



Standing in the GAP

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

Our recent excursion into the skies over Notre Dame and onto the streets of South Bend was an unqualified success. More about that next month. This issue is devoted to our GAP trip to Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Thank you for all you do for children and moms. You are doing eternal work when you help *win hearts, change minds, and save lives*.

Fletcher, Jane, John, and Kate

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Winning Hearts, Changing Minds, and Saving Lives

I was considering abortion despite my Christian beliefs, because of my selfishness. ... I cried after seeing these pictures and will be keeping my baby! (Mother of 2, now 3, who visited abortionNO.org)

We weren't sure at first, because we are only teenagers, but we decided to keep the baby after seeing the videos on your website. (17-year-old teenage couple from the UK)

I'm 16 years old and was considering an abortion because I'm too young for a baby, but after I visited this site, it changed my whole view about abortion. (16-year-old female from Florida)

I'm pregnant with my second child and the thought of an abortion came to mind, but seeing the pictures has changed my mind for good. It's the most awful thing I have seen. (21-year-old mother from Scotland who visited abortionNO.org)

Would you join our Monthly Team?

Thank you for standing by children and their moms, even in tough times. The abortionist is not deterred by a slow economy, so we can't be, either. In fact, they experience recession only when we expose their evil deeds. We thank God for all of you who have supported us for the first time in 2009. Your gifts win hearts, change minds, and save lives. Would you be willing to support CBR monthly, as faithfully as you support your local cable TV provider? ***Would you join our team?***

- Automatic monthly partners – 56
- Other monthly partners – 56
- Other regular partners – 31
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS – 143

Please support our work on a monthly basis. Remember, another baby's life is at stake. Thank you!



Many discussion groups form around the perimeter of the GAP display.

GAP Blows into Boone and Blazes a New Trail at Appalachian State

One of the highlights of 2008 was our trip to Appalachian State University (ASU) in Boone, North Carolina. (It's pronounced **app-uh-LATCH-uhn**, for all you people in Rio Linda.) We saw some very confused, lost souls, but we also met a number of serious, committed Christians among the faculty and students. The opposition was very visible and vocal, but many students were open to our message and willing to engage. It's the kind of school we love to visit. Like all public universities, however, they are totally given over to atheism; they just completed a year-long celebration of Darwin. Yuck.

We are thankful to Mick Hunt of Life Advocates (Asheville, NC) for arranging this GAP excursion with the ZOE Students for Life and the ASU Administration. We knew it would be a special experience when we showed up to train the students. More than 25 people attended! This was our biggest training class since the University of Oklahoma in 2006.

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Controversy. Sometimes, you walk into a hornets' nest, and there's nothing you can do about it. A sociology professor who specialized in capital punishment and lynching had, for many years, displayed a number of related artifacts in her office. One such artifact was a noose. A few weeks before we arrived, a disgruntled student broke into her office and took a photo of the noose, then raised a racial ruckus about it.

Due to an exaggerated fear of racial tensions, at least one person in the Administration was concerned about four of our panels which compare abortion to racial injustice. As we were setting up on Day 1, this person (acting on his own, I believe) came to the site and asked that we not display those four signs. While the set-up continued, Fletcher politely but firmly declined, citing a long list of schools where we had displayed these panels peacefully. He also pointed out that the faculty advisor for the pro-life student group was a Black woman!

A long afternoon, but a short 3 hours. On the afternoon of Day 1, Fletcher encountered a group of students who began asking questions, one after another. As he answered their questions, the group began to grow, and soon it included a large mixture of students, faculty, administrators, and even members of the Boone community. When the group dispersed, Fletcher looked at his watch and was astounded to see that he had been fielding questions for 3 solid hours. It was awesome!

Historical perspective. Every successful social reform movement has used pictures to expose hidden injustice. A history professor acknowledged as much when he said, "I am pro-life but this does make me uncomfortable. I know this tactic works though; they used it in the Civil Rights era." He was right. Pictures made this professor uncomfortable; they are supposed to. Dr. Martin Luther King knew that until Americans were uncomfortable about the status quo, there would be no impetus for change.

Another convert. Every day we do this, we talk to a steady stream of students who say that our display has changed their minds. George told us, "I've always been indifferent towards abortion. But I've never seen these pictures. It's wrong. You've got one (convert)." There were many others.

Babies are not human? We can do nothing but pray for students who have no conscience. One said, "Cognizance is the ability to think. Babies lack these abilities and that means they are not human, because these abilities define what it means to be human." Notice she used the word "babies."

Another believed that killing a healthy child can sometimes be the only humane thing to do. She said, "People have choices and children do not. They don't have the option of what environment they grow up in. We are the ones who choose the right place. Don't make the children suffer because you have to 'do the right thing' and not take life away. I'm sorry, but I would rather take it away before they can see the world for how great or bad it really is." Again, notice she used the word "children" and the phrase "take life away." Thankfully, most people are not as cold-blooded as these two.



Fletcher (left side, wearing baseball cap) answers questions non-stop for 3 solid hours. (Photo by Meredith Hunt.)



Members of the Students for Life lead this discussion.



They have no arguments and they aren't allowed to use force, so these pro-aborts resorted to absurdism. One of the signs: "Hell has palm trees." Another: "Satan has great pecs!"

Saving eternal souls. Matt (not his real name) was a student at ASU who stood with us for both days, representing the pro-life side with conviction. At the end of Day 2, he shared with Jane that he wasn't sure about his relationship with Jesus. They talked and Jane counseled Matt over the next several months. This Spring, Matt told Jane that Jesus had saved him and he is growing in the Lord, thanks to a good church and a small-group Bible study! We praise God for giving us more and more opportunities to watch Him save both lives and souls!

Thank you! You make it possible for us to take truth to Appalachian State and elsewhere. Thank you!