



Standing in the GAP

Winning Hearts ... Changing Minds ... Saving Lives
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Dear Partners and Friends,

You are on the winning team when you support CBR! This year, we took our campus outreach project to 16 different schools. CBR-Southeast took a lead role at eight schools and a supporting role at eight others. We begin our coverage of 2008 GAPs in this issue of *Standing in the GAP*. We praise God and give Him the glory, but we thank you for doing your part.

Fletcher, Jane, John, and Kate

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Winning Hearts, Changing Minds, and Saving Lives

I once believed that women have a right to control their bodies ... but if they were aware of the consequences, I don't know a decent human being who could go through something like this. (33-year-old woman who visited www.abortionno.org)

I never knew that it tore the babies apart like that. The pictures with the coins showed me that these children really look like babies even when they are very young. Nobody has ever told me that. I think the display is very effective. (young male student who saw our GAP display at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga)

I was considering getting an abortion until I seen (sic) this site. (22-year-old woman who visited the abortionno.org website)

Putting Children First!

Our commitment to college campuses is working. In 2008, we took our campus outreach to 16 schools in Florida, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Tennessee. We want to do even more in 2009, but we need your help. **Yes, the papers tell us that the economy is uncertain, but can we ask you to put children first? Can we ask you to support pro-life activism as faithfully as you support your local cable TV provider?** Here are the numbers:

- Automatic monthly partners – 53
- Other monthly partners – 48
- Other regular partners – 45
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS – 146

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



GAP creates hundreds of opportunities to discuss the pro-life position with U of Louisville students who are eager to hear.

Ballots, Babies, and Space Aliens

Now that the election results are in, I know many of you are very concerned about what the next four years will bring. So am I. And we need to talk about that. But we also need to look carefully at what happened, see with clarity what went wrong, and chart a course to fix it.

Let's start with the church. One of our staff members was bewildered that some members of her own church actually voted for the most pro-abortion man ever to run for President, a man who even supported infanticide. This is a church that professes to be pro-life. But if we ask a few simple questions about her church, it's easy to see what is going on.

But I don't want to pick on her church; I want to pick on your church and my church. So, let each of us ask ourselves those questions:

- How many times during the election cycle did your "pro-life" pastor at your "pro-life" church explain the moral imperative to vote pro-life?
- How many times has your pastor shown you (or the youth at your church) a picture of an aborted baby? Is

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there a plan to show such pictures to the youth each and every year?

- How many times has your church held a church-wide viewing of the movie *Expelled*? Is there a plan to show this movie to the youth each and every year?

If you answered “zero” for one or more of these questions, is it any wonder that some of the people who attend your church fail to stand (and vote) against the greatest evil of our time? If they haven’t been shown what abortion is and does, is it any wonder that most of them have no idea how evil it really is? If the youth in your church have never been taught how to answer Darwinism or even that answering Darwinism is important, is it any wonder they have no idea how to be salt and light in a culture that worships Darwin? Finally, since these topics not treated seriously at church, is it any surprise that our young people don’t have a clear idea that any of it really matters?

I don’t know about you, but I’m going to have another talk with my pastor. I’ve been putting it off, but this election is a reminder that I must be more diligent. What about you?

Oh, and by the way, our “Christian” schools are just as disengaged. The principal of one such local school confided to me that some of his own staff members voted for the abortion candidate for President. I must speak with him as well.

GAP Returns to the U of Louisville

We continue to be encouraged by the strength of pro-life activism at Kentucky universities. When we first went to Kentucky in 2002, there wasn’t a single pro-life student group in the state. Because of your support, we have worked alongside Students for Life of America to promote campus activism in the state, and now there are nearly a dozen schools with organized pro-life activism.

On March 31 and April 1, 2008, we returned to the University of Louisville for the third time. We were hosted by the Students for Life, one of our most active pro-life campus groups. It’s no coincidence that this group has also been one of the most active participants in our three Student Leadership Conferences. They know what it takes to be effective, and they do it. And we help them because you help us. It’s that simple.

Abortion advocates are not beyond our reach. Jordan was committed to the abortion-choice position. In fact, he volunteered at a local abortion clinic. Such people are difficult to reach, but this was a guy who maybe was more ignorant than evil. He struggled with the genocide comparison, because he said he didn’t want to abort *all* babies. Using the appropriate photomural for historical context, CBR supporter Tim Tomeny explained that even though abortion doesn’t target all babies, it does target *unwanted* babies, in the same way that other forms of genocide don’t target all people, just *unwanted* people. The light came on, “Oh, I get it now. I’m sure the Nazis didn’t call what they were doing genocide either.” Jordan wasn’t completely convinced, but he said before leaving that he had a lot of new information to think about. Pray for Jordan.



People who help with GAP even once are eager to participate again and again. Lisa Wilmoth of Norman Oklahoma joined us for her second week of GAP. (Photo by Meredith Hunt)



John Kenney, one of the U of Louisville Students for Life, won’t let a little rain stop him from changing a mind or saving a life. (Photo by Meredith Hunt)

A proven recipe. When we show pictures and treat people with respect, they listen. One gentleman was very upset about the approach we were using, saying the horrible pictures destroyed the beauty of “his” campus. GAP volunteer Rebecca Haschke asked him if the pictures are true, why shouldn’t they be shown? After hearing Rebecca explain how abortion is comparable to slavery and the Holocaust, he was totally in agreement with the display and its prominent place on campus.

Choose what? A Taiwanese student said, “I think women should have the right to choose.” Ben Casabella, one of the Students for Life, pointed to our child-abuse photomural and asked, “Should a parent be allowed to do this to her son (pointing to the picture of an adolescent child with a black eye)?” “NO!” “But you think it is OK to do ‘this’ to her child (pointing to the abortion picture)?” You could see the wheels turning and she said, “I see exactly what you mean.”

Pictures carry the load. A male student was changing his mind, even as he spoke:

I think these pictures are very effective. I am not on your side yet, but when I came up I was pro-choice and now I am moving toward your side. Before, all I saw were line-drawings. These real pictures are powerful.

Thank you! You make it possible for us to take truth to college students at the U of Louisville and elsewhere. We lie awake at night trying to figure out how to do this more often and in more places. We pray we can count on you to make that dream possible. Thank you in advance for your partnership.