

One Person at a Time

JOANNA WAGNER'S MONTHLY UPDATE



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Dear Friend,

In moments of reflection on my work, I sometimes become overwhelmed. Caring for women who are being affected by abortion and speaking up for the unborn children whose lives hang in the balance are daunting tasks. In the midst of working to create dialogue, the results of my conversations aren't always immediately apparent. It can be a challenge to press on in the midst of feeling inadequate. It's encouraging in these moments to see some results clearly.

A few weeks ago, when I was feeling particularly overwhelmed, I received this letter from Dannette, a woman from my home church in California:



In Tucson, Arizona I mentored a group of volunteers, preparing them to create dialogue during outreach at the Pima County Fair.

I wanted to share with you how instrumental your March letter was to me ... I stumbled into a conversation about abortion at work the other day and my friend said to me, "So you think it's right for drug moms to have tons of kids that will be neglected and abused!" It had been weeks since I had read your letter so I know the Lord prompted my memory. I went right into agreeing, then shifted as the conversation went on to applying it to a two year old! We finally came to the question of the value of a human life. It really got her thinking and later she said to another staff member, "Now I'm not sure what I think." Thanks for sharing the nitty gritty of what you do. It has even more impact than any of us realize right now.*

Dannette's words encouraged me. Sometimes it feels like there is little I can do to end abortion, but then I remember that it's through thousands of individuals like Dannette having conversations with the people in their spheres of influence that abortion will become unthinkable for Americans. What I can do is help people like her to be prepared and motivated to have those conversations. I'm glad that I have more than a five-minute newsletter to accomplish that task with most of my students!

In a future letter I'll share what I've done this year as a JFA intern to train volunteers one at a time, and explain the exciting next steps I'm taking as I continue here as a staff member.

Peace and joy,

Joanna



This conversation with a pro-choice student took place during a recent JFA outreach at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

* To read my March 2013 newsletter, as well as my other newsletters, log onto: www.jfaweb.org/Joanna_Wagner



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