

2010 Prayer Requests and Praise Reports

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Jonathan Wagner - December 10, 2010

I chose to list these prayer requests and items of thanksgiving on a full page because there were simply too many to include as just part of my newsletter update. Please keep each of these in mind throughout 2011 even though I'll still update on specifics each month.

Most of the JFA staff will travel to see family over the Christmas break: God has blessed us with travel safety this whole year and we trust him for security in 2011 as well. Specifically please be praying for all of the JFA staff as they travel to see family at the end of this month and into 2011.

We'll be training several schools in Arizona next month: JFA is excited to return to Tucson and Phoenix next month with our training program. We'll reach students at and around Arizona State and the University of Arizona. Please pray for the many trainings we have scheduled there. Pray that they'll be full of students who want to learn and are willing to implement what we teach throughout their lives.

Darcy, Kelly, and Shannon! These 3 young women all rose up to start a club and invite JFA to their campus and continue to lead the Kennesaw State (GA) pro-life club with excellence that few have before. They have regular meetings and do outreach each month. Pray for perseverance as they continue to train their club, recruit new members, and reach out to their community and beyond.

Pray for all involved in abortion: It is important for us to be in constant prayer for those performing abortions and obtaining abortions. These folks must be hurting to take the lives of other human beings. Let's pray for loving people to intervene in their lives to show them another way to live that respects all human life. For those with unwanted pregnancies, be praying that these women can see the blessing of children and also that loving people around them would help with practical needs.

Voice For Life at Wheaton College: My sister Joanna is doing an amazing job leading the pro-life club at Wheaton College despite her busy school schedule. My brother, Steve, and I just recently had 3 presentations there to help bolster her club. Other committed members of the club that you can be praying for are Esther, Holly, and Megan! Pray that they will put to good use what they recently learned in our presentations and that other students will have the desire to protect the unborn.

Next steps for Christian Heritage Academy: CHA continues to be an amazing partner for JFA in Oklahoma. Pray for their 2011 planning because we could potentially add a training or two to their current schedule if their alums and staff desire to be trained along with the current leadership kids.

Pray for open hearts and minds: I hope we can all pray in advance for the people JFA will meet in 2011. Pray that they will have open hearts to the truth. Pray the pro-choice students will be open to reconsidering their position and that pro-lifers will be open to sharing truth on a more regular basis.

Churches in Oklahoma are stepping up: I recently had 10-20 pastors in Oklahoma tell me of their interest in our training program for their churches! Pray for our ability to schedule these trainings given our current commitments and pray for their church members to follow this excellent leadership.

We need good weather!: For all of our 2011 events we desire prayer for mild weather. The amount of opportunity for outreach and conversation is drastically increased when the weather is favorable.

More trainers coming from Right to Life Central California: God is strengthening our partnership with this pro-life group from California. RTLCC's Director of Education, Josh Brahm, has been assembling a team of trainers that is being strengthened all the time. Pray for that team to grow!

We want to help save more lives in 2011: Although we don't always get to directly experience the saving of lives we influence, we do desire to as often as possible. Pray that we will trust God to change hearts and save lives even if we don't directly see the fruit but please pray for us to be encouraged through many saved lives and changed hearts in our midst in 2011.

Focus Leadership Institute needs prayer as they transition: We've trained on the Focus on the Family campus for many semesters and we plan on continuing. Still, FLI needs our prayers as they continue to transition as a non-profit. This leadership training program has influenced thousands and they are dear friends to us. Please pray for their program and our partnership.

Southwest Covenant's response was a huge answer to prayer: I met the daughter of the headmaster from Southwest Covenant HS in Yukon, OK last year. She connected me with her Dad and after meetings with him we ended up getting an opportunity to have a Chapel presentation and a full training with their school. The experience was amazing. One SW Cov. Teacher said, "We started the (training) day thinking this would be a simple presentation but now I want this to be a long-term partnership"!

Trinity Baptist church leadership: Out of the churches we've met in Oklahoma, Trinity Baptist in Norman has been especially encouraging. They have solid leadership in the church that urges their people to get involved with adoptions and other pro-life work in practical ways. Their leaders have been involved in our trainings, outreaches, and in housing our staff. Please pray for this amazing church.

JFA interns Laura Beeson and Josh Pedrick are now in school: Laura Beeson had an internship with JFA in 2010, grew from the experience, and greatly blessed us. Now she is in nursing school in New Mexico. Pray that she could continue to use her experience with JFA in her current opportunity. Likewise, Josh Pedrick had an amazing stint with us this last spring. He learned most of our training program and still travels to help when he can. He now attends Trinity University in San Antonio, TX and has opportunities to influence his peers and church friends. Pray that he'll continue stepping up!

JFA intern, Claire Rice, is leading the charge in Colorado: Claire Rice, JFA's part-time worker in Colorado, is doing an amazing job forming pro-life clubs in that state and helping JFA connect with church leaders and other pro-lifers. Please pray for her as she balances school, other work, and her part-time job with us. Praise God for her amazing help for our ministry in 2010 as well.

Three JFA staff members are making strides in support raising: Jacob Burow, Jacob Nels, and John Michener are all continuing to raise their support to work for us full time. All three are working hard and balancing work and/or family as they finish their task. Burow has now raised 47% of his pledges, while Nels is at 35% and Michener is at 74%. Praise God for His provision so far.

We had a great start in Nebraska: Our staff member, Rebecca Haschke, did an incredible work of networking us to churches and pro-life support in Nebraska. Our first trip to Nebraska (UNL) in September 2010 was quite successful and we hope to return there in the near future.

Pasadena City College had a great event for the 2nd year!: The pro-life students at Pasadena City College had another awesome event for us earlier in 2010. We trained students for the 2nd year in a row there and connected with much more of that community. Please do pray that we can connect with high schools in that region that are willing to host our training and help us get back to PCC in 2011.

Heritage Christian Academy (HCA) in Fort Collins, CO: As you may have read in last month's letter, one of the overwhelming highlights of 2010 was getting to train at HCA. Several students, including one freshman, came to our outreach and are very excited to work with us in the coming years. Pray for the leadership at HCA to set up their schedule in a way that would include our program each year.