

GAP Visits Two Major California Universities – CSULB and UCLA

CBR'S GENOCIDE AWARENESS PROJECT (GAP) returned to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) for the second time on May 12-13. The Newman Club saw the power of CBR's abortion photo murals when they sponsored GAP in April 2009, so this student club invited us to return.

We took GAP to UCLA for the first time on May 18, setting up the display on Bruin Plaza. Live Action, our sponsoring students, are part of the Live Action student network founded by Lila Rose. She and her team have exposed on tape Planned Parenthood's cover-up of statutory rape. <http://live-action.org/> CNN sent a cameraman out to cover GAP, but the story was not aired.

CNN did the same thing in 2003 when we brought our Airborne Reproductive "Choice" Campaign to the west coast. CNN filmed one of our tow banners with an aborted baby photo flying over Los Angeles beaches and they brought CBR's executive director, Gregg Cunningham, into their Los Angeles studio to tape an interview. Gregg was peppered with questions by reporters and editors in the studio, as well as from New York and Atlanta. They asked Gregg if it was fair to ruin everyone's day at the beach and Gregg replied, "America doesn't deserve a day at the beach as long as America is killing its children. If abortion doesn't kill children, why is everyone so upset by our pictures?" CNN ended the interview.

Gregg and our pro-life colleague, Scott Klusendorf, left the interview knowing Gregg had presented a powerful case. But the editors spiked the story. They would have put us on the air if he had fit their stereotype of a ranting, illogical "pro-lifer." The main reporter later essentially told Gregg that his answers were so convincing that the pro-abortion editors were afraid to run the story.

This is why CBR created mass-media campaigns like our trucks and tow banners and GAP. We cannot count on the media, government, medical personnel or educators to tell the truth about abortion. We recognize the power of the abortion photos to change people's minds about abortion and we are



CBR California staffer Gregory Grimm is pictured here (in the center, facing the students) at UCLA GAP; a professor (or older student) tried to catch Gregory in inconsistencies as he peppered Gregory with questions and raised various hypothetical situations. A crowd gathered to listen as Gregory responded with solid, factually based answers. Gregory educated the students that abortion is wrong for the same reason that other genocides are wrong: all the victims are human beings. Up until then, the professor and another student had often interrupted Gregory, but they finally they fell silent and listened.

willing to be persecuted for showing the photos.

Some pro-life students from UCLA and CSULB were also willing to risk persecution to educate their peers. Towards the end of GAP on both campuses, we interviewed some volunteers on video camera. Here are their reflections:

Jamie Corescoden, CSULB, international business major, Newman Club president for 2010-11
"This is my second year volunteering for the Genocide Awareness Project. ... I think it's crucial that every campus community is exposed to this campaign. They need to see it because most of the people I have spoken to today have never seen these pictures. I think the pictures are absolutely necessary. If they don't see what it is, than they can't understand. ..."

Katherine Contreras, CSULB, Los Angeles pregnancy services volunteer
"The reason I chose to be a volunteer for the

Genocide Awareness Project is because I feel that people need to see...the reality of what abortion really is. When we have pictures of aborted babies, ... people come up and they say, 'I didn't know that, I thought it was just a clump of cells.' ... I care about people, born and unborn, and the only way I can help is to give my time and to speak up. ... My heart breaks for post-abortive women. I can only imagine the pain that they must go through to see a baby that was aborted, but then should we not expose the horror of 3,600 babies aborted every day so that people will not know about it? That will only increase the amount of aborted babies and I don't think that is right. One woman in one event... cried on my arm and she had said, 'I didn't know.' I can never forget her tears and the pain that she went through. Why would I not want to share this information and this way maybe save another woman?"

Alvaro Day, UCLA student, Live Action Club

"I'd have to say that it brought the discussion to campus and many of the students that I did talk to were convinced, or you have the others ones that went at it with us, but what's interesting is that group opened up the discussion for others to listen to—others that many not be courageous enough to come up and talk. I thank the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform for what they've done by coming to UCLA. ... We have about 2,000 students that go to our health center to check if they're pregnant or not every year. ... It is good to bring out the truth to them and tell them this is what you're about to do, which is killing a baby."

Allison, UCLA freshman, science major

"I am part of UCLA's Live Action, which is a pro-life club. I've been standing out here throughout the entire day. ... I've also had a lot of positive comments and people signing up for our club—people who never really knew there was a pro-life club at UCLA. This needs to be on every single college campus because it's an eye-opening thing and gets people talking."

Pro-Life Russians Use CBR Photos to Save Babies

A FEW YEARS AGO, A RUSSIAN PRO-LIFE organization, The Omega Group, was handing out small business card-sized CBR abortion photos at subway stations. Then, directors of CBR-Sweden (Mats Selander) and CBR's Finnish affiliate (Mirko Brummer and Pastor Mika Ebeling) met with this St Petersburg-based group. They urged them to increase their effectiveness by using large photo signs. Mats showed the Russians photos of his displays in Sweden and he asked if they could envision doing the same in Russia. They did not give them a clear answer, until now.

The Omega Group sent Mirko this link with photos of our

Russian friends using large format signs with CBR abortion photos: <http://azbyka.ru/forum/showthread.php?t=4867>. In several photos, The Omega Group is standing outside the main cathedral in St. Petersburg. It is THE church building in Russia.

Praise God for this group of Russians who are working to spare women and children from the horrors of abortion. It is highly encouraging to see our international affiliates inspiring other international pro-life groups to think big.



The Omega Group uses CBR abortion photos to educate their fellow Russians. Some of their volunteers are doing outreach here in front of the massive columns of the Orthodox Russian Cathedral in St. Petersburg.

The Inspiration of CBR – A Three-Inch Photo Sticker Saves a Baby's Life

CBR-UK REPORTED THAT A BABY WAS saved on July 1 at Wiston's Abortuary in Brighton, England. CBR-UK Director Andy Stephenson describes it as "an old Victorian building with dragons on the roof. Very creepy."

CBR-UK volunteers were outside praying when they spoke with a young couple; the girl was nine weeks pregnant and scheduled to have a suction abortion. Neither of them had told their parents. They accepted a prenatal development leaflet that included the information that a preborn baby's heart begins to beat about three weeks after fertilization. They had not been told this at the consultation session, but had been told the heart didn't beat until six months of development. Volunteer Judy then showed them the [3-inch] sticker of an eight-week-old aborted embryo. She reported their reaction upon seeing this CBR photo:



The picture of the aborted baby had made up his mind about not wanting his girlfriend to go through with it.” A CBR-UK volunteer outside an abortion clinic in England had shown him a 3-inch photo sticker of an eight-week abortion victim.

They were shocked and said they would go into Wiston’s and ask about the things we had discussed. A little later they came out and said that the staff had been uncaring and didn’t want to discuss the situation.

They seemed very relieved to be coming out having made the decision not to go ahead with the abortion. The young man said that the picture of the aborted baby had made up his mind about not wanting his girlfriend to go through with it and they went off to tell their parents about the baby, feeling confident that they would get support from them.

This is the first time I have actually shown the picture of an aborted baby but I realize the power in that. They both said they would go home and look at the www.Abort67.co.uk web site.



Kurt Linneman of CBR-Maryland (center, in red baseball cap) answers students’ questions in this crowd which gathered at the University of Delaware GAP on April 21-22, 2010.

We thank God for Andy’s team who use abortion photos in all aspects of their educational outreach, from large signs to these 3-inch photo stickers they distribute to students. We pray that more pro-lifers will expose the truth and not be unwitting partners with the pro-aborts in covering up the most powerful evidence we have to prove that abortion is an act of violence which kills a baby.

It is impossible to measure the far-reaching influence CBR has had in persuading pro-lifers to use the abortion photos to convince people to reject abortion. Abortion photos work on peoples’ consciences in the United Kingdom and Russia (and worldwide), just as they do in the U.S.

CBR Midwest Trains and Involves Students for GAP

ON MARCH 31, 2010, CBR MIDWEST REGIONAL conducted the Pro-Life Institute (PLI), training dozens of Fairfield Christian Academy High School students. PLI begins with classroom training in pro-life apologetics and culminates in a full day of GAP on a university campus. On April 13, the students practiced their new skills at the Ohio

State University by dialoguing with college students who came by our Genocide Awareness Project. The following are some of the newly trained students’ reactions:

- “PLI and GAP were some of the greatest experiences of my life.”
- “The experience really pushed me out of my comfort zone.”
- “Knowing that I played a part and made a difference excites me.”
- “I thought I was prepared to face the most pro-choice person on the planet. As the bus pulled in front of the display, my confidence began to fade. I was afraid. However, I ended up asking people survey questions. By the end of the afternoon, I found myself behind the fences in front of the abortion signs talking to students. I did not want leave! Now, I would participate in any future CBR event without hesitation.”

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“*PLI and GAP were some of the greatest experiences of my life.*” –High school student who participated in CBR’s events at the Ohio State University



Fairfield Christian Academy students receive **GAP** orientation from CBR Midwest region director, Mark Harrington. They will soon try out the skills they learned at the Pro-Life Institute at Ohio State University.

Events

- **July 12-13 – GAP at NAACP convention. (Read about it in the September *Communique*.)**

Prayer Requests

- God will raise up future pro-life leaders from students that we train.
- God’s blessings on The Omega Group in Russia.

Thank you for blessing CBR and the babies with your support. Psalm 69:33a says: “The Lord hears the needy...” Let us all continue to be part of His response to the needs of preborn children.

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