

**JUSTICE FOR ALL** 

Training Thousands to Make Abortion Unthinkable for Millions, One Person at a Time John Michener Oklahoma & North Texas

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## Dear Friends,

I am now being supported by thirty-four families (twenty-two monthly) and one church congregation, bringing my funding level to **41%**. I am counting on the monthly commitment of another church or two, along with a few other families from among those who read this newsletter, to complete my funding.

I am hopeful that I will receive another major commitment this week which would allow me to assist the team with training at Focus on the



Family. Read a reference from <u>Focus</u> <u>Leadership Institute</u>.

Please continue to tell others about my work and send your <u>commitments</u> in to the JFA office if you have not already.

## "Blood Money Became Birth Money"

Harry was an engineer for a glass company where Elaine also worked. These young professionals and newly weds loved their work, and they loved each other. Harry was a softy and desperately wanted children, but as the years went by and none came, he and Elaine wondered if children were ever meant to be. In time, their many nieces and nephews became the children they couldn't have.

Then one year when Elaine was in her late thirties she conceived. However, after years of being barren and focused on career, Elaine did not want a child. So she found a doctor, who in a time before *Roe v. Wade*, was willing to perform an abortion. She did not tell Harry.

Maybe Harry would never have known, but because the abortion went horribly wrong, Elaine was traumatized. With his heart still broken by her choice, Harry nursed and nurtured his wife back to health, but another unintended consequence of the botched abortion was that Elaine would never again be able to conceive. Just a few years ago Harry passed away, and more recently his wife Elaine passed. Since they

had no living children, they left their estate to their twelve nieces and nephews.

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As I sat with one of the twelve on his patio looking out over his vineyard, he told me this story. Finally he said, "John, if Aunt Elaine had not chosen to have that abortion, I would not have this inheritance. For that reason I consider it blood money, and I don't want it. I want you to have it as a basis for your pro-life work."

Harry and Elaine's baby did not die for nothing if Harry's gift helps save even one life. The Apostle Paul says "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8). We that love Him will ensure that Harry and Elaine's story works for good.

## News & Notes

I have a few presentations scheduled for later this month: teaching a bible class, presenting to a college class, and teaching a combined class followed by pulpit sermon at a congregation in Texas. Let me know if you think of an opportunity for me to present how Christians can engage their culture.

The JFA team returned safely from Georgia and Tennessee last week where they trained more than two hundred volunteers to engage in one-onone conversations with thousands of students at two public universities there. In April JFA will continue training in both Colorado and California.

God bless you all for your interest in and <u>commitment</u> to my work.

Very truly yours,

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