

THEY HAD MY WIFE SURROUNDED

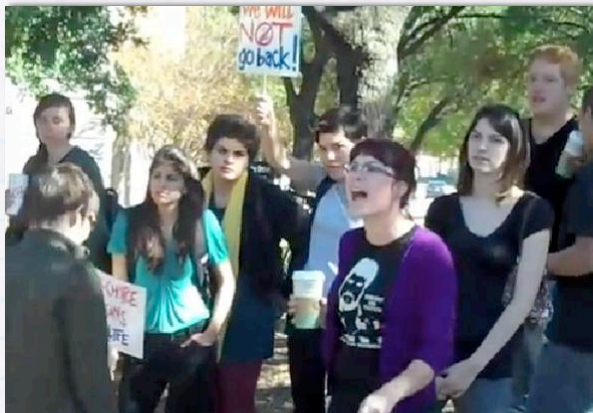
Greetings!

In the month of July, eight families joined my financial support team, and many more are prayerfully considering joining, as well.

Area churches have been showing interest in our mission. I have met with leaders from two churches who have expressed interest in the Justice For All mission and are looking for ways to involve their congregations in making abortion unthinkable. One of these churches gave me the opportunity to speak for an hour to an adult Sunday school class with very positive response. I am looking forward to cultivating these new relationships further to serve the community on the abortion issue.

We have also been actively working to involve Georgia schools. I met with a leader from a local Christian high school who wants to implement the JFA training program at his school this year.

This has been a blessed month of sharing the Justice For All mission. I look forward to sharing the fruitful results with you soon.



The recent crowd Brit engaged at GSU reminded me of this experience she had with angry protesters at UNT. I'm proud of how Brit handles these intense situations, but I'd prefer she didn't have to.

While on the campus of Georgia State University (GSU), my wife Brit started a conversation with two female students observing the Justice For All Exhibit.

One of the young women Brit was trying to talk to was so loud that their conversation quickly drew a crowd of 15-20 other students. These students were not looking for a civil dialogue. They were feeding off the angry emotions of the one young woman, and pretty quickly my wife found herself encircled by multiple people shouting her down.

Brit handled the crowd with grace, but to relieve her situation and create productive dialogue, I approached two women who were loudly shouting, "What about women who are too poor to have children?"

I used this as my opportunity to engage them and found common ground with them by saying, "I agree with you. Some women are too poor to have children. Are you in favor of abortion for reasons of poverty?"



Our Israel turned four this month! We had a great time celebrating this awesome girl with close friends. We set up a water slide for the party. The kids almost killed each other, but they had fun!



There is a reason we call Helen Marie "Sunshine!" She is so full of life and warmth; she radiates like the sun. Helen is her older sister's shadow and growing faster than I care to admit.



Zarah is growing by leaps and bounds! She is 15 months old but carrying on full conversations with imaginary people on her toy phone. She brings much joy to life.

One of them responded, "Yes. Before my mother was pregnant with me, she was in a bad situation of poverty and abuse with my father. She got pregnant and made the correct choice to have an abortion because of her situation. That's the choice I would have made and would support any of my friends in making. In fact, I would drive them to the abortion clinic myself."

"Got it. I'm Jacob, by the way." She introduced herself, but I will call her "Christine" for her privacy. Her friend stayed quiet, but polite.

I asked, "Christine, how's your mom doing now? Was she able to get out of the poverty and abusive situation?"

She replied, "Yeah, things have really turned around for her in the past few years. She's got a steady source of income, and my dad has straightened out."

"That's great. How much older would your sibling be if your mother had not gotten an abortion?"

"A year, maybe." Then, pointing at the exhibit, Christine asked, "Who pays for this?"

"This is an organization called Justice For All, and while I am a paid staff member, most of the people you see out here with us are volunteers. I am supported by a network of over 50 private donors who pay me to be here and talk to individuals like you. They all believe that opinions and ideas have consequences, and therefore, they matter. More importantly, my supporters believe that people matter, so that means your opinions, your ideas, and **you** matter to them."

A look of confusion came across her face. I had the feeling that this was not

where she expected our conversation to go. Looking at the ground, Christine mumbled barely loud enough for me to hear, "I don't think I really matter."

"You're wrong, and I know over 50 people putting their money where their mouths are who would disagree with you, as well. How a life begins doesn't determine how it will turn out. You have turned out to be an articulate, smart young woman. You're here at GSU seeking to educate yourself and make something of yourself. But according to some of the standards you have shared with me, shouldn't you have been aborted? Help me understand when you believe human life has value."

This led into a longer discussion about the biology of when we become human and then when human life has value. At the end I asked, "Christine, instead of driving a friend to an abortion clinic, would you be willing to drive her instead to a Crisis Pregnancy Center, where they will try to care for both mother and child?"

"I really think that is what we should be doing, and I will take my friends there, instead." But before departing for class Christine insisted, "I'm still pro-choice!"

I gave her a little smile and said, "Ok."

So why did Christine remain pro-choice by declaration, even though she seemed to have become unwilling to participate in the process of abortion?

Please contact me to share your thoughts about Christine and others like her who are wounded by abortion, yet unwilling to admit it.

Praise:

1. Eight new families have joined my financial support team.

2. My oldest daughter Israel turned four this month!

3. Brit and Baby Nels are healthy.

Prayer Request:

1. Pray for Brit's safe delivery of Baby Nels in early September.

2. Pray for the people I present the JFA mission to. Ask God to give them soft hearts for the unborn, so that they will join us in making abortion unthinkable.

DEAR DONORS,

Thank you for your support in making abortion unthinkable. As you can see from Christine's story, your partnership is vital in sharing the dignity and value of human life with a very lost world. Your continued support makes it possible for me to train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time.

Blessings,

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"Knowledge without grace produces victories with no converts."

- Phillip Joseph