

The Wee Hours

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Morning Nautical Twilight. There's no pink in the eastern sky yet, but sailors and pilots can see the horizon well enough to start a voyage.

In the twilight we plodded through the icecold dew on the ground as we gathered for prayer before a day of outreach at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in Edmond, Oklahoma. An unexpected face appeared in the circle.

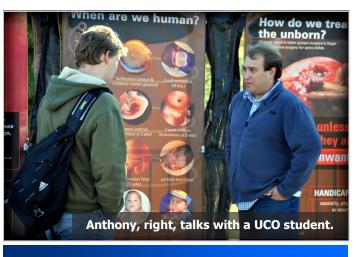
"Anthony! What are you doing here?" I said.

"I didn't want to miss this opportunity."

"But aren't you from Kansas?"

"Well, it's only three and a half hours from home, and I stopped by IHOP on the way."

Anthony is a special guy. It takes a special guy to embark on a journey to a strange place during the wee hours to talk to unknown people about abortion, as well as the implications of God making human beings in his own image.



One of Anthony's friends overheard him talking about abortion at a party last year and afterward said to him, "I finally understood how that [JFA] training can be put into a real conversation and that it really does work."

I hope you enjoy the enclosed story from Anthony (<u>www.jfaweb.org/Impact/Party</u>) which perfectly illustrates how we are accomplishing our mission of training thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time.

Regional Mission Work

UCO, the site of the JFA outreach event where Anthony and our team of volunteers was working, is just up the road from Oklahoma Christian University (OC), my alma mater. Thanks to our strategy of working



In this picture I am wearing a sweatshirt which I purchased in 1993 from Oklahoma Christian University, my alma mater. OC is just down the road from UCO. It's nice to work close to home.

through regional missionary teams, I have been able to work more often in Oklahoma and North Texas. I will be taking the JFA training program to Norman, Oklahoma later this month, and I will also be leading a spring break mission trip to Texas in March.

We already have a thriving regional team in Kansas, and we are further developing our Georgia team by sending our long-time staff member Jon Wagner and his new bride Corinn to the Atlanta area this spring to join another of our missionary families there.

Besides the events I am leading in Oklahoma and Texas, the spring calendar is filling up with events in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, and Kansas. Once the times and places for the public events are confirmed, they will be listed on our registration page: <u>www.jfaweb.org/register</u>.

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