JUSTICE For All

# **News and Notes**

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February was an incredibly busy month. I just returned from several days of training and outreach in Arizona, and I look forward to sharing one particular story with you next month. Here is a reader's digest of recent activity.

#### **PRO-LIFE CAMP**

In the fall of 2011 JFA coordinated a threeday leadership training camp for homeschool families and homeschool co-ops. Campers like <u>Kinsey Smith</u> (reflection enclosed) began their Seat Work training with JFA's standard *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminar. Feet Work followed during a two-day mission trip to the University of North Texas.

The camp gave participants liberal access to JFA mentors over the three-day period, with continual opportunities to debrief and receive advanced training. This format produced a depth of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in the participants not achievable during JFA's typical high school training, which in-

cludes just four hours on campus to accommodate school schedules.

We will offer the same leadership training camp again this year at <u>Camp Copass</u> in Denton, Texas. Dates are Sunday, November 4 through Tuesday, November 6. Contact me with questions or to register. For full details, visit <u>www.jfaweb.org/camp</u>.

#### **FORGIVEN & SET FREE**

Women who have experienced abortion approach our team on

campus expressing hurt, anger, sadness, or denial. Chances are you know people hurting from abortion. They are all around us. What should we do?

The apostle Paul said our comfort should overflow to others because of the comfort we ourselves have received from God (II Cor. 1:4). We often feel inadequate to help when we meet someone who has suffered or sinned in a way that we have not personally experienced. Still, we must be ready to connect every precious soul to the ultimate source of healing and forgiveness.

I recently attended a training seminar for the *Forgiven and Set Free* Bible study. I mention it here because I am convinced that it is effective at helping post-abortive women and men heal and find the grace of God. Most pregnancy resource centers offer this Bible study multiple times each year. I encourage you to meet your local facilitator and look for opportunities to connect hurting friends and associates to this healing program. Although



Kinsey role-playing at JFA's three-day leadership camp

my training does not make me a facilitator, I can be a resource for you, as I hope to be during campus outreach events.



The Boyes family at JFA's pro-life leadership camp

## SUPPORT REPORT

Thank you all for your commitments for 2012. My level of support is at 91%, so I have room to add new partners if you would be kind

enough to refer my ministry to those who may be looking for a way to support pro-life work and evangelism.

## **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

After experiencing the loss of our Saturn Wagon on a trip to Oklahoma State University (OSU) last month, we are back on the road with a ten-yearold Nissan Maxima. Thank you to everyone who sent me leads on cars. They were very helpful in finding something quickly and getting back on the road.

#### **OSU STUDENTS STEPPING UP**

Justice For All was blessed to conduct training and outreach at OSU in Stillwater last fall. Since then, the prolife students on campus have been motivated to continue the dialogue about abortion.

One student in particular, Jenny Ortman, is working to start a pro-life club at OSU called Cowboys For Life. She has a burning desire to speak for those who have no voice (Proverbs 31:8). Since the new semester has begun, she has been leading an ecumenical cadre of fellow pro-life students on campus into meaningful, life-changing activism. They have already conducted three days of outreach on campus this year using the techniques they learned from Justice For All.

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### **Recent / Upcoming Seminars**

- March 3: Public training seminar in Lawton, Oklahoma
- March 15-19: Training seminars in Atlanta, Georgia
- March 23-25: Training seminars in Lincoln, Nebraska

## **Outreach Days**

- Cameron University ~ Lawton, Oklahoma March 5-6
- Area Universities ~ Atlanta & Athens, Georgia March 19, 20, 22
- University of Nebraska ~ Lincoln, Nebraska March 26-27

