

A Look Back at 2013... and Forward to 2014

JOANNA WAGNER'S MONTHLY UPDATE



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"Perhaps the best conversationalist in the world is the man who helps others to talk,"
~ John Steinbeck

This quote is taken from *East of Eden*, one of the most memorable books I read this year. When I train students, like those in the picture on the right, I am not only focused on helping them think and communicate clearly. I also want to help them become people that "help others to talk." In other words, I want them to ask the kinds of questions that encourage those who are apathetic to take abortion seriously. I want them to listen genuinely, and in doing so, give others a space to think critically. Asking questions and listening in this way, as well as finding common ground whenever possible, make up what the Justice For All community believes to be the Three Essential Skills for creating good conversations.



This Year at a Glance

One of my office tasks is to record and report JFA's yearly numbers. Here is a snapshot of 2013.

563 volunteers were trained (by taking part in both Seat Work and Feet Work portions of our program).

515 additional people took part only in Seat Work.

There were **43** *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminars and **42** dialogue outreach events.

Additionally, our staff gave **47** presentations with a total of **1,964** attendees.



This year, our training department has been working to perfect new training material on the basic rights and value that the unborn share with all other human beings. I have learned to teach this material, and I am excited to share more about it in an upcoming letter. (The picture to the left was taken during a lighthearted moment at an October outreach event in Oklahoma.)



During JFA's November outreach to Wichita State University (WSU), my supervisor, Paul, talked with a pro-choice student, the president of the College Democrats at WSU. This student invited members of our staff and volunteer team (above) to converse with the whole club at their following weekly meeting!



Prayer Requests

My brother Jon is getting married on January 4th and will be moving to Atlanta to further JFA's mission there. Pray for Jon and his fiancée, Corinn, as they embark on this new adventure!

In the spring, I will be speaking, mentoring, and facilitating at numerous JFA seminars and outreach events. Of course, I will also continue to converse with university students at these outreach events. Pray for endurance in the midst of a busy schedule.

Pray for me as I seek to share the Gospel more clearly at Choices Medical Clinic (see below). Pray also for one patient who recently expressed a desire to begin a new life with Christ!

Since April, I've worked 4 hours per week serving as a peer counselor at Choices Medical Clinic. (I am now trusted to counsel patients on my own.) Choices offers free pregnancy tests and sonograms, and it specializes in perinatal hospice care for unborn children with lethal anomalies. Recently, I've had exciting opportunities to refer people to Choices whom I've met at JFA dialogue outreach events. I've also had many chances to share the Gospel with Choices patients!



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