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MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE

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Dear Friends,

Wow. Where to begin. I'm sitting in a coffee shop in Lethbridge—using the free wi-fi while on our CCBR Reproductive “Choice” Campaign and “Choice” Chain Tour—trying to compile my many excited thoughts about all that has gone on at CCBR in just 4 weeks!

Since we are all about showing evidence, I don't want to simply state these past few weeks have been effective. Rather, I want to *illustrate* for you just how your support is positively impacting the culture:



▲ (Back row, left to right): Peter, Jess, I, and McKenzie pose with Paul Arthur (front), host of The Miracle Channel's program, Insight.

Just a few hours ago, our administrative intern, McKenzie, and two of our summer interns, Peter and Jess, joined me on a **1-hour live television interview on The Miracle Channel**. While I shared our philosophy about why we use pictures, and responded to calls about abortion, our staff demonstrated how our philosophy works.

McKenzie told her story of regret from an abortion she had four years ago, and of her resolve to now show the truth about abortion in order to save other babies from her child's fate and to spare other women her pain.

Peter shared his story of refusing to drive a friend to an abortion clinic because of seeing Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) images on his campus—and how he subsequently got involved in the pro-life club and is now risking expulsion from U of C for daring to show the truth about abortion.

Jess told her story of hesitancy about GAP and how a 1-week experience doing it “sold” her on GAP's effectiveness—causing her to extend her trip a second week, to spend her summer interning with us, and to discern full-time pro-life work as a career.



While we were on TV, Chandler, Cameron, and Nich were driving our truck (right) around Lethbridge. Later that day, our team re-united along with Ania, Francisco, Jojo, and Ruth (on left) who stood near the University of Lethbridge with hand-held graphic signs.



Earlier on the tour, we made the headline news on both CTV and Global television.

They showed the **abortion images up-close and uncensored**, and featured our team of a dozen young people ages 19 to 34. The CTV coverage has received **over 1,300 hits on Youtube** so far; to view it, check out the links on CCBR's Fanpage on Facebook!

And that's just been the past 24 hours! What about the past month?

During the four weeks before our tour, Jojo, Nich, and I trained our interns in topics ranging from "Personal Finances" to "History of Social Reform" to "Interior Life, Virtue, & Leadership" to "Pro-Life 101 & 201." They have studied 6 movies on social change, read 2 books, and had 5 projects due. That's just the "theory" portion of their internship. Then there's the activism:

One day per week they've helped Chandler run our Reproductive "Choice" Campaign (**Jess and Francisco have also learned to drive the truck**) and four days per week they've stood in various parts of the city with our "Choice" Chain signs (hand-held images displaying the graphic reality of abortion).

▶ Jess (right) dialogues with a passerby (centre) in downtown Calgary while Ruth (left) holds one of our "Choice" Chain signs.



Oh, and as if *that* weren't enough to report on, this past month the interns joined **Jojo and I** as

we spoke at 4 different high schools in Calgary: Calgary Christian, Trinity Christian, Master's Academy, and Menno Simons Christian School! As usual, students became pro-life after receiving our message. I'll share some of those testimonies in next month's report.

All that down, and we still have another two months of training and activism to go! This includes our plans to have a **large and constant presence of the truth about abortion at the Calgary Stampede**. We also have two **more interns joining us in the next 4 weeks** and over half a dozen more for an intense **one-week crash course on pro-life leadership**. CCBR really is becoming the hub of pro-life training in Canada! Stay tuned for more exciting news next month.

As seen in the box on the right, a baby was saved because our crew is on the streets with the truth, engaging the culture in discussion.

Of course, we can only illustrate abortion to more people if friends like you continue to financially support our work. **Please consider a gift this month—perhaps \$50, \$500, or even \$5,000.** As you can see, we put it to good use! Thank you for your sacrificial giving—it truly is a life-saver, *Stephanie*

Stephanie Gray, on behalf of the CCBR Team

Of course, our training only matters if it works—and again let me illustrate for you how it does: Summer intern Ania (holding sign below) shared this encounter she had on the streets of Calgary with our images:

I talked to a man on Monday who said he was pro-choice and we went over a few of the issues for maybe about 15 minutes; his main problem was with the graphics. I gave him a pamphlet to take home and he agreed to at least contemplate our arguments. I told him he didn't have to agree with me at this very moment, but asked him to at least consider our message. The next day we set up at a completely different location and halfway through the day I recognized him as he walked by our display. I smiled and said "Hey I remember you! Did you have a chance to read the brochure yet?" He stopped and told me that he had thought about it, read our pamphlet, and now agreed with us 100%.



And the minds of women are changing too. Consider this testimony from our summer intern Cameron (below):

I walked up to a woman standing near our "Choice" Chain and asked, "What do you think about abortion?"

She replied, "You must think I am a horrible person."

I said that it was never my intention or my place to say something like that, and that she was a good person no matter what she did.

She then said "Then God must have sent you." She went on to relate that she was pregnant but also addicted to cigarettes, and that as hard as she tried to eep herself off the cigarettes she was unable to do so. As a result she was afraid of what this would do to her child. She said that this made her think that abortion was the right thing.

I replied that the child's life would be what he or she made it to be, and no disability would ever be worse than being killed. She said that she was going to have the child and once more said that "God must have sent you."

