



Standing in the GAP

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

Sorry your April newsletter is getting to you in late May or even early June. I just figure doing the work of saving children is more important than writing about it. But now that the Spring semester is over, it's time to get you caught up. Actually, if you want the *very* latest, visit my blog, www.FletcherArmstrongBlog.com. Catchy name for a blog, don't you think?

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This Month

GAP at U of North Florida

Future Editions

University of Tennessee GAP
California-Berkeley GAP
Western Carolina GAP
UNC Charlotte GAP

Warning: Photos at Work!

It shows me that getting an abortion at 9 weeks, like I was thinking, isn't fair to my baby because he has begun life. (22-yr-old female, Mass.)

I am now 23 wks pregnant and am so very glad that I did not follow through with this procedure. I lacked knowledge, but now I am definitely PRO-LIFE. (20-yr-old female, California)

I cant stop crying at what I have seen!! I will never support abortion! (18-yr-old female, Fla.)

After seeing these images I changed from a pro-choice stance to pro-life. (20-yr-old male, NH)

This really opened my mind. (18-yr-old female, Arizona)



Working with Peggy LaFreniere of Atlanta is always a treat. You might remember her as Peggy Espinda, but she recently got herself hitched! Unfortunately, since our visit to UNF, Peggy has been in the hospital with cancer. She is back home now and seems to be recovering. Please pray for healing.

CBR Swoops(?) at Northern Florida

In March 2009, CBR swooped down upon the University of North Florida (UNF) in Jacksonville with the same accuracy and energy as the Ospreys that capture and devour fish in the nearby Atlantic Ocean. We brought the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) to campus and totally captured the attention of students who roamed the greens on those two lovely spring days. The RCC truck carried the abortion message to other parts of campus and into Jacksonville, searching out prey like any good Osprey.

[Swooping down like Ospreys? Who writes this stuff??? Two "lovely spring days"? Must be a woman. Capturing and devouring prey like Ospreys? Really? OK, that's enough! Jane, gimme that keyboard!]

Sorry you had to see that, folks. But anyway, we did go to UNF last spring. *And of course many students changed their minds, as they always do.* We were invited by the Students for Life at UNF, a new student group on that campus. We also worked with a number of the pro-life organizations in Jacksonville, including the largest crisis pregnancy center. It is awesome to help bring pro-lifers together for a common purpose.

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On Campus, Where it Matters Most

I did some figuring recently. I was shocked! The results surprised even me, and that takes some doing. Do you realize that if you and 19 of your friends would support pro-life activism equal to your cable TV bill, you would pay for one additional GAP visit every year. Think of it:

- 20 people = GAP at the U of [your state], ever year
- 20 more people = GAP at U of [your city], every year

Would you be willing to support CBR monthly as faithfully as you support your *local cable TV provider*? Isn't saving children worth that much? *Would you join our team?*

- Automatic monthly partners – 62
- Other monthly partners – 59
- Other regular partners – 96
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS – 217 (goal=400)

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

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GAP changes minds! UNF students were like those on every other campus, ignorant of the truths of the issue and unable to take their eyes off the pictures. Our team was a good mixture of CBR staff, long-time GAP volunteers, and local activists, all well versed in the truth about prenatal development and the brutality of abortion. Lots of good exchanges around the display. You could see the pictures neutralize opponents and convert the neutral. Check out these comments:

Wow! This has changed my perspective. I was pro-choice because I don't want government intervention, but this ... (CBR volunteer suggested she could think about this like the government interfering in child abuse cases.) Oh, yea, I'm all about that. And now I am going to cry. (female student)

I don't want a brochure. ... Well, yes I do. (male student who read the entire brochure, complete with photos, and thanked our volunteer for coming)

[After seeing the pictures,] we don't know what to think anymore. (two horrified female students)

You have a very good and compelling exhibit which is presented in a wonderful story form. I teach a class on storytelling and I told my class to come see an example of story. (professor of education)

Are abortion photos traumatic? Well, yes, that's really the point. Photos of abortion are shocking because the act of abortion is shocking. UNF had arranged for "traumatized" students to have full access to the campus Counseling Center while GAP was on display. Late on Day 2, one of their staffers made this comment: **"The whole day has been excellent, and all I've heard is positive feedback. This has everyone on campus questioning, thinking, and talking. This has promoted excellent discussion."** Wow.

Winning hearts among the Administration. People can be converted. We had agreed to a 5-foot buffer between our display barricades and the sidewalk, but when we arrived to set up on Day 1, the police told us that they were going to enforce a 60-ft buffer. We believe one frightened administrator had arranged for this change. We would take them to court before we would agree to that, so I telephoned the UNF VP who had originally agreed to the 5-ft buffer in our pre-GAP meeting.

Negotiating is a funny game. Often, your counterpart doesn't care; he's just trying to keep bosses and militants off his back. As long as it doesn't endanger a baby's life, I give a small concession so he can have something to show. We had previously agreed to the 5-ft buffer. Now they wanted 60 ft. I countered with an offer of 10 ft and agreed to 12 ft. Everybody was happy. Keep in mind, no babies were lost by giving up an extra 7 feet. He kept UNF out of court by agreeing.

But by the end of the day, this administrator who had been so fearful of us at the beginning (and I think the one who wanted us 60 ft back) was now so impressed, he started making suggestions on how we could reach even more students on our next trip to UNF (e.g., night-school students)!



Campus Crusade staffer Scott Moffatt explains how denial of personhood has historically led to genocide.



Suzette Horton of Orlando is a CBR veteran of many years.



It is a great privilege to partner with local activists like Jeremy Blanchard (blue shirt), shown here teaming with Kate Kennamer of our staff to explain the pro-life position.

Pictures change votes? College students played a large role in the 2008 election disaster. They voted for "change" without any idea what that "change" would look like. One Hispanic male (who had hoped for a different outcome to the election) acknowledged the importance of pictures in educating voters: **"You should have shown these pictures during the pre-election days; they might have changed some votes."** Indeed. With your help, we will change votes!

Consistency is critical. Please become a monthly partner today so that more students will see the truth. Even \$10 or \$15 can make a HUGE difference if you are consistent.