Dear Family and Friends,

Justice For All started the fall semester by holding three Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue seminars in Oklahoma followed by three days of outreach at Oklahoma State University (OSU). I was privileged to teach sections at our seminars and mentor participants both in the seminars and at outreach. My absolute favorite part of the trip, however, was talking to pro-choice people at OSU. I may have gotten the worst sunburn of my life being outside for hours in the scorching heat, but it was worth it. Here’s a glimpse into one conversation from each day:

Day 1: I was blessed to be Kinsey’s (wearing white) mentor, and then additionally blessed to have this awesome conversation with Lynsey and Matt. Lynsey and Matt believed much differently than us, but we had a great time discussing ideas. Actually, we had 5 conversations because Lynsey and Matt kept coming back to talk to us. Matt thanked us by saying, “I have thoroughly enjoyed this conversation, and your willingness to listen and not just force your views on us.” Matt later told me, “You definitely influenced my thinking ...which I think was your point.”

Day 2: Ahmed had a complex set of views about when abortion was acceptable, based partly on personal convictions and partly on his trust in the Koran. I learned about Islam while I was at Summit Ministries. We were taught that you can ask any Muslim what he thinks about Jesus, so I did. I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with Ahmed and I hope to continue the conversation through e-mail. Another neat thing about it was that Afrika, a JFA volunteer pictured on the right, was also a fellow classmate at Summit Ministries, and she was able to join me for this conversation!

Day 3: My conversation with Kyle was the one that impacted me the most. Even though he initially came across as not having an opinion, Kyle and I talked through abortion, birth control, same-sex marriage, socialism, and the death penalty, among other things. Through a unique series of events, I had the opportunity to encourage Kyle to believe that God exists. He had seen a lot of tough things in his life, and though he grew up a Christian, he had turned away from his faith. He allowed me to pray for him and this brought tears to his eyes. We ended the conversation by hugging as friends.

Please join me in praying for Lynsey, Matt, Ahmed, and Kyle. God orchestrated each one of our conversations, and my prayer is that they would begin to see that He is orchestrating their lives. 

Blessings,

Cheryl Kaye