

What Will I Be Up to in the Spring of 2014?

As 2013 comes to a close, I want to share with you an idea of what I'll be doing with Justice For All this coming semester:



~Travelling to Arizona, Georgia, Texas, and Colorado for large campus outreach events

~Working on the Wichita Regional Team to increase and deepen our impact at local churches, high schools, homeschool groups, and colleges

~Developing my skills as a speaker and mentor so that I can better inspire and help others to graciously dialogue on abortion

~Growing in my knowledge of the issues surrounding abortion so that I can be increasingly well-equipped to defend the unborn



In order for me to do this work in the coming months, I need to raise

\$6,455

worth of support. Please consider making an end-of-year gift toward my work. You can help me and Justice For All to continue making abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time!

- Holly Meath



From “On the Fence” to “On the Front Lines”

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Dear Friends,

I remember thinking, “He doesn’t seem very interested in this, but since he’s now identifying as largely pro-life, I should probably invite him to our seminar next week.”

Austin, a shy but friendly student at Wichita State University (WSU), had stopped by our exhibit to talk to us in the past. He even knew one of our staff members from a social setting and was aware of her involvement in pro-life ministry. When I got to speak with him on an unseasonably warm day in early October, he was in a position where he thought abortion was generally wrong, but he maintained some reservations for the most difficult cases, saying that rape victims and women in abusive relationships may need to have the option to abort.

What if I had been too self-conscious to take the risk of sharing with someone who I wasn’t sure was interested?

I explored with him why he thought abortions in other situations were wrong, and he agreed that those abortions were wrong because the unborn are human beings. I then attempted to graciously show him that since even abusive relationships didn’t justify killing human beings outside the womb, then abortion would be wrong even in those difficult and pitiable circumstances.



Students conversing at an interactive exhibit similar to the one where I met Austin and where he later met Jared

He thought about this and conceded that I was making a good case. That’s when I decided to invite him to our upcoming training seminar. Doing so felt a little strange because I recognized that he was still somewhat on the fence. But he was truly processing things and had even thought about attending our seminars before, so he appreciated the invitation. He even came back later that day to talk with other JFA staff members.

Even so, I was a little surprised the next week when Austin not only showed up at the seminar, but also stayed and worked persistently through all six hours of material. I got to mentor him and listen to his concerns about not being enough of a “people person” to start

conversations. I could identify with that struggle and was able to give some specific pointers about what helps me get up the nerve to talk to strangers about such a contentious issue as abortion.

When he arrived at the outreach a few days later, I wasn't free at first to welcome him and help him get started. I thought he'd probably need some encouragement and pointers, but before we could get to that, one of Austin's classmates, Jared, happened to pass by. Recognizing Austin, Jared started to ask him questions about our exhibit. I got to listen to some of this conversation and stepped in to suggest a few points myself, but generally, Austin carried the conversation in a clear, kind manner.

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unthinkable for **HOLLY** made
abortion unthinkable for
AUSTIN made abortion
unthinkable for **JARED** made
abortion unthinkable for **???**...

*Who made abortion unthinkable for you?
For whom can you make it unthinkable?*

Jared thought that the unborn could not be persons because he had a hard time empathizing with them due to the fact that early on it appears that the unborn don't have emotions. Austin and I explained that biologically, the unborn is fully a member of the human species, and that the amount to which we are able to empathize with a being should not change its objective value. Jared actually became excited about this discovery that the emotional status of the unborn is not relevant to whether the unborn is human. He even said that he wanted other people to hear that point, so he wrote down his adjusted opinion on the interactive portion of the exhibit for other people to see.

How exciting to see this chain reaction that within a few days went from me inviting Austin to the seminar, to him helping change Jared's mind, all the way to Jared wanting to do the same for others!

Looking back, it's also surprising to realize that this chain reaction would not have happened if I had given in to my faulty assumption that Austin hadn't been very interested in learning to defend the unborn. In fact, all it took was a conversation and an invitation to get him on the front lines of defending the unborn to his peers.

This experience taught me to be mindful of situations where I think someone doesn't need to hear this message. I want to be eager to help anyone understand the rights of the unborn, and I want to be eager to prepare anyone to pass that understanding on to others.

Blessings,

Holly Meath



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