



Divine Appointment

Update from Jacob Burow - January 2012



Greetings in the name of Christ!

The night before “Jane” saw us on campus, she was praying, **“God, please make the pain stop.”** Little did she know that for most of her life, God had been preparing Lori to help guide her to healing the very next day.

While I was busy talking with people at the University of North Texas (UNT) in the fall, a team of our trained volunteers were busy talking with hundreds of others. One of those volunteers was Stuart Boyes from Oklahoma City, who brought his wife and three of his children to our pro-life camp in north Texas for training. During the outreach at UNT, he saw a young woman looking at the Exhibit, so he approached her to ask what she thought about it.

Jane began to describe how upsetting it was to her, saying that she had had an abortion earlier that year. As Stuart talked to Jane, she began to cry, and he sensed that she needed comfort from someone who had experienced abortion. With the help of another volunteer, Stuart connected Jane with Lori Navrodtzke.

Lori shared that she had also had an abortion years before. Jane continued to cry but seemed open to Lori, so Lori invited Jane to sit with her near the Exhibit, and they visited for two hours.

When Jane found she was pregnant early in 2011, she decided not to tell her parents. Although Jane thought abortion was wrong, her boyfriend pressured her. In their discussions about whether or not to get an abortion, he brought up the fact that without her parents’ knowledge, when she was sixteen, she had gone to a party where she was raped by six men. Her boyfriend concluded

from this that she would not be a good mother now. She relented and went in for the abortion. Jane has since been severely depressed, even to the point that she called the suicide hotline twice.

Lori understood what Jane was feeling. Lori herself had been taken advantage of at age 16, and she was coerced into having an abortion. Years of depression and alcoholism followed. Eventually, Lori found the road to recovery and healing. Her own story is miraculous, and I know that her being there to help Jane was a divine appointment.

Lori introduced Jane to Angela, another JFA volunteer who is post-abortive, and Angela continues to connect with Jane regularly. Jane now has access to local counseling to help her heal. She has also committed to attend a bible study for women who are post-abortive.

Seeing these kinds of stories unfold is what I enjoy the most about JFA. Our training enables others to be good ambassadors and good ministers.

Because I haven’t had a personal experience with abortion, I don’t have the same ability to do what Lori did. It is a heavy cross she bears. How amazing that despite Satan’s plans to tear people down, God has mysterious ways of turning those plans into His own plans for good. Praise God!

If you want to read Lori’s story in her own words, I posted her reflection from last spring on my blog on February 16, 2011.

Thanks for all of your support!

Blessings in Christ,



Lori Navrodtzke on campus