

# Standing in the GAP

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#### Dear Partners and Friends,

You are on the winning team when you support CBR! We are lining up schools to visit this spring and fall, so if you would like to see our GAP project at a school near you, please let us know. This month, we continue our coverage of Spring 2008 GAP. We praise God and give Him the glory, but we thank you for doing your part.

Fletcher, Jane, John, and Kate

### Winning Hearts, Changing Minds, and Saving Lives

I was thinking about having [an abortion], but when I saw the pictures, it made me feel so bad. I will NEVER do anything like that. (20-year-old British mother who visited www.abortionno.org)

I never knew it was really that bad. Now I oppose legal abortion. (15-year-old New Jersey girl who visited www.abortionno.org)

I thought about [having] an abortion, but these images quickly changed my mind. (30-year-old Georgia mother who visited www.abortionno.org)

Before I watched this video, I honestly thought that abortions were OK, but now I will never support abortion again. (17-yr-old North Carolina girl who visited www.abortionno.org)

#### **Thank You for Putting Children First!**

In December, we asked you for a \$100,000 down-payment to save babies and moms in 2009. Counting one major gift that arrived in February, you came through with more than \$67,000! Hooray! This is a good start on a great year, but we still need your ongoing help. *Please support pro-life activism as faithfully as you support your cable TV provider*. Frankly, we have lost some big donors to the economic downturn, so we are forced to make temporary staffing cuts. But please know that we will do whatever it takes to *win hearts, change minds, and save lives* in 2009. Here are the numbers:

- Automatic monthly partners 50 (down 3)
- Other monthly partners 48
- Other regular partners 45
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS 143 (down 3)

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



GAP turns heads. Our location in the center of campus ensures that many students will see the pictures. Showing the truth is the first step toward winning their hearts, changing their minds, and saving the lives of their children. (Photo courtesy Meredith Hunt.)

#### GAP Turns Abortion-Choice Wildcats into Mildcats at the U of Kentucky

On April 2-3, we returned to the University of Kentucky (UK) for the third time. It was a great two days on campus, even though it rained for most of the second day. Our staff and volunteers were soaked to the bone, but it was worth it.

**CBR and GAP drive pro-life activism on campus.** We are so pleased to see that colleges and universities in Kentucky have become hotbeds for pro-life activism. When we first arrived in 2002, there was not one campus pro-life group in the whole state. After the first GAPs at UK and the University of Louisville, the students got busy. *As we kept returning to the state with GAP, pro-life activism spread from school to school.* At the recent conference of the Students for Life of Kentucky, nearly 50 people attended, representing pro-life groups at a dozen schools! Thank you for your faithfulness!

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*They lived it; they understand it.* On campus, we encounter students from all over the world, and some of them have first-hand experience with genocide. They get it. At UK, a female student told us that her grandmother had survived the genocide in Armenia. "She survived, and that's why I am here," she told us. "I understand the comparison [of abortion to other forms of genocide.]"

Patrick, a psychology major and refugee from the Congo, was amazed by the pictures. He could relate to them because his mother was killed in the Congo conflict. She was only 41. "Students here just drive their cars and wear their expensive clothes. They don't have any real idea that these sort of things exist. They don't know the real value of one human life."

Others understand it because their families have experienced injustice here. Leonard, a black student, had a long conversation with one of our volunteers about black genocide, denial of personhood, owning/using others, rape, etc. When he turned to leave, he said, *"You've made a convert today."* 

Matthew, another black student and a Christian, didn't agree at first. (The failure of the Church to educate on abortion is painfully clear.) But after spending time with our volunteer, he said, "Graphic pictures make a difference more than just words in a textbook. I am opening my mind." Amen!

*RCC creates a double whammy!* The UK campus gave us a unique opportunity to be seen by thousands more students at every class change by driving our RCC truth trucks at the same time GAP was on display. By the time we left UK, it was clear that most students had seen us multiple times. As Hannibal Smith would say, "I love it when a plan comes together."

**One guy didn't get the memo.** We are generally treated well by campus administrators who are assigned to work with us. They may or may not like our message, they do appreciate the respectful way we relate to students. This has always been the case at UK, but one unknown administrator objected this time. He angrily confronted our driver, "Who gave you permission to drive this truck? Give me a name! This is against the rules! Get that  $\sigma(\theta-\tau)t\tau$  off our campus!" We gave him a name, and we didn't hear from him again!

*Rain can be good.* To be honest; we really don't like doing this in the rain. Even on a pleasant day, 9 or 10 hours of hard physical work wears us down. Rain makes it much more difficult. But people do notice our dedication. One student spent about 30 minutes with our volunteer, walking around and looking at every picture. At first he disagreed with everything we said, but he could not defend his position. Before he left, he told us he admired our passion and determination to do this, even in the pouring rain.

Thank you! You make it possible for us to take truth to college students at the University of Kentucky and elsewhere. We lie awake at night trying to figure out how to do this more often and at more schools. We sleep better when you make that dream possible with your gifts and prayers. And gifts. Thank you for your partnership!



Lisa Wilmoth, a young mother from Norman, Oklahoma, explains how perpetrators justify violence by asserting that their victims are subhuman. Lisa leaves her family and joins us two weeks a year because she thinks saving children is more important than her daily routine. Katie Holthouse of the UK Students for Life listens in.



Rain or shine, another baby's life is at stake. We'll endure the rain if you will give and pray. And give. (Photo courtesy Meredith Hunt.)



Combining RCC with GAP is an excellent way to make abortion THE topic of conversation on campus. The more they see and the more they think, the more we like it!