

LOVE *unleashes life*

May-June 2015

Dear Friends,

Good news: for the past month and a half I've presented to almost **2,000 people** in Calgary, Vancouver, Richmond, Surrey, Port Coquitlam, Burnaby, Kansas, and Minnesota! Here are the highlights:

I gave the talk "Heroes & Role Models: What They Teach Us About Life & Abortion" at two high school assemblies (that's me below with some of the pro-life student leaders). I spoke at St. Thomas Aquinas (STA) Regional Secondary School in North Vancouver and at Archbishop Carney Regional Secondary School in Port Coquitlam. Teacher Felipe Grossling at STA wrote, "Thanks so much for coming into our school and speaking... many staff members told me they liked it a lot. **One teacher said that you were the best speaker that has come into our school thus far.**"

Students at Archbishop Carney filled out surveys about the presentation. A 15-year-old male moved from 7 to 10 (where 0 means support all abortion and 10 means against all abortion). He described his position before as this:

"For parents, it may be hard to care for a child and so abortion may be an option." But afterwards he said, **"Even though it's hard for parents, they should [place] the child [for] adoption instead of taking a life."**

A 15-year-old female shifted from 9 to 10, writing that before she "was already pretty against abortion but there were some situations that I felt maybe it would be okay." Afterwards she wrote, "you will always be killing a living human so I think that it is not right to be able to abort." **When**

asked if the presentation motivated her to stop abortion she wrote, "Yes. It motivates me to tell anyone who is thinking of abortion to not, and [to] reconsider their decision."



At the beginning of May I spoke to the youth group at Community of Hope Church in Surrey. Youth pastor Ryan Giesbrecht wrote,

"We greatly appreciated your presentation to our youth group! **It was very accessible to all who were there, ranging from grades 7-12, and gave some very helpful principles from which to dive into deeper and/or necessary conversations with their friends who might be facing very serious life choices at this moment!** I am sure that many of the kids learned to see this debate from a new perspective, helping them to gain more confidence in sharing what they learned with their friends at school."

In fact, one attendee told me that as a result of the talk, she was going to do one of her school assignments on abortion—at a public high school!

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Shortly after that talk, I travelled back to my old stomping grounds of CCBR in Calgary and trained their new crop of summer interns in pro-life apologetics. It was a joy to help them and see how their new leadership is doing well in growing the organization!

In late April, I travelled to the US and presented at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. One of the organizers, Erin, helped draw approximately 100 attendees out (that's me with some of the leaders of the sponsoring club). She later wrote, "Stephanie's presentation was very inspirational and moving. **Her knack for tying together current events, sound logic, and strong pro-life arguments gave many in our audience the confidence to go and share what they'd learned with others to great success.** I am confident that the tools she gave our campus community will continue to bear fruit in the weeks, months, and years ahead."



After that presentation, I met an inspiring young student who became unexpectedly pregnant in university and who had recently placed her child for adoption. I was quite moved by her story, and blogged about it here: <http://www.stephaniegray.info/blog/2015/4/24/making-all-things-new-by-stephanie-gray>

Besides speaking to students, I've regularly been speaking to parents in partnership with Signal Hill and the Catholic Independent Schools of the Vancouver Archdiocese (CISVA). They run **a formation program to help parents speak to their children about human growth, development, and sexual morality, and I've been one of the trainers**, giving the keynote to all parent attendees, and then a workshop to grade 6 parents. Michel Gloanec, the Religious Education Consultant with CISVA wrote, "Stephanie brings wisdom, wit, and a commanding presence to the CISVA Parent Support Meetings."

As for what's coming up, I'll be speaking at two events for the Alliance Defending Freedom—one program to train law students and another to train lawyers. I'll also be speaking at pro-life summer camps in Texas!

May you be encouraged by all who are being reached,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Gray". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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P.S., Thank you for supporting my speaking ministry! Please make donations to "Love Unleashes Life" and mail them to the address below, or contribute online by clicking on the "Donate" button on the upper right at www.stephaniegray.info. Thank you!

P.P.S., Wondering about the latest news on my book? My manuscript is currently in the hands of a large publisher, and I'm awaiting word from them about whether they will publish it or not, so please pray they say yes!

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