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Claire's April Newsletter

JFA trained over 200 people in Georgia and Tennessee...



I have recently returned from our 13 day trip to Georgia and Tennessee. Thank you so much for all your prayers. We were able to train over 200 people in Georgia and Tennessee in our "Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue" seminar.

tools and modeling pro-choice/pro-life conversations with other staff members.

Here is an excerpt from a reflection written by one of the people who went to our seminar:



Me teaching one of the interaction tools at our seminar.

This seminar is amazing because it gives pro-life people the tools to graciously defend their position. I was able to lead more of the small group interaction parts of the seminar, as well as teaching interaction

“...I was impressed with how thorough the organization [JFA] is in preparing its arguments and tactics and in passing on that knowledge to its workers. It’s clear that a lot of time and effort have gone into designing the overall display experience to reach as many people as possible in as effective a way as possible. I was particularly impressed with the ability of the display workers to defuse potentially tense situations by showing love and understanding to people who are angry or belligerent....But the JFA workers genuinely show concern for where people are in their lives and the problems that led to the decisions they’ve made...” – **Daniel Estabrooks, Biology Grad Student at MTSU**

JFA's training program: "Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue" is coming to UNC-Greeley on April 11th. Check-in starts at 12:45pm and it ends at 4:00 pm. Suggested donation is \$20, \$10 for students. Please send me an email if you would like to receive more info.

Nolan wonders if God will ever forgive him for paying for his friend's abortion....

At MTSU a young man was looking at our exhibit early in the morning on our first day on campus. He looked like he was about to go into shock. I gently asked him how he was doing and what he thought about the pictures. Quickly, a jumbled story poured out of him.

He had paid for one of his friend's abortion. He said they

both wonder every day if God will forgive them. He said "there's no hope". I shared the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ with him and shared a lot of verses from scripture about forgiveness and how God is merciful and forgiving toward us, all we have to do is take it to Him to be cleansed by His blood.

Nolan asked me if I thought we



Me talking with a student about abortion, morality, the existence of God and Christianity.

"Do you think everything happens for a reason?"

were "supposed" to have this conversation, "do you believe everything happens for a reason?" I assured him that I did believe God was orchestrating our conversation and that God was trying to speak to him and show him how much he is loved.

Nolan let me pray with him at the end of our conversation. It was obvious to me that the wounds from the abortion are still deep and bleeding within his heart. Please pray for Nolan to receive God's incredible forgiveness and healing.

Prayer Requests and Praise Reports:

- Praise God for His protection and grace over the team during our last trip.
- Pray for all the seeds that we planted in the hearts of the students we talked to.
- Continue to pray for the pro-life club at the Auraria campus to find all the members they need to start the club, and for my role in the encouragement process.
- Pray for the entire JFA staff when they come to Colorado from April 7-14. We need traveler's mercies, good health, and sunny weather!
- Please also pray for the hearts of the students we will be talking with.

Open thy mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy. Pr. 31:9-10