

JUSTICE FOR ALL

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

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Support Report

It has been several months since I have given an update on my need for financial support. Let me start by saying thank you all so much for making this work possible. I appreciate your financial support, encouragement, and prayers.

Since the beginning of the year, I have gained some new supporters, but others have completed a one-year commitment and cannot renew this year due to financial constraints. As of mid-April, I need just \$164 per month to complete my support for 2011. If you have been considering joining my team or increasing your contribution, this would be a great time.



Campus Comedy

My last couple of newsletters have been pretty heavy. However, my work is not always solemn. Here are some funny stories from the last few trips.

I spoke to Brandi in San Antonio, and she later sent me an email to say thanks for the conversation. This is how she identified herself: "I spoke with you at UTSA on Wednesday. You may remember me as the iron-stomached, pillow-like, pizza-eating, deodorant-wearing student." It was like we had met at a track meet and she said she was the one wearing running shorts and tennis shoes.

In my <u>February newsletter</u> I told the story of Ome who changed her mind about abortion during the two days we were on campus. On the second day, when we were on firmer footing, I asked Ome about her religious heritage. She explained that she had been raised in a "non-discriminational church." Noticing what she had said, I

played along by pointing out that Jesus was also non-discriminational, since he said that *we all* had sinned and fallen short, whether we were Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, or *non-denominational*. Realizing her slip then, she joined me in a hearty laugh over it.

On my way home from a training event a few weeks ago, I met Elton, an older gentleman from Flagstaff, Arizona. He summarized his pro-life stance this way: "If you don't want butter, keep your dasher out of the churn."

Seeds Sown in Spring are Sprouting

Claire Rice, our part-time staff person in Colorado, received a message from her friend Angie who is on staff with Master Plan Ministries (MPM) in Denver. MPM's mission is "preparing others to reach and influence the world for Christ." MPM sponsored a big event on the Auraria campus in Denver just two days after JFA left, and Angie writes:

Wow! [Look at] a response we received...last night: "This show completely sealed the deal about a decision I've wanted to make. Thank you for saving my unborn baby." She also indicated a decision to accept Christ. There is no doubt in my mind [that] God had her specifically in mind with both of our events this week. I hope you and your team will be just as encouraged!

Megan Bray was the student who led her pro-life club at the University of Texas San Antonio to bring JFA to her campus. In a recent conversation with Cathy Nix of San Antonio Coalition for Life, Megan intimated that she was aware of two babies that were saved through JFA's presence on campus in March. Cathy said, "It really lightens my heart to hear this! After all, it was just...a bit of paperwork on our part. Look what God can do when we make this effort!"

Late in the afternoon on the first day of our outreach at Metro State in Denver, I met Victoria. She had just recently learned that she was eight weeks pregnant. She shared that she was trying to decide what to do and felt like God had been sending her signs not to abort. She said that she never walked through the area where the exhibit

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was stationed. Victoria thought our exhibit was definitely the final and biggest sign that God would send her way. She had not yet told her parents and was afraid to do so. My good friend and fellow missionary Bubba put one hand on her shoulder and one hand on mine. In a holy triangle, he prayed one of the most touching prayers I have ever heard, asking for God's grace and courage upon Victoria. The next day Victoria sought me out and introduced her boyfriend Jeff. They had stayed up all night excitedly talking about their future. After encouraging them and exchanging contact information, they left to go visit Alternatives Pregnancy Center to get free help and support.

Christine marched up to me confidently and asked, "What else do you guys do?" I did not know if this was asked out of curiosity, disdain, or something else. Usually when women march up, they are mad at me for invading their campus and trying to "take away their rights." Well, it turns out that Christine was looking for resources to help her talk to other women on campus. Over three years ago she had been in the habit of hanging out with professional



athletes and showing them around town. One night she made some poor choices and ended up pregnant after a one-night-stand with an NFL football player. Christine had no interest in building a relationship with the ball player; he was just an acquaintance and a mistake. The pregnancy was completely unwanted and unplanned. She, however, had the character to understand that she had made the choices, and the consequences of choices cannot be erased by taking another innocent human life. Her character was put to the test, though, when the father offered her \$50,000 to get an abortion. Her response? "Shove it up you're a**." Christine loves her three year old son. I sent her off with a set of JFA curriculum and encouraged her to join us for our next training event in Colorado. She struck me as the type of woman who will save many lives with her passion, courage, and character.

Tracie, another pro-life student at Metro State in Denver, emailed me:

Hey, John...I just wanted to thank you again for coming out to the college and really making a difference! You have helped change a lot of hearts and [are] still



being talked about in the classroom. I hope to come and work with you again! I miss y'all so much!...Dios le bendice, Trace

By the Numbers

Looking back at our work in Colorado, the JFA team

- conducted four seminars (Seat Work),
- trained 137 participants,
- facilitated two outreach days in Denver, and
- saw 87 trainees participate in outreach (Feet Work).

In San Antonio and New Mexico, the JFA team

- conducted three seminars (Seat Work),
- trained 74 participants,
- facilitated two outreach days in San Antonio, and
- saw 29 trainees participate in outreach (Feet Work).

On Tap for the Team

- April 28 May 5: Seat Work & Feet Work training in Fresno, California
- May 19 21: JFA staff training & workshops
- June: family vacation
- June: update and edit training curriculum
- July August: meet with training partners to arrange & improve our fall training events

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