention, prosecution, and suspension or disbarment from practicing law....”

The New York Times, June 9, 2016, published a story headlined “Film About Russian Lawyer’s Death Creates an Uproar.” It describes Attorney Sergei Magnitsky’s “mysterious death in a Moscow prison cell.” The article states that “Lawyers ... have presented substantial documentary evidence, including

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photographs, that Mr. Magnitsky was beaten in his jail cell. They also cite transcripts of testimony in which he named police officers as being involved in ... tax fraud” Exposing government corruption can cost human rights lawyers their lives.

TheArtNewsPaper.com posted a story, April 14, 2015, titled “No lawyer will represent me.” It quoted a Cuban artist and political activist named Tania Bruguera who said, “I have seen around seven lawyers. I have shown up to law firms randomly, queued up, but nobody wants to represent me. People are terrified because it is a case of the state against me”

The International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran reported, August 2, 2016, a story titled “Lawyers Still Languishing in Jails in Iran for Defending Dissidents under Rouhani’s Watch.” There are many more examples too numerous to describe in detail, but here are a few others which emphasize the frequency with which lawyers risk their lives to represent human life activists.

Human Rights Watch reported a story, January 22, 2013, headlined “Turkey: Nine Human Rights Lawyers Imprisoned.”

An organization called Human Rights Defenders issued an “Urgent Appeal” December 6, 2013 with the heading “New

Blow to Rule of Law in Turkey: more than 50 lawyers arrested for denouncing the repression of protesters.”

On October 6, 2016, Human Rights Watch posted a story headlined “Tajikistan: Long Prison Terms for Rights Lawyers.”

Thank God, literally, that we don’t end up in jail, or worse, for standing up against public corruption in America. But what if we lose a crucial election and end up with an even more tyrannical government than that under which we have suffered for the last eight years? What if we end up with a Supreme Court which finishes the job of shredding the Constitution and stripping away our religious freedoms, expressive rights, rights of self-defense, etc.? Anyone who thinks we can never devolve into government tyranny resembling that which afflicts China, Russia, Iran, Turkey, Cuba, etc., needs to think again -- and never take our basic rights for granted.

I believe AFLC attorneys would go to prison rather than abandon us and betray the Constitution -- we would certainly go for them, and for you as well. Please pray it never comes to that, but be prepared to stand with us if it ever does. On November 8, 2016, we may have come closer than we will ever know to just such an existential catastrophe.

CBR Affiliate in Spain Reaches University Students

On November 17, 2016, El Centro para la Reforma Bioética de España displayed CBR abortion photo signs at La Rioja University. This was the second visit to the campus, and Director Jorge Benito (pictured at right) reported that they were blessed with the police coming to their display:

This was the first time that they have come, even with an armored car ... They have been watching the whole day of action ... they were very cordial and attentive.

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people have passed before us: some on the sidewalk; others stopped their vehicles. Some people have also taken photos of us. It is unbelievable that ‘four little signs’ cause so much commotion.

Some groups of people stopped to ask, to talk, to express why they agreed or disagreed with abortion. For us it has been a pleasure to exchange impressions and words with all of them and the environment has been at all times cordial and very respectful.

We are proud of our international affiliates who work hard and all too often with few resources. They adapt our photo signs to work in their countries and they are saving babies every day with their websites and their public abortion photo displays. Keep them in your prayers.



Save Babies While Buying or Selling Your Home

You can help the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform receive a charitable donation through a real estate transaction. RealEstateForLife.org is “*Funding Gospel of Life Groups World-Wide.*” If you plan to buy or sell a home or business, call 877-543-3871 or email ProLifeRealEstate@yahoo.com indicating you were referred by CBR. They’ll send you the name of an agent in your area. If a sale is made, CBR will receive a generous donation from the realtor’s commission. There is no cost to you.



Saddleback College Experiences First GAP

Community colleges are proving to be good locations for our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP). In recent years, we have found that some community college enrollments surpass that of the state universities. Accordingly, we brought GAP to Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, California, on April 12-13, 2016.

GAP compares abortion to other recognized forms of genocide as a means to engage students on the matter of abortion. They don't like genocide, yet their professors have frequently taught them that abortion is "a right." Our photos incontrovertibly prove abortion is "a wrong." Dialogue with Saddleback students proved to be lively and interesting. Staff member Anna Johnson talked to a recovering drug addict at length. He went from being hostile to saying, "I see why you guys are doing this. Abortion is definitely a bad thing."

Mrs. Johnson next spoke with a young man who was pro-life but thought the images hurt our cause. They were soon interrupted by a lady who said, "I had one, and they're right! I wish I would have seen this before."

A large crowd gathered on day one and several students lobbed questions at volunteer Matthew Phillips. Mrs. Johnson joined him to address the angry students. Their solid answers and steadfastness diffused some of the anger; meanwhile, quiet students listened in, as is often the case.

A campus staff member heard about GAP and came to see the action on his break. He was soon interacting quite effectively with students, sharing the pro-life position with a calm demeanor. He returned to dialogue with students several times during the two days we were on campus. We recognized his potential and were pleased when he agreed to serve as a pro-life student organization advisor.

During a quiet time during classes, Director of Crisis Pregnancy Outreach, Lois Cunningham was approached by a student who recently converted to Christianity. She spent nearly an hour discipling the student, including helping her understand why Christians should be against all abortions. Mrs. Cunningham also affirmed the student's new resolve to be sexually pure.

Homeschooled students and college students from Calvary Chapel Mission Viejo assisted with GAP and we signed up a number of students to form a pro-life student organization. We look forward to our next GAP on this campus.

**Look for "Victories in 2016"
in our December CBR
Communiqué.**



Volunteer Matthew Phillips (center) calmly addressed Saddleback College students, several of whom were initially very angry with our genocide comparisons at GAP.

**Thank you for your support of
our pro-life mission.
Victory is ours in Christ.**

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

I JOHN 4:4

Prayer Requests

- Pray for strong pastoral leadership to stand against abortion
- Pray for more volunteers, including attorneys, for our international affiliates

2016 Events

Genocide Awareness Project (GAP)

November 1-2 Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA
 October 31 Virginia Commonwealth University
 & November 3 Richmond, VA
 November 29-30 California State University, Fullerton

"Choice" Sign Outreaches

November 2 Fullerton College, Fullerton, CA
 November 10 East Los Angeles College
 Monterey Park, CA
 November 17 San Diego Mesa College, San Diego, CA
 November 17 Wake Tech North Campus, Raleigh, NC

Urban GAP & ALL Black Lives Matter

Weekly displays in Anchorage, Alaska

Corporate Accountability Project (CAP)

November 26 Starbucks, Knoxville, TN



I had one [abortion] ... I wish I would have seen this [CBR abortion photo display] before.



Saddleback College Student



Pastor Clenard Childress, Jr. (CBR Board member and LEARN Northeast Director, pointing to our signs) speaks to students at Purdue GAP/ ALL Black Lives. He brought an invaluable team of volunteers from his church to interact with students. The angry students associated with Black Lives Matter at Purdue were belligerently pro-abortion, and Pastor Childress and CBR Project Director-Virginia Jacqueline Hawkins faced much vitriol from them for speaking the truth.

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