Standing in the GAP

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Dear Partners and Friends,

It was a great year. Again! Starting last Fall, we visited 10 major universities in 5 states!

At 3 schools, we displayed our new ALL Black Lives Matter signs. These signs turn anti-American leftist rhetoric on its ear, because if Black lives matter — and of course they do — then you can't support killing hundreds of thousands of Black children every year in America.

And if voter suppression matters, you can't support Planned Parenthood, because PP has suppressed the Black vote much more than the KKK ever could. They have no answer.

Sunny weather brings storm clouds at UNC Greensboro

This was our first GAP at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). We were not invited by a student organization. No pro-life organization exists on that campus and the Christian students are cowering in the closet. Fortunately, UNCG policy allows outsiders to reserve an open space and speak.

The sun emerges and the storm rages. At high noon of Day 2, the sun came out and they descended upon us with rage and fury.

Day 1 of the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) had been cold and rainy, so almost no one stopped. But everyone saw the pictures. And they kept their powder dry, hoping for better weather. Along with the sunshine, their opportunity for hysteria had now arrived.

They came with signs, vulgar chants, and even satanic ritual, but we held our ground and let the signs do the talking. This protest was one of the largest and most vitriolic we had ever seen. The protesters stayed all afternoon, until we carried away the last sign.

The shouting, jeering crowd was perhaps wearisome at times, but their 5-hour exposure to the GAP display was a huge victory. If 3 seconds gets the point across, who knows what 5 hours can do?



On Day 1, the rain deters the stormtroopers. But they see the pictures, and they keep their powder dry ... waiting.



On Day 2, the sun comes out and the storm rages.

Gloating for Jesus. On that rainy Day 1, a young Christian student gloated, "You all came to start a fire on campus, but look. It's raining. Where's your fire now?"

He had decided that the rain and lack of response was a sign from God that GAP did not belong. God was drowning out the "fire" CBR wanted to start. "GAP was not the kind of loving thing that Jesus would do."

GAP volunteer Debbie Picarello pointed out that Jesus was full of *both* grace *and* truth. We show the truth of abortion, but following the example of Jesus, we are gracious, loving, and peaceful in our presentation.

He may have thought God was dousing the flame, but he needed only wait one more day. Our Day 2, he could gloat no more, because God gave us the very firestorm he assumed had been washed away.

Sun brings storm clouds at UNCG ...

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Get sex or die! A female student begged us to give up protesting abortion and just promote free IUDs. She insisted this would end the need for abortion, apparently being unaware that the IUD is an abortifacient. She also didn't know, or didn't care, that IUDs do nothing to protect people from the cocktail of STDs that are running rampant among her age group. This obviously well-formed student wrote,

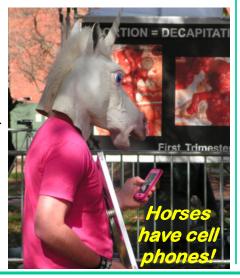
"Abstinence programs do not work because sex is a basic human need like food, water or shelter. ... Please, please protest for free birth control, IUDs especially."

This goes beyond the commonly held view that sex without responsibility is an entitlement. In this woman's mind, she and her classmates must have a regular romp in the sack or suffer something akin to starvation, dehydration, or hypothermia. Imagine mythological nymphs frolicking through the forest in a decaying, oversexed society. The world is collapsing down around them but all they can do is frolic and play, or die.

Weak like they are. She was 15-weeks pregnant. She said, looking at the crowd of protestors, "I am not married; I am in school; I am broke; but I don't get any help from my peers. I just get questions about why I don't 'get rid of this problem.' They don't support my 'choice' to keep this baby; they want me to be selfish and weak like they are. It makes me so sad."

Thank you, and pray. Thanks for making this work possible. As missionary William Carey told his financial partners, we are happy to jump into the pit, if you will hold the rope. If you haven't done so recently, please send

a check today, so that we can jump back into the pit. And please pray for these poor, deluded people, that God would give them Light to see the way.



Stealth appreciation a real problem at UNCG and NCSU

Here is what GAP volunteer Patti Shanley had to say about the pro-life students who had practically taken their life-affirming sentiment underground:

We know we're in a hostile environment when our friends are afraid to be seen with us. It happened to me at least a dozen or more times at UNC Greensboro and North Carolina State.

I'm talking about stealth appreciation. It's a lightning-quick "thank you" that almost no one else can discern. The person might stop for a moment, or just glide by with a bit of eye contact and a quick nod or thumbs up. They don't take our brochure. They barely speak. They just quickly say "thanks" and move on. But they never, ever, want anyone to know they agree with us.

I understand. It's a dangerous world when accusatory social media posts target anyone considered an enemy and the gang of bullies descends. Social circles are fragile and academic success is unsure when we swim against the current. Who could have predicted that the tolerance crowd wouldn't tolerate dissent?

At least one student at UNC Greensboro wasn't afraid. In full view of the pro-aborts, she told me she was really glad GAP came, and offered me a hug. "God bless you," I whispered in her ear.

We must teach the next generation to be better than this. The anti-American Left has coopted public resources and institutions to advance their own agenda at taxpayer expense. They are not bold; they are bullies. They say we have no right to speak, and their President says we should sit in the back of the bus (his exact words). Unfortunately, too many pro-lifers, conservatives, and Christians are cowering in the closet. That is not a recipe for victory. We will have to fight for our country or we will lose it.

That is why CBR and GAP are so important. We are fighting. Please fight with us; join our monthly support team!

