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Dear Partners and Friends,

More and more people are learning that CBR is *winning hearts, changing minds, and saving lives*. Fletcher recently had the opportunity to share this message with a group of pro-life Congressmen and staffers in Washington, DC. We thank God for raising up faith partners like you, so that we can show people the truth, from the college campus to the halls of Congress.

Fletcher, Jane, and John

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**How a Picture Moved Me
to Run for Congress**

I'm Congressman Trent Franks. I've heard Fletcher Armstrong's presentation about how pictures bring the humanity of the victims of abortion to our hearts and the tragedy of abortion to our hearts. I couldn't help but remember, when I was hearing his testimony here, that that's what happened to me.

I saw a picture of a little baby that was aborted from salt saline solution and died shortly thereafter. I saw that picture of that little baby, and I've never heard a more eloquent speech or more eloquent words from anyone in my life since. That one little baby, in the throes of death, said it all. It actually caused me to enter the pro-life movement as a calling in life. And I'm convinced I wouldn't be in Congress now apart from seeing that very tragic, moving image.

Fletcher Armstrong seems to understand that dynamic more than anyone. And I just hope he keeps doing what he's doing. And if I can be of any assistance to him or adjure anyone else to be of assistance to him, I hope they will. (from remarks by Cong. Trent Franks, April 30, 2008, edited for space and clarity)



Fletcher visits with Cong. Trent Franks of Arizona.

Fletcher Goes to Washington

CBR Southeast Director Fletcher Armstrong was invited to travel to Washington, DC, to address two groups of influential pro-lifer advocates on the Hill, pro-life Congressmen and also Congressional staff. The topic of both talks was *How Pro-Lifers Can Win: Three Keys to Victory*. Congressman Trent Franks of Arizona and Bethany Barker, his Press Secretary, were most gracious in hosting the events and helping Fletcher find his way around the Capitol area. Special thanks to Bryan McKinney, long-time CBR volunteer, for taking a day off work to help Fletcher carry his equipment (projector, sound system, laptop, etc.) and keep him from getting lost.

Cong. Franks is one of the most committed pro-lifers in DC, and he traces his own commitment to the pro-life cause back to an abortion video he saw many years ago. That's not

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Financial Update

Our commitment to college campuses is working. So we are asking you to make a consistent commitment to our work. Every one of you is important. Here are the numbers:

- Automatic monthly partners – 55 (up 15% this month)
- Other monthly partners – 46
- Other regular partners – 31
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS – 132 (up 5%)

If you aren't yet on the team, please consider supporting our work on a monthly basis. Another baby's life is at stake.

Cong. Trent Franks Speaks to Pro-Life Students

I would encourage any student group to bring Fletcher Armstrong to their campus because he does this in a way that is extremely moving and compelling. Even with the images that are shown, this is something that when people see it, they realize the reality, and all of the complaining about the graphic nature of the images seems to blow away in the wind. They realize, "There's something here that I needed to know."

I'm convinced that whenever you're afraid your friends might see something that would be strong, it's a lot better for them to see these images, even if it takes them back a little bit, than for them to live this in real life, in other words, to have to go through it personally.

The truth is sometimes a pretty unsettling thing, but it has a way of prevailing when nothing else does. My grandmother used to say, "The truth will stand when the world's on fire." And Fletcher Armstrong presents the truth in a way that everybody can understand. I would encourage any group to bring him to your campus. It is a way to tell the truth in a way that cannot be denied. (from remarks by Cong. Trent Franks, April 30, 2008, edited for space and clarity)

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surprising. As our testimonials show, these pictures really do work. We will hear more from Cong. Franks in the future!

For the staff briefing, Fletcher was the only speaker, but for the Congressional briefing, he shared the program with Phill Kline (former Attorney General of Kansas) and Jill Stanek (nurse who blew the whistle on an Illinois hospital that allowed already-delivered children to die without medical care). In attendance were such notables as Cong. Duncan Hunter, former candidate for President, and Cong. David Davis of Tennessee. Paul Fassbender of Sen. Corker's office also came by to lend moral support, which we all appreciated.

Perhaps the most important outcome of the event was helping these influential leaders understand how the use of graphic images is a critical component of every social reform movement of the past 150 years of American history. These people can, in turn, influence others.

When we first started doing the campus work a few years back, we remember some people saying that using pictures of abortion would cause us to lose standing among influential politicians. "If we show pictures, we'll be stigmatized and politicians won't let us take them to lunch," or something like that. As it turned out, political people have been among the first to embrace our strategic use of graphic images. Perhaps they have a greater appreciation of the evil we are up against. Also, they understand what it will take to change public opinion on a mass scale.



Congressional staffers learn how CBR is winning hearts, changing minds, and saving lives.



Pro-life Congressmen learn that horrifying pictures of injustice have been a key part of every successful social reform movement of the past 150 years.



A lighter moment after a busy day.