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Dear Partners and Friends.

Did you see *The Alamo* (2004), starring Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton? Check it out; it's a great movie. Thornton's portrayal of Congressman David Crockett is stellar.

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When the Mexican army arrived on February 23, 1836, the Alamo defenders numbered only 150. Crockett said to Lt. Col. Wm. Travis, "We're gonna need more men." Later, when he stood on the wall and saw that the enemy numbered 1500, he

revised his estimate, "We're gonna need a lot more men."

Pro-life students on campus are outnumbered and surrounded, just like the Texians at the Alamo. Their enemies are principalities, powers, and



rulers of darkness (Ephesians 6:12). Opposing artillery are lies that Satan uses to destroy children, mothers, and families. His foot-soldiers are key faculty members and administrators, who themselves have been deceived and victimized.

Armed with truth, pro-life students are fighting back, but they are gonna need *a lot* more men (and women). We can't just abandon them to fend for themselves. That's why I'm traveling all over the Southeast this summer, recruiting and hiring new staff. Our team of project directors will reinforce, equip, train, and help pro-life students expose the deeds of darkness (Ephesians 5:11)!

That's where you come in. Please put me on the road, so I can recruit and train an army of reinforcements. Unless I go out, we can't find the reinforcements we need, and pro-life students will have to go it alone. Please put me on the road with your special gift of \$1,000, \$500, or even \$100.

If you will send me, I will go. *Please send me, because pro-life students are gonna need <u>a lot</u> more men.* 

Fletcher

When talking isn't enough, pictures like this one save lives. Use the Choice Blues video to save babies in your church!



Choice Blues, part 2 of

### Babies Saved: Tennessee, California, Hawaii, and even Cyberspace!

**Tennessee.** A 30-something father of 3 children spoke with CBR staffer Jane Bullington about his 3rd child, yet to be born. "We had been thinking about [abortion], but I didn't know it was like this," he said, "I know we can't do this."

*California.* Despite Biola University's policy to hide the sin of abortion from view, Diana Jeminez displayed an aborted baby photo (a "Choice" sign) in the middle of campus. The following note was posted at ArmsOfAudio.com:

There are a lot of people bashing Diana right now but first hand I can tell you she did what she was told to do. I am 20. A student of Biola and always claimed to be prolife. I thought that until I got a positive pregnancy test. This came after a night of partying just outside the campus and had a one night stand with a youth pastor in training. I was going to go to Planned Parenthood that day and as I walked through campus her signs made me realize there is a human life in my womb .... In that moment I went to my dorm room got on my knees and asked that I would have the strength to be my baby's mom. STOP saying she didn't follow her stupid rules. God came through for me because of her.

*Hawaii.* Only after a series of debates with the pastor, along with protracted lobbying by CBR's Executive Director Gregg Cunningham, the pastor finally agreed that Gregg could show the *Choice Blues* abortion video at Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor on a November Sunday morning.

Because Gregg fought and the pastor agreed, a baby's life was saved. The mother was not only pregnant that Sunday, *she had actually scheduled an abortion for the following day*. This mother *had <u>heard</u>* sermons against abortion, but she *had <u>never actually seen</u>* abortion. Had Gregg given up before this pastor finally relented, that baby would likely be dead.

*Cyberspace.* When talking wasn't enough, abortion pictures did more than talk. They saved this baby's life. Denise was born just recently, but abortion pictures saved her life months ago!

Although grieving a previous abortion, her mother Vicki still planned to abort this child. Fortunately, CBR volunteer Debbie Picarello (who also volunteers with Deeper Still, a postabortion recovery ministry) was able to



show abortion pictures to Vicki online. Recalling the conversation, Debbie said it was clear that "talking wasn't enough." With your help, CBR had trained Debbie to use abortion pictures ... when "talking wasn't enough."



## Graphic photo tells the story of slavery "to the eye."

You've seen the photo, but maybe you don't know the rest of the story. Frank H. Goodyear, III, assistant curator of photographs at the National Portrait Gallery has posted a fascinating piece at http://click.si.edu/Story.aspx?story=297. Excerpts:

[Photography] also played an influential role in broadening the national debate about slavery. As this famous photograph suggests, photography was capable of communicating powerful ideas about the so-called "peculiar institution"—ideas that ultimately undermined the prevailing notion that slavery was a benign tradition. (emphasis added)

Recognized as a searing indictment of slavery, Gordon's portrait was presented as the latest evidence in the abolitionist campaign. An unidentified writer for the New York Independent wrote: "This Card Photograph should be multiplied by 100,000, and scattered over the States. It tells the story in a way that even Mrs. [Harriet Beecher] Stowe [author of the 1852 book, Uncle Tom's Cabin] can not approach, because it tells the story to the eye."

#### Mobile ultrasound on campus because you supported CBR

Every week at George Mason University (GMU), a mobile ultrasound clinic from A Best Choice (ABC) offers free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women on campus. ABC's website explains how this service saves babies and moms:

Ultrasound gives a woman an opportunity to bond with her baby early on, and 8 out of 10 abortion-minded women choose life after seeing their baby on ultrasound. Women attending college are the most vulnerable to the deceptive lure of abortion, so we realize that a pro-life presence on college campuses is vital. Sharing the truth will allow us to witness many lives saved.

Two years ago, we reactivated the GMU Students for Life (SFL) and recruited Anna Maher to serve as President. Under her leadership, SFL has displayed Choice signs every week. Last April, they hosted CBR's Genocide Awareness Project (GAP). Now, they are hosting ABC's mobile ultrasound and pregnancy resource center on campus ... every week!

Explanatory note: Normally, non-student groups like CBR and ABC can't just show up and occupy space. A student group must reserve that space. That's why GMU SFL is so critical to the success of ABC's effort.

Because you helped us get GMU SFL back on its feet in 2011, babies are being saved today. It's the pro-life double-whammy:

- Show people the truth; make them more horrified of abortion.
- Offer resources and support; make them less terrified of an unplanned pregnancy.

People choose life when they are more horrified of abortion than they are terrified of unplanned pregnancy. That's why we must (a) show people the truth and (b) offer them help.



The ABC mobile ultrasound clinic saves babies and moms at GMU. Access to campus is secured by the GMU SFL group that you helped establish through your support of CBR.