Will You Join Me as I Step Out to Defend Life?



A JFA UPDATE FROM ANDREA THENHAUS

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Dear Friend,

My passion for defending the vulnerable and sharing truth is turning into an incredible next step for my life. It's a passion given by God and encouraged through my interaction with my dear sister Melody. Let me explain.

God has worked through my younger sister Melody, who was born with Trisomy 18 when I was ten years old, to heighten my awareness about babies with genetic conditions. Tragically, the vast majority of babies in the womb who have a positive screening test for Trisomy 18 have their lives cut short through abortion.

Melody (age eight) is little in stature, vulnerable, and dependent on us for all her needs. God has worked through her life to give me a deep love and compassion for all children in the womb who, like Melody, are little, vulnerable, and dependent. When I see Melody's sweet smile, it breaks my heart to think of the violence that is done to these little ones in the womb (with or without Trisomy 18) through



the process of abortion. I think about how some of the smallest people on earth will never have the opportunity to smile. In fact, they will never be cuddled, comforted, kissed, or treasured.

While I have been motivated primarily through Melody's story, there is a wider urgency in the culture as well. As my co-worker Jon Wagner stated, "Millions of babies are dying from abortion. Millions of people think this 'choice' is fair. Millions of 'pro-lifers' are not equipped to defend life." Over 860,000 children are killed through

abortion every year in America – more than 2,300 a day. That's overwhelming.



I have been given an opportunity to be a part of the solution to this injustice. For the past four months, I have worked with Justice For All (JFA) as an intern. <u>In November, I was invited to continue my work with JFA!</u> I am writing to ask you to consider partnering with me.

JFA trains advocates to engage in respectful dialogue to change hearts and minds about abortion. Through interactive role-play in a workshop environment, JFA prepares individuals to be gracious and persuasive ambassadors for Christ as they advocate for unborn children. Participants are equipped to have conversations marked by listening to understand, asking questions with an open heart, and finding common ground when possible.

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Participants then have the opportunity to engage students and faculty during college campus outreach events conducted by JFA. Each year JFA aims to train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time.

At the age of sixteen, I attended a seminar with JFA. God increased my understanding of the heartbreaking issue of abortion and the importance to speak up for the unborn. I was impressed by the skills taught during JFA's seminar, and I thought I could possibly see myself working for JFA in the future. Three years later, I sensed the Lord leading me to intern with JFA.

Over the last year, the Lord has given me a deep desire to share the hope of the gospel with others. Many times the conversations I have with students about abortion lead naturally to deeper conversations about morality, sin, the existence of God, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thus I have had wonderful opportunities to share Christ with these students. I feel this is such a unique mission field to be able to defend the innocent babies in the womb while at the same time imparting the love of Christ.

Over the past four months, I have had countless conversations about abortion on

multiple college campuses and presented portions of JFA's training at seminars in several states. I have been amazed at how effective JFA's training is and how much I have seen the Lord at work.

I am looking for people who will come alongside me by investing in my work as a part-time Dialogue Specialist and Community Engagement Assistant with Justice For All. I will be working about 20 hours per week, and I am responsible to raise the funds for my position. My fundraising goal is \$2,000 per month.

Here's how you can partner with me:

- Come alongside me in prayer.
- Send a monthly gift to JFA designated for my work.
- Send a special gift to JFA designated for my work.

I have enclosed a pledge form that gives you the options for supporting my work with JFA, and you can also donate online at www.jfaweb.org/donate (select "Andrea Thenhaus" for the designation). I plan to contact you in the coming weeks to see if you are interested in supporting my work and to answer any questions you have. I appreciate your consideration and value your continued prayers.

In Christ,

Andrea Thenhaus













Yes, I'll help JFA train <u>thousands</u> to make abortion unthinkable for <u>millions</u>, <u>one</u> person at a time.



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