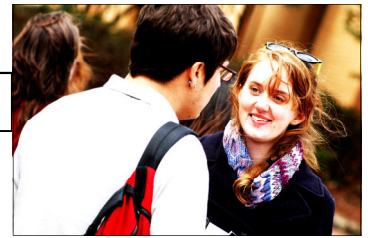


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Claire's June Update:

Only One Question: What Is the Unborn?

At the University of Northern Colorado I got to speak with a girl named Silver who was a journalism major. Silver had taken the time to look over our entire exhibit. She considered herself pro-choice, but personally against abortion. We were able to have an awesome discussion about why she is pro-choice and she was also very open to my reasons for being pro-life. We talked through rape, poverty issues, women who are too young to be parents, education, overpopulation...and other common pro-choice concerns.

Through a long conversation of give and take, listening and challenging each other...I decided to focus on bringing it back to what we consider to be **the essential question: what is the unborn?** Everybody agrees that abortion kills something. But we would argue that before we can decide whether or not we can kill something, we must first know what it is we want to kill. By bringing the conversation back to “only one question” (what is the unborn?) I can easily refocus any conversation back on the fact that abortion is taking a human life.

In my conversation with Silver I kept focusing on that fact that abortion is killing something...and if it's a human being then that shouldn't be “ok”. I also heavily focused on trying to find “common ground” and I discovered we had quite a bit.



By the end of the conversation we agreed that abortion was wrong in the third trimester, sex-selection abortions were wrong, and in general that abortion is a bad thing.

We also discussed that as long as abortion is legal in this country women should be making informed and educated choices as to

what they are killing (which would include information about Post Abortive Stress Syndrome, photos of life in the womb and death by abortion, and the stages of human development.)

Silver was surprised that pro-lifers could defend their position. She ended up being late to her next class and said she would much rather stay to talk with me. I gave her my email address and recommended several good books and other resources where she could continue to look into the subject. **One of the last things she said to me was that she felt like she needed to reconsider her pro-choice position.**

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A week or so later I received an email from Silver. Because of my conversation with her, she wanted to write her term paper on the subject of abortion. She was going to write it from a neutral perspective with lots of information on both sides of the issue, but with the focus of the paper being on the fact that women need to not be rushed into their decision, but be thoroughly informed about abortion before they make their decision. She then conducted an inter-



view with me where I answered a bunch more questions, and she quoted me in the paper. Her professor even liked it! I can't tell you how exciting it is to see pro-choice people reconsider their stance on this matter through the grace of God!

I received another follow up email after the paper was finished, in which she wrote: "I'm really glad I was able to write this paper. I mean, the grade is important, and the point it makes is important, but I also feel that you should know that talking to you and looking up all the information in the

paper really made me question my stance on the subject. I'm not sure how it's changed, or which parts exactly have, but I do take abortion a lot more seriously and every time the topic comes up, the idea that the fetus is already human does play a very heavy role in the discussion (between me and friends)."

I am praising and thanking Jesus for providing an awesome opportunity with Silver. I hope to continue to keep in touch with her.

In Christ our Lord,

~Claire Marie~

Prayer Requests and Praise Reports:

-Pray for all the seeds that were planted in the hearts of the students at Pasadena City College in CA.

-Pray for the continued work on developing a pro-life club at Metro St., CSU, and UNC. A lot of my work this summer will be trying to develop those. We need God to lay the burden on different leaders' hearts.

-Pray for me! I am in need of your prayers every single day.

**Look next month for the first update
about our *May Missions* trip to Southern California!**