



July-August 2010

MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE

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Dear Friends,

What a summer! It's said that **"teamwork divides the task and doubles the success."** Indeed! Not only have we accomplished much, as you'll read below, but we have built an incredible *family*. May you be encouraged by the fruits of your financial support:

Ambitious Schedule: Summer is normally a time for us to slow down. Not this year! Thanks to your support, this is what our team accomplished in **only 3 months:**



- **Training our interns:** They have heard **28 lectures**; studied **10 movies on social change**; read **5 books**; written **3 tests**; and done **over 19 assignments**
- **Over 180 hours** of doing "Choice" Chain
- **Over 316 hours** of the Reproductive "Choice" Campaign on the road
- A week-long **pro-life tour** through Southern Alberta
- A 4-day staff **retreat**
- Completion of the **editing of 15 pro-life apologetics training videos** we filmed last year
- **Script-writing and filming for 6 pro-life strategy videos**
- **Writing content** for our new website design
- **Launching our new website design**
- Hosting a **crash course in pro-life activism** for 6 other pro-life organizations

Men of Honour: Last month I told you about our summer intern, Cameron speaking to a pregnant woman who changed her mind on abortion.



▲ L-R: Carlos, Jeremiah, Nicholas, Peter, Francisco, Chandler, Cameron, and Jojo

Just last week at "Choice" Chain, another summer intern, **Francisco**, spoke to another pregnant woman. At the end of their conversation she said, **"Well, I guess I'm not going to kill my baby now."**



Warrior Women: That's what I've been telling our ladies we need to be (L-R: McKenzie, Jess, Me, Ruth, and Ania). We have to be strong and firm in this "battle" for the personhood of preborn children. Yet we need to balance strong minds with tender hearts for those who are hurting from abortion.

McKenzie, our CCBR Administrator, illustrated that perfectly at "Choice" Chain earlier this month. She was standing next to one of our graphic abortion signs as **she courageously held an "I Regret My Abortion" sign.** A woman walking towards McKenzie mouthed, "I do too." McKenzie then approached her, gave her a hug, and handed her a "Silent No More Awareness" help card.

That same day I spoke to a woman who told me her sister had had an abortion. I too gave her a card. Two days later I saw that woman when we were protesting again and she came up to me with a big smile and thanked me for the card: **"My sister called the number and it's a big help," she said.**

What's Next? This fall we have talks scheduled for BC, Alberta, and Ontario, as well as internationally: Latvia and South Africa!

Our core staff team will increase from 5 to 6, with the addition of Francisco Gomez. He was a summer intern and we're delighted that he is now our "Choice" Chain Director. The rest of our summer interns will be returning to school this fall, and they'll be bringing all they've learned to share on their campuses.



We welcome Carlos Tolentino, who is our new Office and Accounting Manager. **And there are more staff to come:** next year we'll be hiring at least 3 more, along with another set of summer interns!

Carlos replaces **Nicholas McLeod** who, after 2 amazing years of service at CCBR via his university's Co-Op Program, will be returning to Carleton University to finish his degree. But our loss is Ot-

-tawa's blessing as we know he'll be busy doing our projects: "Choice" Chain and GAP! **With all this growth, we're doing much to put our organization out of business.** That's because we'll no longer be needed when abortion becomes unthinkable.

In order for us to pay for this important growth of staff and activity, we need to raise an **extra \$10,000/month.** If you haven't committed to monthly giving yet, would you please consider filling out the enclosed form? Or if you're already giving monthly, would you consider increasing the amount? If so, call us at 403-668-0485 and ask to speak to McKenzie to increase your monthly commitment. **Even a one-time or annual gift would mean a lot right now**—so please consider that.

I recently spoke to a woman on the street who had an abortion in February. Amidst tears she said, **"No one told me it looked like that."** We're working hard to bring resources of hope and healing to the wounded like this woman. Through your support, it will be near impossible for any woman to say **"No one told me."** **So please continue to give so we can continue to help.**

Teens Becoming Pro-Life: Last newsletter I mentioned there wasn't room to share exciting feedback from high school presentations Jojo and I (below) gave in May and June. Well here are only *some* of those good fruits now:

* Before the presentation: "[I] was unaware that there were no laws that prohibited the killing of an unborn baby." After the presentation, he **shifted from 6 to 8** (0 means "support all abortion" and 10 means "against all abortion") and now believes that **"nobody should get to**



decide whether to kill a baby or not." -14-year-old male, Menno Simons Christian School, Calgary

* "Before the presentation I always considered the baby in the mother's womb not a human or not yet alive." However, after the presentation this young girl, who **shifted from 5 to 10, said that "Abortions are exactly like killing children."** -13-year-old female, St. Andrew's Catholic School, Oakville

Stephani Stephanie Gray, on behalf of the CCBR Team