



Seeing is Believing

Update from Jacob Burow - December 2011



Greetings in the name of Christ!

I was standing on the sidewalk near part of the large exhibit. I noticed a middle-aged man stop to look at one of the large signs, so I went to ask what he thought.

“Oh, I’m definitely pro-choice,” he said with a thick accent.

“Where are you from?” I asked.

“London, England.”

“What brought you here?”

“Oh, I lost my job and decided I wanted to go to school. Never too late you know. I have family who live here, so I decided to come study for my degree.”

“So why do you say you are pro-choice?”

“Well, I believe it is a woman’s right to choose. I don’t think that the government should take that right away.”

I continued talking with David, using the techniques we teach in our seminar. We talked about biology, personhood, and the issue of rape. We talked about choice and rights, and I kept bringing the discussion back to the question *what are the unborn?* He admitted they are human, but amazingly, after thirty minutes of conversation he came right back to saying women have the right to choose.

Then the thought occurred to me that we had been standing near our display which shows life at all stages of development, in and out of the womb, but there were no pictures of the results of abortion near us. I was not sure that David had ever seen what an abortion does to a child, so I took the conversation another direction.

“Can I give you a tour of the rest of the exhibit?”

“Sure, that would be great.”

I led him over to our small exhibit and began the tour on the first side, moving from fetal development pictures to fetal surgery, and finally to a first-trimester abortion. I explained that how much an unborn child is wanted is usually the determining factor in whether that child lives or dies. David leaned on the barricade and stared at the graphic picture of an aborted child.

“I guess I did not realize what we were talking about.” He said quietly.

I finished giving him the tour, and as I concluded, he commented that he was glad I had taken the time to talk with him. It had really changed his opinion.

“I would definitely say that I’m pro-life now. I mean, just look at that!”

It is always rewarding when people change their minds on the spot, but not everyone is that easily convinced. I’ve had

people look at the pictures and say that abortion is good. I've had others look at the pictures and claim that they are fake. Still others look and admit they do not like abortion, but they still think it is necessary.

What is it that will convince people to value unborn humans the same way they value born humans? Some need a philosophical argument. Some need to see that pro-life people are compassionate. Others, like David, just need to see the truth.

That is why our training is so effective. Instead of teaching pro-life advocates to rely on solely one approach, we teach them to identify and provide what each individual needs to see, hear, or experience to be convinced.

Thank you all for your support which makes this work possible! If you have not done so already, please consider a special year-end gift.

Blessings,



Daniel (above) had such a great time during our first day of outreach at the University of North Texas that he drove for over an hour just to hang out and talk to us during the second day, even though he didn't have class.

We sat for nearly an hour talking about God. Daniel is agnostic, so I gave him my reasons for believing in Jesus Christ.

We also discussed abortion in depth. I pointed out that if abortion is good for combating overpopulation, as he argued, then it would actually be better to kill useless people, the elderly, and the handicapped first, rather than a healthy unborn child who would contribute more to society. This gave him pause as his intuition reminded him that his grandmother is valuable.

Daniel grew up in a religious household. His mother is Catholic, and his father is a Southern Baptist. I could tell that he was being positively impacted by our staff of reasonable believers who surrounded him with love during the two days we were on his campus.

Please lift Daniel up in prayer, and pray that God will send more people to minister to him.

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I have reached 79% of my goal.

100 families have partnered with me in this ministry. Praise God!