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*Dear Partners and Friends,*

This month, we continue our coverage of the Spring 2007 GAP Tour. We visited Clemson University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Alabama, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. This was the first time we had taken GAP to Alabama, although we had visited the state many times with our Reproductive “Choice” Campaign (RCC) trucks.

*Fletcher, Jane, and John*

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**Yet One More Life Saved!**

(This story is from Pastor Johnny Carr of Sweetwater.)

When John Stair came and spoke to our church in July 2007, little did we know what was about to transpire. In spite of our apprehension about the potential backlash, we decided to have John speak and show a portion of the film “Harder Truth” in our Sunday morning service. The church was extremely quiet and most people left the sanctuary in a state of shock and disgust. I did not have anyone complain or get angry because of the presentation, but I did have couples who became more actively involved in speaking out against abortion. We didn’t know it at the time, but one young lady in attendance was in the first weeks of her pregnancy. She and her boyfriend later went to an abortion clinic in Knoxville, **but they could not go through with their planned abortion when they remembered the presentation and the graphic pictures that were embedded in their minds.** Now she is well into her pregnancy and doing very well, although it has been a great adjustment for her and her family. Our church has a new-found respect for the sanctity of life and your ministry. Keep up the good work.

— Johnny Carr, Pastor, Fairview Baptist Tabernacle

**Financial Update**

**Consistent commitment yields consistent results.** We want to be a consistent presence on college campuses and in churches like Pastor Carr’s, so we’ve been asking you to make a consistent commitment to the unborn. Many of you have, and we praise God for that. Here’s where we are:

- Automatic monthly partners – 47 (up from 39 last mo)
- Other monthly partners – 43
- Other regular partners – 27
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS – 117

If you aren’t one of these, please consider joining our financial support team. Another baby’s life is at stake.



*Students for Life President Johnny Coleman (2nd from right) explains the purpose of GAP to a group of students.*

**CBR Reveals the True “Crimson Tide” at the University of Alabama**

In April 2007, CBR made its first GAP trip to the University of Alabama (UA) in Tuscaloosa. We had visited the campus in 2002 when we took our Reproductive “Choice” Campaign (RCC) to Tuscaloosa, but this was our first time for GAP. We were invited to campus by the Bama Students for Life, a brand new student group started by Johnny Coleman, an abortion survivor. When Johnny was yet in the womb, he was diagnosed with spina bifida and his mother was encouraged to abort. Johnny still copes with the lingering effects of his condition, but he loves his life and is living it to the fullest. Obviously, stopping abortion is very personal for Johnny.

**One of life’s great lessons.** During the preparations for this GAP, I was invited by CBR friend and Alabama native Bubba Gene Garrett to indulge in an Alabama institution, Dreamland Ribs. It’s a true Tuscaloosa tradition and a great one. Until recently, there was only one Dreamland, and they

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only served three things: the best pig-sickles you ever ate, bar-beque sauce, and white bread. But they're growing. They've added banana pudding (the best you ever ate) and they're adding more stores. You can find Dreamland franchises all over Alabama and even in surrounding states. One warning, however. Don't go to Dreamland on consecutive nights. Your dreams will become nightmares! I'll never do that again!

**GAP/RCC combo.** While displaying GAP, we deployed two of our Reproductive "Choice" Campaign (RCC) trucks to drive all over campus. The trucks reached students who never came near the display site and delivered a double-whammy to those students who saw both the trucks and GAP. This is a good use of both financial and personnel resources, and we have found it to be a successful tactic on other campuses.

**Changing the subject.** One male student shared his altruistic comments: "Think of the hungry children you could feed with the money you spend on gas for those trucks." This student was just trying to change the subject. He wanted to talk about what we are allegedly *not* doing to help children, so he could *avoid* talking about what he *is* doing to kill them.

**Aftermath of Virginia Tech.** Our visit to UA was only two days after the massacre at Virginia Tech. Some students criticized our presence, as if we had planned GAP as some kind of sick scheme to capitalize on the tragedy. Every time we work to save lives after some tragic event, pro-aborts complain, "How can you do this after what just happened? You're making us feel even worse." It's just one more attempt to change the subject. Our response: "Did the abortion mills in this town shut down for the day? No? Then neither will we." However, one female staff member had the right idea: "Virginia Tech was terrible but [abortion] happens over a million times a year! I told my husband when we were walking around the Quad, 'These kids need to see this.' Thank you for coming."

**Saving lives.** Sometimes we are able to refer students for help with a crisis pregnancy. One young man approached the exhibit, "My girlfriend and I are pregnant and are keeping our baby, but we need help. We are very nervous about the whole thing." GAP causes more young people to seek out the local CPC for help, rather than the abortion mill. In 1998, one CPC in Knoxville saw 25 more young ladies in the month following GAP, nine of whom were pregnant. To our knowledge, all of them complained about the pictures, but none had abortions.

**Keeping an open mind.** Some students have open minds, in spite of their ignorance of the facts. One male student was unconvinced, "I believe with all the teenage pregnancies and families living in poverty, abortion should be a consideration." Our volunteer explained that churches, CPCs, and government assistance programs are available for financial help, counseling, and emotional support to those in need. As facts and reason began to take the place of ignorance and emotion, this young man became more open to our message that life, not death, is the best solution to a crisis pregnancy.



**We deployed two RCC trucks to drive around campus for both days we displayed GAP. This allowed us to deliver the truth of abortion to students all over campus.**



**A former pastor and teacher, CBR staffer John Stair shares the love of Christ as he exposes the horror of abortion.**

**The Voluntary Human Extinction Movement (VHEM) is a natural advocate for abortion. True, abortion does help them reach their apparent goal, but they should consider the fact that (to our knowledge) no unborn child has ever volunteered to be slaughtered by abortion.**



**Students do get it.** One student approached the GAP display, "I've always thought if you had a kid, you should own up to it. What's the difference between the one in the womb and you or me?" Another student, asked if he had questions, replied, "No, this [GAP exhibit] says it all."