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Having finished two weeks of GAP in Florida; we're now prepping for GAPs in Virginia, North Carolina, and New York. If we get funding — you may want to help with that — we have invitations from Michigan as well.

On top of this, we've added new staff members in North Carolina and Virginia. I love it when a plan comes together!

Thank you for making this all possible. You are winning hearts, changing minds, and saving lives.

CBR volunteers with a "Passion" in Atlanta save a baby in Nashville

Twenty CBR volunteers displayed "Choice" signs at the Passion Conference, a gathering of 20,000 Christian youth in Atlanta. Few of them knew anything at all about abortion ... and would learn nothing at this conference. Nothing, that is, until we showed up.



Two young women saw the abortion pictures on display and

walked over to speak with Julie Thomas, one of our postabortive volunteers.

Their friend "Susie," a med school student at Vanderbilt, was 7 weeks pregnant. She was a Christian and had told her mother and boyfriend about the baby. The boyfriend had convinced her to abort. Her mother would support her, no matter what she did. That baby's life was hanging in the balance.

Now these two angels went to work. Using cell phones, they took photos of the abortion pictures on display and texted them to Susie back in Nashville. They called her and brokered a 4-way conference call, right there on the sidewalk. Julie talked about her abortion regret. They all prayed for Susie and the baby. They ended the call and hung up. They prayed again.

A few minutes later, Susie texted back, "Go ahead and start planning a baby shower for me. I'm keeping the baby!" Amen!

For more Passion stories, go to FletcherArmstrongBlog.com and search for the word "Passion".

CBR appoints Ruby Nicdao as Project Director for Virginia

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Ruby Nicdao as our newest Project Director in Virginia.

Ruby started pro-life activism as an engineering student at the University of Florida, when she was invited by a friend to pray near a local abortion mill. Soon, she was counseling women on the sidewalk. After graduating, Ruby continued sidewalk counseling on Saturdays while working full-time as an electronics engineer for the Department of Defense.

Ruby moved to Northern Virginia to study theology at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College and worked as a systems engineer on missile defense systems. She reflected on the absurdity of our current national priorities:

It's ironic that while our country spends billions to protect our people from ballistic missile attacks, millions of children are unjustly killed in the womb, under the radar.

Beginning in 2009, Ruby led 40 Days for Life campaigns at NOVA Women's Healthcare, the largest abortion mill in Virginia. The campaigners at this mill not only prayed to end abortion, they also exposed abortion using CBR "Choice" signs.

As a result of Ruby's leadership, the number of abortions at NOVA dropped by 28 percent over four years. In 2013, this abortion mill close forever! Her most memorable pro-life experience came in 2014, when she held for the first time a baby she helped rescue from this death camp.

A resident of Fairfax, Ruby will work in close collaboration with Nicole Cooley of Churchville and Maggie Egger of Front Royal, CBR's other Project Directors in Virginia.

If you'd like to support Ruby (or any of our staff members), it's quick, easy, and secure to support CBR online at www.ProLifeOnCampus.com. Whatever you can do will make a huge difference.

To support Ruby's work in Virginia, designate your gift for "Virginia Projects (SE-RMN)."

> CBR Virginia Director Ruby Nicdao with one of the babies she helped rescue.



Scaling the Highland Heights at Northern Kentucky University (NKU)

It's important to show people what abortion really is, because until people feel uncomfortable about it, and realize what it really is, they're not going to change. You are not going to get the laws changed, or people's hearts changed.

So said Ella Beckman, President of Northern Right to Life (NRL), the student pro-life group at Northern Kentucky University (NKU). Ella is an excellent spokesperson, as you can see.

NKU was the first stop on our November tour through Kentucky, which included stops at Berea College, Eastern Kentucky U, and the U of Kentucky.

Free for me but not for thee! We are always amused at the arrogance of people who believe freedom of speech is for them alone, but not for anyone who dares to disagree. Freshman Stephanie Knoll was quoted in The Northerner (the student newspaper), "Whether or not people agree, abortion is their choice and they shouldn't be trying to shove their opinions down everyone's throats, especially not with images ..."

In other words, killing a baby is OK, but to express your opinion against abortion is not OK. To support your opinion with evidence is even worse. Riiiiiight.

Let the learning begin! The Northerner reported that Rosa Christophel posted via her Facebook account, "NKU is a learning institution not an abortion clinic. I can't believe this is allowed." We agree on both counts:

- 1. NKU is a learning institution. Because of CBR and our supporters who fund our work, thousands of students learned the truth about abortion.
- 2. We also can't believe abortion is allowed in a civilized society.



Fletcher Armstrong trots out an imaginary toddler to ask if "personal choice" were sufficient justification to kill a toddler. (It isn't, because the toddler is a human being.) "So, if a preborn child is a human being in the same way that the toddler is a human being, wouldn't it be wrong to kill him as well?"



Legal means OK, right? One man said that there was no abortion in the Middle East, where he comes from. (We doubt that, by the way.) However, because abortion is legal in the USA, he had come to believe it must be OK. Seeing abortion pictures changed all of that. He told CBR Project Director Maggie Egger, "I hadn't thought much about it, but it's legal so I assumed it was okay. These pictures are terrible. You've really opened my eyes. Abortion is not okay."

Pro-abortion proxy. CBR volunteer Laurice Baddour spend several hours breaking down the pro-abortion protesters who showed up. She has a unique way of endearing herself to people by simply loving them, right where they stand. Several admitted to her that their signs of protest didn't mean they completely supported abortion. One said, "I'm only holding this sign because my friend told me to!"

"I knew it was evil, but I didn't know how evil it was." A young man who saw the pictures said he had gotten a girl pregnant in his home country. Even though he knew abortion was horrible, he didn't understand just how evil it was, so he and his girlfriend chose abortion. He said, "I carry that guilt with me." Lisa, our post-abortive volunteer, showed him how to connect with people in the community who could help.



Distributing truth to Christian youth entering Philips Arena for the Passion Conference in Atlanta. We handed out nearly 4,000 pro-life photo-brochures. Our "Why This? Why Here?" handout is enclosed with this newsletter.