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JOANNA WAGNER'S MONTHLY UPDATE



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"Carly" (pictured right, between Brenda and me) walked straight up to me at the University of Kansas outreach wanting to know if our conversations ever produce changed hearts. Her best friend had recently gotten an abortion despite Carly's efforts to dissuade her. I identified with her sadness but assured her that she could still make a difference in her friend's life and in the lives of others considering abortion. She had to rush to class but said she wanted to come back to talk.

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Later that afternoon, I saw Carly speaking with Brenda, a JFA staff member who has experienced the grief of both miscarriage and abortion. After I joined them, Carly revealed to both of us that she had been a victim of rape four years ago which caused her to become pregnant. She had desired to keep the child, but she

suffered a miscarriage. Hurt and alone, she had gone to her family for support, but they didn't believe her story.





In addition to experiencing major trauma, Carly was still grieving the loss of her child. It now made sense why her friend's choice to have an abortion was especially painful. After telling her story, Carly gave me a huge hug. I was heartbroken for her and for her friend.

Brenda could identify with many of Carly's feelings. After we directed her to available resources and exchanged contact information, Brenda and I prayed for Carly. Carly and I have since been corresponding about her desire to be trained by JFA and about her many

questions concerning her Christian faith. This week Carly is courageously sharing her story with her writing classmates.

If you have not yet joined my financial support team, please consider supporting my work so that I can continue to have transforming conversations like this one.

Upcoming Events

11/3: Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue Seminar, Denton, TX **11/4**: Seminar for Pro-life Camp at Camp Copass, Denton, TX

11/5 & 11/6: Outreach to University of North Texas, Denton, TX 11/7 & 11/8: JFA Staff Goal-Setting Retreat, Denton, TX

