

# JUSTICE FOR ALL

## One of the Best Investments I've Ever Made

Since I came to this work from the business world, I have always considered my ministry work as being an investment. I have invested a lot into my work at Justice For All. As with any investment, it is important to see results that far outweigh the costs. Thankfully, my experiences over the last year have convinced me that joining Justice For All is one of the best investments I've made in my life.

### The Rewards of Seat Work

The value of this work starts with the Seat Work, the mentor-led interactive seminars where we train people to have productive conversations about abortion. In just the last year, I have seen hundreds of people transformed by Seat Work alone. Many come into the seminar not knowing how to even begin talking about abortion, but after the seminar they leave with tools to help them be powerful advocates for the unborn. Many leave the seminar with comments like the one given by Audrey: **"I recognized more clearly that I need to be more courageous in starting conversations about abortion and approaching the other person with a heart of genuine love and care, instead of merely an agenda."**

### The Rewards of Feet Work

The value of this work continues with the Feet Work, our outreach events in which seminar attendees practice their dialogue skills. Only through using what they've learned do they become confident in initiating conversations. Many participants plan to spend the whole day just listening to others talk, but then find the courage to try it on their own.



I led this mentor group along with JFA trainer Rebecca Haschke during a Seat Work event in Kansas last April.

And not only is there value to those who are trained, but there is value to the thousands of students on campus that are reached. They may be reached by a conversation with a trained volunteer. Or, they may be reached just by reading an interesting panel on the exhibit. They may even be reached by a fellow student who sees the exhibit and wants to share what she learned back in the dorm.

Sometimes we don't get to see the impact on those thousands, but the profound impact we have seen on some lives gives us a window into the work God is doing. For instance, Gloria was 8 weeks pregnant. We met her at an outreach event in Colorado. She later told us, **"You and your team made a huge contribution to the quality of my life: you indirectly helped me birth my son, and . . . this one life you did touch is breathing today because of the selflessness,**



I participated in this Feet Work event at UCLA last June.

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**— GLORIA, WHO DECIDED AGAINST ABORTION FOR HER SON WILLIAM AFTER ENCOUNTERING A JFA OUTREACH IN COLORADO**

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Gloria and her son are just one example of the value that is multiplied by every outreach event we have and every campus we visit every year. Talk about a great investment return!

### **The Rewards of Repeat Work**

But even with all those rewards from Seat Work and Feet Work, I see the greatest value coming from the Repeat Work (conversations in everyday life) done by those we’ve trained.

Each person we train has years, and probably decades, of conversations ahead of them with friends, peers, and relatives. That’s why this work is so powerful: even a single person can have an impact on dozens of people (or more). And that impact is multiplied by every person that has attended our training seminars and outreach events in the past, or will in the future. That’s a lot of people!

There is no telling what an impact even a short conversation about abortion will have. This spring, after witnessing a 10-minute presentation from JFA about abortion at her high school youth group, a student named Sofia, sitting at the table where I was facilitating discussion, wrote this response: **“Social media constantly changes my beliefs on what is right and wrong and you have helped me decide abortion is definitely wrong.”** Those 10 minutes could very well save the life of one of Sofia’s future children!

I truly thank those of you who have invested right along side me. Every day I see the tremendous impact your investment has in the lives we touch on each JFA trip. Think of the names and faces of the children we don’t get to meet! We can have joy in the assurance that they are out there, living lives that would have never been possible without their parents’ change of heart and mind on abortion.

— Jeremy

1. You can read more of Gloria’s story at [www.ifaweb.org/Impact/Mum](http://www.ifaweb.org/Impact/Mum)