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Against All Odds In Colorado!

With three strikes against her, Tiffany still chooses to engage in dialogue

Most people would have given up but Tiffany pressed on!

On our last day in Colorado, I saw a man near our free speech area approach Tiffany, a JFA volunteer. For three reasons I thought this conversation would go nowhere. Instead God allowed our volunteer to put on an impromptu clinic by teaching me, our staff, and the other volunteers a lesson in persistence.

Strike 1: The man shouted loudly, "Why are you out here?" (in an extremely angry tone).

Strike 2: Before Tiffany could say even a few words the man blurted out, "I know you are out here to scare people and that's sick". (again, very loudly)

Strike 3: As Tiffany maneuvered to help him understand our true goals of gracious and informative dialogue in light of the truth he cut her off and exclaimed, "I did my undergrad work at Berkeley. If we were there your display would already be burning to the ground by now".

Instead of ditching the opportunity, Tiffany asked, in a loving tone, to walk with this man since he had begun to walk away. She ventured with him for about 100 feet along the sidewalk that paralleled our two exhibits. To my surprise they ended up conversing in a very cordial manner for about 30 minutes. I couldn't believe my eyes and was so thankful for Tiffany's willing attitude!

Stephen Wagner, JFA's Director of training, often emphasizes the need for just starting the conversation or "breaking the ice". Tiffany persevered and it paid huge dividends in the end.

Others would've given up on this opportunity or even worse paid back wrong for wrong. **Instead Tiffany trained onlookers (including me) with her courage, gentle spirit, and informative answers.**

So many connections to be thankful for:

God has blessed JFA this spring with a **wealth of partnerships, some old but many new!** From a new connection with 1st Baptist in Woodstock, GA to several Colorado high schools we've trained countless times, God has allowed us to train hundreds of people this spring. **From new volunteers like Darcy and Daniel (their reflections are included with this newsletter)** to seasoned veterans like Aaron (a friend who helped in Georgia), God has blessed our ministry with loving advocates who are sharing truth and training others to do the same!



Part of our team pictured in Kennesaw, GA

It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves

Another staff member is making progress!

Jacob Burow is another person I am helping to raise support to join our team.

Jacob Burow (middle guy below) has been involved with JFA for much longer than me. Hail-



ing from College Station, TX, Jacob has volunteered at outreaches, driven our equipment truck, and helped with other tasks for almost ten years, off and on. This year he decided to jump in with both feet and become a full-time staff member. I am privileged to mentor him through the support raising process. Jacob plans to move to Wichita late this summer or early this fall. He commented recently in his newsletter, *"As I am continuing to raise support, I am*

also learning better ways to relate to people. Sometimes (in my conversations during campus outreaches) the arguments and responses come so naturally, I find that the real work for me is shutting up. Often I could finish THEIR argument much faster and eloquently than they can. But how is that loving? I've found this is the most difficult task I am learning, the art of listening, and caring, without yielding critical ground on the pro-life issue." Please continue to pray for me as I mentor and challenge Jacob. God has provided many friends and family in Texas and beyond for Jacob and they have thus far been very supportive!

I'll be visiting Los Angeles and the Central Coast (May 30-June 12) directly following our Pasadena trip!!

I am looking forward to seeing my family, attending graduation ceremonies for several students I know, relaxing in my home town of Atascadero, visiting with my supporters, catching up with friends, and reflecting on the great year we've had.

Praises and Prayer Requests for June 2010:

- Pray for Jacob Burow as he continues to have presentations and connect with friends about supporting JFA. Pray that he can stay encouraged no matter the circumstances.
- Pray for Tiffany and the many pro-lifers we worked with at Northern Colorado. They want to keep the pro-life club strong there and continue defending life in a loving way.
- Praise God for the significant progress that John Michener and Laura Beeson have made since I wrote about them a few months back. John is at 60%. Laura moves here in a week!
- Pray for our team as we are in Pasadena this week. We have over twenty volunteers coming from out of town to join the pro-life club at Pasadena City College for a dynamic outreach. We'll also have an advanced training during the week!
- Praise God for the wealth of connections He continues to bless us with. At every turn He has been faithful.

Defending Human Value together,

Jonathan Wagner