## LOVE unleashes life

April 2015

Dear Friends,

Another month has gone by and here is what *your* support accomplished:

1. I gave a pro-life apologetics talk to grade 7 students at St. Patrick's Elementary in Maple Ridge. Their religion teacher, Sister Mary Jacinta, wrote,

"We had a good discussion the following day, and their responses showed that the examples of the young people who had the courage and the integrity to do what was right really resonated with them. Overall, the students are already pretty convinced of the wrongness of abortion, but like most of us, they have not thought through the 'logic' of its wrongness. I think that your presentation helped them to understand the very reasonable-ness of their belief of human life in the womb. Whereas formerly some of them would have thought that they needed to respect the beliefs of others regarding abortion, now they can see better that this is an issue that is not really a matter of opinion/belief."

2. **Helped students at UBC** do a pro-life demonstration when Justin Trudeau spoke on campus.

When a male student walked past our signs I asked him what he thought about abortion. He said he thought it was okay for a woman to make the choice. So I pointed to the image of an abortion victim and asked him when it would be okay to choose that. Once his gaze switched from me to the broken body of the baby, he paused and said, "It's not." So I asked him if he believed in human rights (he did), and I simply explained that since the child's mother and father are human, the child is human as well, and since he believes in human rights, the child should get the same rights—such as the right to life—that humans like he and I are afforded. He expressed that that was reasonable and then thanked me. This encounter reinforced the power that truth and basic reasoning can have on an open heart.

3. Spoke at a motherdaughter evening at my old high school. John Brebeuf in Abbotsford, on the topic, "Responding to Your Call with Joy." That's me. second from



left, with my old youth group leader, her daughters, and friends of mine from elementary school.

4. Gave a presentation on discernment at a conference call for the **Wilberforce Leadership Fellowship**, a prolife training program for college students across the United States.

5. Spoke at the **40 Days for Life Midpoint Rally in Vancouver**. That me, below centre, next to Archbishop Miller, with many of the attendees. I wrote a blog, which can be read at <a href="http://www.stephaniegray.info/blog/2015/3/11/40-days-by-stephanie-gray">http://www.stephaniegray.info/blog/2015/3/11/40-days-by-stephanie-gray</a>, based off of my speech.



- 6. **Spoke to 800 students at a chapel session** at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California. To review the video, go to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/WestmontTV">https://www.youtube.com/user/WestmontTV</a> and click on "Chapel: Stephanie Gray, March 16, 2015."
- 7. **Trained a pro-life physician on doing media interviews**, particularly as it relates to the "hot topics" of physician-assisted suicide and conscience rights.
- 8. Began **mentoring a teenager** in pro-life public speaking.
- 9. Gave the presentation, "Echoes of the Holocaust" at Trinity Western University in Langley.
- 10. **Gave presentations to over 100 parents** at St. Francis de Sales School in Burnaby and St. Jude's School in Vancouver, equipping them to form their children on human growth, development, and sexual morality.

Plus, I was approached by author Monica Miller to be a contributor to a book she's writing with the working title, ""I Was a Stranger'—The Aborted Unborn Speak to Us" and I completed my reflection for it this week!

I can't thank you enough for supporting me in this ministry so that I can be available, full-time, to help mentor and equip doctors, teens, parents, and others, with a message about the inherent dignity and worth of human persons.

Happy Easter season!

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