



# Standing in the GAP

*Winning Hearts ... Changing Minds ... Saving Lives*  
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*Dear Partners and Friends,*

Earlier today, I spoke to a supporter who thanked us for inspiring her with stories of changed hearts and minds. I answered that it was she (and the rest of you who support this work) who make it all happen, not us. All we do is show up for work every day. We thank you for all you do for children and moms. You are doing eternal work.

*Fletcher, Jane, John, and Kate*

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 Transylvania GAP

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## Winning Hearts, Changing Minds, and Saving Lives

*I found out I was pregnant at nine weeks, and the thought of abortion crossed my mind. When I saw that video (not even 5 seconds) I was like, "Oh, hell no!" I look back and I think, "How could I have even thought about abortion? My daughter is a blessing in my life and I wouldn't trade her for anything in this world. Thank you so much. My life is now fulfilled with a beautiful little girl who has her own little footprints in my heart. (20-year old mother who saw Choice Blues video on www.abortionno.org)*

*The images take the argument out of the theoretical discussion of "rights" and place it squarely in the realm of reality. It's hard to believe it's a "choice" when you are witnessing a murder. The eyes don't lie. (44-year-old female)*

## Putting Children First!

*Our commitment to college campuses is working.* But we need your help. Yes, the papers tell us that the economy is uncertain, but can we ask you to put children first? *Can we ask you to support pro-life activism as faithfully as you support your local cable TV provider?* Frankly, we have lost some big donors to the economic downturn, so we are forced to make temporary staffing cuts. But please know that we will do whatever it takes to *win hearts, change minds, and save lives* in 2009. Here are the numbers:

- Automatic monthly partners – 60 (up 10)
- Other monthly partners – 50
- Other regular partners – 43
- TOTAL REGULAR PARTNERS – 153 (up 10)

If you aren't yet on the team, *please support our work on a monthly basis. Another baby's life is at stake.*



*Even though Transylvania is a small university, we had many opportunities to address small and large groups of students all day long. (Photo courtesy Meredith Hunt.)*

## GAP Makes "Pioneering" Appearance at Transylvania University

On April 4, we made our first trip to Transylvania University (called Transy by the locals), a small liberal arts university just a few blocks from downtown Lexington. We were invited by the Pioneers for Life to bring GAP to campus for a day, so we scheduled our visit to coincide with our deployments at the U of Louisville and the U of Kentucky.

**About Transy.** Transylvania University is linked with many famous names in American history. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Aaron Burr were early supporters. Henry Clay was a law professor and a member of Transylvania's board of trustees. Among other distinguished alumni are founder and hero of Texas Stephen Austin, famed abolitionist Cassius M. Clay, U.S. Vice Presidents John C. Breckinridge, and Richard M. Johnson, Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan, 50 U.S. senators, 101 U.S. representatives, 36 governors, and 34 ambassadors.

**Free speech.** We don't get many opportunities to visit private universities. Few of the so-called "Christian" schools will allow GAP, because their administrators care more about

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avoiding controversy than saving lives. But Dean of Students Michael Vetter said that although GAP may be “disturbing and offensive to some people, ... the ability to have free speech outweighs these concerns. ... Transylvania students and staff are allowed to say what they want.” (*The Rambler*, April 10, 2008) When I spoke with Dean Vitter a few weeks later, he said we would be welcome to return to Transy anytime we were invited by the pro-life students. We look forward to it!

**Crashing the fortress gate.** If we want to rescue our culture from the madness of killing our own children, we have to start with the college campus. A cursory look at the recent election results tells us how confused many of our young people have become. At Transy, one-third of the faculty opposed GAP in a letter to *The Rambler*:

*[Terminating] pregnancies through abortion ... is in many cases the responsible and morally proper thing to do. In short, abortion is not only often permissible, it is also often respectable.*

(You can almost hear U.S. Sen. John C. Calhoun declaring that slavery was not an evil, but “a good, a great good!”)

Of course, not once did these professors advance any argument to defend their notion that unborn children are subhuman and therefore not entitled rights of personhood.

**A surprising response.** Thankfully, our graphic display cuts through the dismissive rhetoric of college professors who deny the humanity of the unborn (and their own eyes). One student who responded to our presentation was Samantha Robinson, who wrote an op-ed column in *The Rambler*. She wrote:

*I paid the display a visit, accepted informational pamphlets, and discussed abortion with one of the group's team members. And I'm a staunch liberal. Left of liberal. Proud feminist and preservationist. Democratic Socialist, if the truth be told, but on Friday morning, I agreed with GAP. I feel the same way they do about the issue of abortion, but more importantly, I found immense value in the “Abortion is Genocide” argument.*

**Treating people with respect.** In our training, we tell students and volunteers that a month after GAP, most people will remember two things: (1) the abortion pictures, and (2) whether they were treated with respect. It's a simple thing, but so very important. People notice. One female student remarked:

*Thanks for talking to me so rationally and respectfully. I wasn't going to ask any questions because I thought this was some pushy religious group who didn't have reason. What you've told me makes a lot of sense. I've never thought about it this way. I will go and talk to my friends who I think need to hear this.*

**Thank you!** You make it possible for us to take truth to college students at Transylvania and elsewhere. **We lie awake at night trying to figure out how to do this more often and at more schools. We sleep better when you make that dream possible with your gifts and prayers. And gifts.** Thank you for your partnership!



**Peggy Espinda of Atlanta is a frequent GAPper.**



**Pro-aborts believe that abortion is safe but pictures of abortion are “dangerous.” (Photo by Meredith Hunt.)**



**Outstanding pro-life apologists like Rebecca Haschke (a student at the University of Nebraska) always draw a crowd. (Photo courtesy Meredith Hunt.)**



**This outstanding team of staff and volunteers expertly deployed GAP for five consecutive days, mostly in the rain, at three different schools. They depend on you for financial support. Please support this team, so they can win hearts, change minds, and save lives on campus.**