

JUSTICE FOR ALL

Training Thousands to Make Abortion Unthinkable for Millions, One Person at a Time

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Dear Friends,

Fundraising

Your family's support of me has meant so much already. As of this letter my need is **17% funded**. Please continue to tell others about my work and send your commitments in to the JFA office if you have not already, so that I can begin working full-time.

News & Notes



Even with limited time, I still made two appearances in February.

Rose Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol

has been a tradition since 1992. Pro-life advocates from around the state flood the halls of the capitol to present their legislators with roses, which symbolize the unborn, and admonish them to remember the rights of the unborn during the new legislative session. This year's program featured Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King Jr. In her speech she likened the efforts of Oklahoma's pro-life advocates to an evolved civil rights movement. At the same time, I spoke to a crowd of sixty just north of the capitol at the weekly meeting of OCPAC, a group dedicated to constitutional government. Several legislators were present including state Senator Randy Brogdon, a pro-life gubernatorial candidate. I presented JFA's methods of equipping and empowering pro-lifers to engage the culture one person at a time. I have already received requests for training and offers of assistance from many. Thank you, all!

Just this week we received an email at the JFA office as follows: "When you were

"those pictures you passed around . . . saved my baby's life."

here at UCO One of the girls (a HS jr) had taken your pamphlet to school and shown it around. Several months later she received a note that said, 'Karen*, you don't know me, but those pictures you passed around at school about abortion saved my baby's life." Praise God! *name changed

I was also able to spread the word about JFA at the <u>Annual Winter Ball</u>, which has raised over \$50,000 for morals-based organizations in Oklahoma such as Birth Choice of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Family Policy Council, and Character First®! The ball founders believe the

family is the foundation of a healthy society; therefore, the entire family, down to the smallest one, is welcome at this event.



Editorial

During Sunday morning service where my family worships, we send the two through five year olds to what we call Wee Worship or Children's Church, but before they leave, the children sit around the dais to hear a two minute lesson from

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Pat, one of our elementary school teachers, before they file out. During each little lesson, Pat asks comprehension questions of the children. For years the answers were always the same: "Jesus!" the children would cry. "The Bible!" they would answer, and they were always right. At that golden moment, when the question hung in the air, but before the children called out the answer, I could look around at 300 adults and see them all mouthing quietly, "Jesus! The Bible!" Then one Sunday morning, Pat started asking different questions: "What do you call it when you disobey God, children?" and "how should you treat others, children?" Guess how they answered the questions. "Jesus! The Bible!" the answers rang out. Week after week Pat tried different stories and different questions, but the answers remained the same. The children had gotten used to certain pat answers always being right and always being enough to satisfy their doting parents.



I think grownups fall into a similar pattern on the tough, adult questions. Why are you pro-life? "Because I'm a Christian" is the answer I often hear, or "because it's wrong to kill." While these an-

swers may be met with smiling nods of agreement from other Christians, do they really reflect a deeper understanding of the issue, or are they just pat answers?

What I like about JFA training is that it teaches Christians to give a real answer. After our training you will "be

ready to give an answer to anyone who asks for the reason for the hope that you have, but do so with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15). You will be able to enter meaningful dialogue and give not a pat answer, but the kind of answer that Pat would have each of our precious children give.

Prayer Needs

Many of our JFA team will be traveling in March as we train hundreds of volunteers in Georgia and Tennessee to



present our Exhibit Outreach to thousands of college students in those states. Pray for their safety and success.

I invite you to share your personal prayer needs with me through my email below. I spend regular time in prayer and would be happy to remember you at those times. As partners with me in this ministry, I hope you will remember my work in your prayers as well.

My involvement is still limited until my support is fully funded, but with your help I can bring our training to your churches and schools this spring.

Very truly yours,

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