



Christmas 2009

MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE

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Dear Friends,

As I write this, I just received word that **two baby girls were recently born—thanks to your support of this ministry.** Earlier this year at one of my high school talks, two students were so convicted by the message that **when, a couple months later, they discovered they were pregnant they were determined not to abort.**

As I look over what CCBR has accomplished over the past year, it's hard not to be humbled by all the opportunities we've been given. Thanks to your financial donations that back our front-line work, we continue to have a mind-changing and life-saving impact on the culture. Over the past 12 months,

- We gave **more than 100 presentations to over 10,000 people** across North America (compared to 79 to 9,000 last year). And we reached a new record this year: thanks to Jojo speaking in Newfoundland and Quebec, we have now given presentations in every Canadian province!
- We ran our Reproductive "Choice" Campaign (RCC) **140 times** throughout the city of Calgary (compared to only 40 last year), resulting in **over 500 hours** of abortion sign exposure time.
- We helped facilitate **seven Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) displays.**
- Our presentations and projects generated over **160 items of (free!) media coverage** from print to radio to television.

We cannot continue this work without your support and we look forward to partnering with you to do more in 2010. As you read about some specific fruits that we've seen from these last few months alone, as well as what's in store for next year, please ask yourself, what other group is making this kind of impact on the abortion debate? **If you are as encouraged as we are, please consider writing a cheque in the largest amount you can afford.** That support means we can continue this life-saving work into the new year.



In October I debated Dr. Eike Kluge at the University of Victoria. Protestors came out (left) and stood with their backs to me the whole time I spoke. So many students wanted to attend that we held the debate twice (the fire code wouldn't allow 350 in a room designed for 200!). **A self-described atheist student moved towards the pro-life view as a result of the debate:** When asked his view on abortion prior to the presentation, he circled 4 (0 means support for all abortion and 10 means against all abortion). Afterwards, he circled the number 6 and wrote, **"Changed my mind about the value of a fetus as a human life."**

A Christian student categorized her view prior to the debate as a 9, stating, "The only time I believe it could be an option is in the case of rape." Afterwards, however, she became 100% pro-life, circling 10 and writing, **"Stephanie's video showing the arms of the fetus made it real... Just because the child has a rapist father doesn't mean it's not yours and you can't love it."**



At one of our talks in Courtenay, BC, where we showed images like the one at left, a 16-year-old female wrote, **“I would not have an abortion personally but if others do, that’s their choice.”** Did her view change as a result of the presentation? She wrote, **“I am more strongly against abortion. I would encourage others not to have one. The abortion video will forever stick in my mind.”**



In September, the pro-life students at U of C displayed the Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) on campus for the 8th time (above). Our Office and Accounting Manager Nich (on left in brown with backpack) participated in this and had **several conversations with students who converted to the pro-life view.**

This exhibit came weeks before the courageous students at U of C were scheduled to go to court. Their own university had pressed trespass charges against them for displaying GAP on campus. In 2008, the university told the students that if they didn’t turn the signs inwards so no one passing by could see them, there would be consequences. Undeterred by this bullying, the students continued to exhibit the display outward each semester (as they had since 2006)—and the university had Calgary Police step in. **But days before they were to appear in court, the Alberta Crown Prosecutors’ Office stayed the trespassing charges!**

And what’s coming up in the new year? We’re launching a **website re-design along with a series of video clips** we’ve filmed that teach pro-life apologetics and strategy. As well, we’re taking a team of over 20 young Canadians on a GAP tour, expanding the truck territory, and giving talks.

We can’t accomplish any of this without you. Given the great results we’re seeing and the big plans for 2010, **would you please consider making an extra gift this month to allow us to expand our impact? Or perhaps a renewal of a past donation? Or maybe a first-time gift?** Ultimately it’s not the amount that counts. It’s not about

giving from our abundance—it’s about giving until it hurts. Perhaps that will mean \$10. Perhaps that will mean \$10,000. **When we give until it hurts, we show the depth of our love, our concern, and our commitment.**

While we realize the economic crisis still carries on, and many are vying for your support, I hope you see from this letter the unique position and opportunity CCBR has to make abortion unthinkable in Canada. Your support allows that to continue. On behalf of the CCBR team, thank you for believing in us. **Merry Christmas!**

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In October, our RCC director, Chandler Kerr (above), travelled to the National Pro-Life Conference in Saskatoon. Chandler was able to promote CCBR to pro-life leaders from all across the country and specifically discuss how our truck is re-opening the abortion debate on Calgary streets.

In September, Jojo (right) trained university students from across Canada at the National Campus Life Network symposium. His message was well-received. One student wrote, **“This was probably one of the best presentations and I learned a great deal.”** Another student called it, **“Irreplaceable!”**



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