



Christmas 2010

## MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE

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Dear Friends,

**In the past 2 months we gave 38 presentations in 5 countries.** Here are highlights:

- We trained **future doctors** at the Canadian Physicians for Life Med Student Forum in Vancouver, BC.
- We trained **future priests** at Christ the King Seminary in Mission, BC.
- We trained **Youth With A Mission missionaries—from 13 countries**—in Riga, Latvia.
- We spoke at a **40DaysforLife** event in London, England.
- We presented to hundreds of students at **Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, Carleton University, the University of Lethbridge, Simon Fraser University, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Victoria.**

And it's not just us. The interns we equipped this past summer are impacting audiences all over the continent—thanks to our training:

- They have given **12 talks to 270 people in BC, AB, ON, and FL.**
- They have done **“Choice” Chain in Ottawa and Vancouver.**
- They attempted to do **GAP at Carleton University and are currently fighting arrest, trespass charges, and club de-certification.** This has generated **free media coverage** where our former intern, and upcoming staffer, Ruth Lobo, has been interviewed by the *National Post*, *The Michael Coren Show*, *CBC Radio*, and *The Ottawa Citizen*, to name a few.

We are humbled by the opportunities we've had, grateful for the unity we've established with so many varied groups, and hopeful that **abortion truly will become unthinkable in our lifetime.**

It is because of you standing with us, financially backing our endeavors, that we can reach so many—and train those we reach, to reach others. So thank you. We hope you will be encouraged by the good fruits below, and by our growth for 2011. **And we hope that you will write the biggest cheque possible this Christmas to help us end this massacre of innocents.**



▲ The 50 attendees, from 13 countries, of the Oct. 18-22 YWAM School of Prophetic Justice in Riga, Latvia. I gave three 2-hour presentations on abortion!

### Latvia

In a moment of epiphany, after my presentation a student realized he had been involved in the abortion of his child several years back but had never repented of this sin. So, I gathered with an interpreter and other team leaders, and we spoke to him, encouraged him, **listened as he begged God for mercy**, and prayed both with him and over him.

An attendee of my talk wrote this: “I’d never heard before so much practical advice in the area of pro-life. People are usually talking just about the bigness of problem. There, I got a lot of information that I can use practically. **Plus all those videos/pictures/comparisons were amazing. Life-changing week, indeed. :)**”

## Vancouver

On Nov. 12, I joined one of our summer interns, Ania Kasprzak (left), as she lead her UBC pro-life club in doing "Choice" Chain. One student took a pamphlet from us on her way to class. Afterwards, she returned to thank us for it. She said that **she would have leaned towards pro-choice, but after reading *Unmasking "Choice"* she can't argue with it. "It makes sense,"** she said.

A male student told Ania that initially he was only against late term abortions—but **after seeing our first-trimester images he is now against those abortions too!**



## Vancouver Island

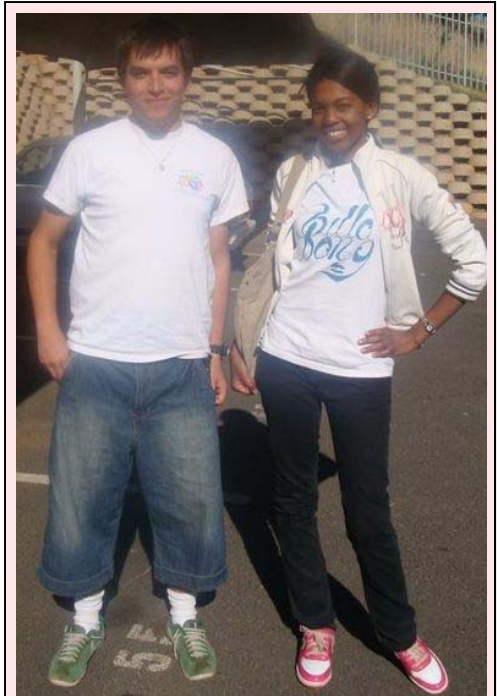
Jojo did our Echoes of the Holocaust talk at UVIC. He managed to **neutralize an abortion advocate** who shifted from 2 to 5 and said, "Some good points were made." Another student who shifted towards pro-life said, **"The pictures/video were all very powerful."**

## England

I debated abortion advocate Clare Murphy at the University of Sussex. An 18-year-old student shifted from 5 to 8 (where 0 means support all abortion and 10 means against all abortion). Before the talk he said abortion was "Not a big issue for me." Afterwards he wrote, **"Now believe it's closer to being wrong in all forms."**

▶ That's me (centre) with Andy (left) and Kathryn (right), of CBR's UK office who arranged for my England talks.

◀ Cameron (left) and Lauren (right) are UVIC students who joined Jojo and Courtenay pro-lifers in doing "Choice" Chain on the Island.



## South Africa

▲ This is Francisco (left) with Thato, a 19-year-old South African who will carry on CBR activity when he leaves. He has spent hours training her and she now has her own presentation to give to audiences. She even speaks 6 languages!

During a presentation in Soweto, where non-Whites were once discriminated against because of their skin colour, Francisco argued that as long as babies continue to be legally killed in South Africa, the country will continue to be an oppressed nation. A lady approached him afterwards and told Fran that what he'd said made complete sense. Then she added, **"We [South Africans] are taking our freedom for granted."**

So what's next? We're delighted to report that **Jonathon Van Maren**, a recent graduate of Simon Fraser University, will be doing a **6-month internship with us starting January!** We also happily anticipate Fran's return. As mentioned previously, **Ruth Lobo** will join our team in May, as will **James Shaw**; both of them hail from Carleton University in Ottawa. Then, in September, **Alanna Campbell**, from the University of Calgary, will also begin an internship with us.

This past month, our current staff and I sat down for our annual dream session, planning CCBP's short and long-term future. Our upcoming growth in staff is enabling us to have a greater impact on the culture. And I'm excited for the presentations, networking, bridge-building, and street activism that will occur—we know the more this happens, the more lives will be saved.

**This kind of growth of course can only happen because our budget grows. And of course our budget grows only because friends like you partner with us. As you celebrate the Christmas season, may we ask that you consider an extra gift for the work of CCBP? Please help us ensure that 2011 marks another year closer to the day when abortion becomes unthinkable.**

Merry Christmas to you and yours! *Stephanie*

Stephanie Gray, *on behalf of the CCBP Team*