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Dear Friends,

For some, abortion is a full-time job. Who is working full-time to stop it?

This is the question I pondered after a friend pointed out that thousands of doctors and professionals work fulltime in the abortion industry. I am writing to tell you my response and to ask you to help.

I grew up in a sheltered environment. In fact, to my knowledge I never knew anyone who had had an abortion.



number The of abortions performed in a given year, 1.2 million last year, was just an abstract figure to me. Like a number from the federal budget, it meant nothing-zero emotional impact. Then, January in

2007, things changed. I volunteered for the first time with Justice For All (JFA).

JFA's mission is to **train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time.** Through JFA training, pro-life volunteers become active advocates, turning the abortion debate into a heartchanging dialogue in a spirit of "gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). Those trained volunteers then train others to do the same.

There I was, shortly after sunrise, discussing abortion with students as they passed by. By ten o'clock I could go no further. I broke down under a tree crying and wondering if I would be able to regroup. You see, I had talked with more than a dozen students, and each and every one had had experience with abortion. Personally had one ... have one scheduled ... my friend ... my girlfriend Over and over came the stories and callous, casual references to abortion, sweeping over me like a crushing wave.

For the first time I understood where this genocide was taking place—on college campuses all across the United States. The staggering number was finally real. So that is how it happens over three thousand times per day. Well, I did regroup, and after two full days of intimate conversa-

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tion with one student after another, I was left with another stunning revelation. The students desperately wanted to talk. They wanted someone to hear their thoughts and respond to them, to validate their ideas or challenge them. I was amazed that, incredibly, their minds were still open!

I continued to volunteer with JFA after that initial experience. During that time my relationship with its leaders deepened, and eventually they asked me to serve as their Regional Manager for Oklahoma and North Texas. In other words, I had been asked to answer my own question: "Am I willing to do this full-time?" My answer was YES. I accepted the position and committed myself to at least two years of service. I now work full-time making presentations, coordinating training, and conducting seminars and JFA mission trips across the country.

However, in order to make saving lives my full-time job, I need to raise my own salary. Do you want to do something about abortion but cannot commit yourself to work full-time against it? In the words of



Isaiah the prophet, I say, "Here am I. Send me!" You can make it possible with a generous <u>monthly commitment</u>. Some people also give on a quarterly or annual basis. Every gift is precious.

I look forward to visiting with you and answering your questions. You can reach me at 405-326-1678 or John.Michener@JFAweb.org.

Very truly yours, John Michener

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