



JUSTICE FOR ALL

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

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Dear Friends,

Camp Lu-Jo KISMIF (LuJo.org) is a Christian summer camp in the southwest part of Oklahoma. "Lu-Jo" comes from the name Lucille Jones who donated the grounds in 1960, and KISMIF stands for "Keep It Spiritual, Make It Fun."



After fifty years of service, they have not lost their spiritual focus. Camp Director Steve Gregg says, "Topics such as sex, drug use and abuse, bullying, and other issues that our children encounter are discussed during any camp session."

In fact, this year Steve decided to tackle a really big issue: "I was aware of the training that JFA was providing young people on the topic of abortion. I was searching for a manner in which we as well as our campers could be equipped to handle and discuss this moral issue without it deescalating into an argument. I wanted to present the truth in love."

The JFA training team arrived early Thursday morning to talk during the assembly about why this issue is so important for Christians to face. In the afternoon we worked in small groups to answer campers' questions and help them learn to discuss abortion in a thoughtful, loving way.

That evening we dined with our new friends, and we even participated in some of the old camp shenanigans. Faster and faster went our clapping and passing as we played *The Cup*

Game. Then, to our immense delight and his great embarrassment, we caught our Director of Training Stephen Wagner with his elbows on the table. Half the mess hall raised the rafters with a rousing chorus of *Get Your Elbows Off the Table*. Stephen was then forced to lie on his belly, grab his ankles, and pretend he was a beached whale—penance for bad manners. I bet he doesn't put his elbows on the table again for years.

The value of JFA training and interaction with more than one hundred campers will likely be felt for years to come. One camp counselor said that she knew of ten abortions on her college basketball team, but now she feels more equipped to talk about the subject with her teammates. Many volunteer parents and teachers also expressed their thanks for the material we shared and discussions we had throughout the day.



Responses from Campers

"I thought abortion was OK, but it made me think it's completely wrong."

"I learned a lot and feel more confident to have a conversation with someone."

"Your exhibit not only informed me that abortion needs to be an open option for talks, but also made me realize that I need to share this."

And it also made me realize that I need to share God's word."

"It makes me want to go out and tell others."

"This was fantastic! We have abstinence and abortion programs at my school, but it's nothing like what you guys show. Seeing the reality of it and the numbers makes a difference."

"You guys are doing a great thing. Y'all helped me realize that I have the power to share and inform."

"It opened my eyes about abortion and definitely makes me want to spread this."

"This whole program has influenced me to spread this. I really feel like what y'all are doing is great. All of you are in my prayers."

"He kept me interested and answered all my questions straightforward."



"These presentations were very interesting and very revealing. This presentation gave me the will to stop abortion in its tracks . . . and help those that have gotten them."

"It answered all my doubts and questions."

"It changed my views on abortion."

"The first time I heard (saw) the word abortion was on a billboard in Missouri. It said, 'You call it abortion; God calls it murder.' I . . . asked

my mom what abortion was. She said, 'It's when they kill the baby before it's born.' . . . I was about ten years old and was very confused why that would happen. Now I understand."

From a staff member: "The girls really seemed to get a lot out of it and were really

responsive. Even as a part of staff, I thought it was beneficial."

From a camp counselor: "Thank you for coming and being passionate."

From a volunteer grandparent: "Hopefully, [I'll be] able to talk with grandchildren and their friends."

Upcoming Events to Remember in Prayer

- August: Coordinate new training opportunities for schools in Texas
- September: training and outreach at the University of Nebraska and with Focus Leadership Institute
- October: training at schools in Oklahoma

Support Report

I am now being supported monthly by 39 families and two churches of Christ, bringing my funding level to **60%**. Please pray that additional families and churches will join my team.

Will you connect me to another family who will join my team?

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Michener". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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