

# Merry Christmas from **LOVE** *unleashes life*

December 2016

Dear Friends,

As another year comes to a close, I look back in awe and appreciation for your generous support in partnering with me to circulate the pro-life message far and wide. What have I been up to these past 12 months? Here is 2016 “by the numbers”:

<b>1</b>	<b>Book published:</b> <i>Love Unleashes Life: Abortion and the Art of Communicating Truth</i> was released in January.
<b>2</b>	<b>Memorial Services for Aborted Children</b> —one of these I organized directly, and another one was run by a woman in Georgia who saw my blog post on how to put on this healing event
<b>7</b>	<b>People and organizations I provided individual mentoring and formation to</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Media appearances</b> , including Premier Radio in London, England, EWTN TV News in Washington, DC, and a newspaper in Guatemala
<b>18</b>	<b>Blog posts</b> at <a href="http://www.stephaniegray.info">www.stephaniegray.info</a> , some of which were reprinted elsewhere, including at <a href="http://www.lifesitenews.com">www.lifesitenews.com</a>
<b>75</b>	<b>Talks given</b> , including debates at Seattle University and the University of California, Berkeley. Topics ranged from abortion to euthanasia, as well as training on how to give compelling presentations, plus a new talk called “Cultivating Virtue” based on the experience of the 33 Chilean miners trapped underground
<b>11,500 +</b>	<b>People presented to</b> , including law students from around the world, medical students from across Canada, and seminarians from BC, Alberta, England, Wales, and Scotland
<b>35,000 +</b>	<b>Miles flown</b> to speak across Canada, the US, Austria, England, and Guatemala

*What are people saying?* Here’s feedback from my euthanasia presentation at **St. Pat’s Catholic High School**:

- A 17-year-old female’s views on euthanasia went from **6 to 9** (where 0 means “Support all euthanasia and assisted suicide” and 10 means “Oppose all euthanasia and assisted suicide”).
- An 18-year-old male shifted from 3 to 8. Before the presentation he said, “It’s your life; you should get to choose.” Afterwards he wrote, “Feeling like a burden can make you choose to die when you aren’t ready. The point about feeling like a burden **completely changed my perspective.**”

Here’s what some of the law students from **Blackstone Legal Fellowship** had to say:

- “I really appreciated how practical this presentation was and that Stephanie emphasized how to actually have impactful, gracious conversations. **I left the session feeling genuinely equipped to have a conversation about abortion in a way that is winsome and knowledgeable.**”
- “I wish I had been part of a presentation like this before taking Constitutional Law last year. Truly moving and thought-provoking. **I feel much more equipped.** Excellently done.”
- “She helped open my eyes to how horrific abortion is. I struggled with the tension of ‘choice’ and ‘life’ in certain emotional ways (while embracing the logical arguments), but **God used her to help bring a shift in my heart.**”
- “Best session so far. **I will use these arguments with my friends and in my profession.**”

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Consider this feedback from students at **Valley Lutheran High School** who heard my abortion presentation:

- A 16-year-old female shifted from 9 to 10 (where 0 means support all abortion and 10 means against all abortion). She wrote that before, “I don’t support abortion but I can understand why some women view it as an option if they’re raped.” Afterwards she said, “Abortion is bad and is murder so it should be 100% illegal.”
- A 16-year-old male shifted from 6 to 9.
- A 16-year-old female wrote, **“This gave me the tools to present my point in a better way.”**
- A 16-year-old male shifted from 7 to 9 saying, “I supported abortion in certain circumstances like rape or incest but I realized that life is life and you shouldn’t take that away.”

**Here is more feedback from audience members:**

**“Your debate has honestly restored my faith in the power the love of God has to change minds and hearts... I was so heartened to see you defend the Church's position with such sound logic and reason as to leave its detractors speechless. ... You are truly doing God's work and you have vastly improved my life knowing that there are people out there willing to stand up for their beliefs with confidence and reason.”** –Attendee from my Seattle U debate

**“You inspired me to aim for greatness** in my talks. I don't want to be good. I desire greatness. Your tips on how to give a talk are tools I can implement.” –Chastity missionary who I trained in public speaking

Thanks to your financial support, people around the world have been **converted, equipped, and/or activated**. There will be more of that in 2017, where I already have 16 talks booked ([www.stephaniegray.info/events](http://www.stephaniegray.info/events)), with many more to come. **In order to further support this pro-life outreach and formation, would you be able to make a Christmas donation?** Consider what happened when a 17-year-old heard my talk on euthanasia: Her views shifted from 5 where she wrote, “I think that it depends on the circumstance of the illness,” to 10 where she wrote, **“The presentation caused me to not support euthanasia anymore.”**

Your gift this Christmas will help change more young peoples’ minds. Thank you for your generosity, and may the celebration of Christ’s birth fill you with JOY and HOPE!

  
Stephanie Gray



P.S., That’s me (4<sup>th</sup> from left in back) with a group of women in Guatemala who organized the World Pro-Life Congress that I spoke at in November—to over 1,000 people.

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