Campus Report
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WE BUILT IT!

AND THEY CAME!

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TO THE TRENCHES

Focus students engaged CSU students in conversation both in small groups (right) as well as in larger groups (below).

FROM TRAINING...

The Justice For All Exhibit provides a framework for taking trained Christians into the harvest field. (1 Peter 3.15). Our Executive director, David Lee, is privileged to be a guest instructor, along with Scott Klusendorf of Stand To Reason (www.str.org), at Focus on the Family’s Institute for university students, held on the Focus campus in Colorado Springs.

Each semester about 90 students at Focus receive premier instruction in Christian worldview thinking, led by a faculty to envy. This past February, David invited the entire Focus student body and faculty to join the Justice For All Exhibit for a day on the campus of Colorado State University (CSU).

Dr. Larry Burtoft, one of the Institute faculty, agreed that participating in a campus Exhibit would be a superb opportunity for the students to engage their own culture in what they were learning, not only about the bio-ethics of abortion, but also their wider examination of a post-modern world. Dr. Burtoft and the Institute went the extra mile to make the field trip to CSU possible.

The results speak for themselves. Focus asked the students how they would rate the Exhibit as an evangelistic tool. Most said “Excellent.” Only one student rated it “neutral” in value. Two out of 3 students said they were able to verbally share their faith in Christ as a result of the conversations spawned by the Exhibit.

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 Asked if they would do it again, all of the students emphatically said “Yes!” In fact, they urged the Institute faculty to make going to a campus with Justice For All (JFA) a regular outreach of the Institute, not just for one day, but for two days!

Plans are underway to bring Focus students to a Colorado university campus for both fall 2002 and spring 2003 semesters. This will require adjustment in JFA staffing assignments and create additional funding needs, which we believe God will supply!

There’s no better time than now to partner with us through your prayers and financial gifts. For less than the cost of sending a first-class mailing to each student on a campus, the Justice For All Exhibit makes both the unborn baby and abortion undeniably real. One female CSU student admitted, “I’m pro-choice, but that’s hard to say looking at these pictures.”
Training students
to create the debate is our best strategy for changing hearts and public policy. Two Denver area Christian high schools combined to bring 54 seniors on Thursday. Like the Focus students, all had been trained earlier by David and Scott, and by Dana Jensen, a Denver businessman who trains high school students. Ten of the 54 seniors indicated they would attend CSU in the fall and were interested in joining the Justice For All CSU club. Talk about a feeder program!

Even before the first day at CSU, the Exhibit brochure was doing advance work within hearts. Cory McCormick, a CSU philosophy graduate student and founding officer of the CSU Justice For All club, was admittedly nervous about bringing such a graphic display to his campus.

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Cory’s wife Sarah, has worked at Alpha Center for Women, a Fort Collins crisis pregnancy outreach, for seven years. She helped the Alpha Center director bring the crisis pregnancy center to CSU. Alpha Center is the only staffed crisis pregnancy center located on the campus that we have found in over 30 major U.S. schools! (We are so impressed with this need that JFA is now committed to helping establish student organizations on campus that offer crisis pregnancy services.)

Four years ago Sarah was unable to deter a student intent on having an abortion. Sarah continued to reach out to the girl. Eventually they became friends, and spend time together to this day. Yet her friend has remained firmly pro-choice since her abortion.

She accompanied Sarah to church on the Sunday before the Exhibit at CSU. Cory had a table set up in the church foyer to promote the event. Sarah’s friend approached and asked if she could look at one of the Exhibit brochures. The brochure is the Exhibit in miniature form. Cory could tell reading it had an impact on her. Later that evening, she told Sarah, “That brochure did in 5 minutes what you haven’t been able to do in 4 years.”

The CSU exhibit was, through the help of many generous people, a tremendous success on which we hope to build many more life-changing relationships. We pray that you will join hands with us along the way, whether in prayer or in person, to reach out to the future leadership of America.

Our need for additional office staff in Wichita has been answered at least for the summer in the person of Reesa Unruh, a senior at Kansas State University (KSU). Reesa founded a chapter of Justice For All at KSU just this past spring, and joined us at CSU as a volunteer. However, we’re still looking for full-time office staff. We also need a full-time business manager to work in the Wichita office.
First amendment, civil discourse
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Hooray for the First Amendment.
You may or may not agree with the pro-life stance taken by the large display on the Lory Student Center Plaza Monday, but chances are if you saw the display you probably thought about where you stand on the issue.

Yes, some people may have found the "Justice For All" exhibit offensive or gruesome. Yes, some people may have found it a good use of space. Whether you like the display or not, it is the group's First Amendment right to be in the plaza and voice its opinion...

The people with the display conducted themselves in a professional manner; so did the people holding the sign near the display in opposition of it.

It was nice to see students conducting themselves in a respectful manner and engaging in a debate with one another. The display opened the channels of discussion, or at the very least, made you think about where you stand on the issue...