

Newsletter from Jonathan Wagner
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## Our Role Increases in Georgia!

We traveled to Georgia in March to train Fellowship Christian (FCS), a school near Atlanta with only a handful of committed students. We returned with a much deeper commitment from their students and school. In 2012 we plan on training twice as many, and they are also pursuing a long-term training and outreach schedule with us.

On the same trip we went to Fayetteville, GA to give a basic pro-life presentation and a mini-seminar to a large pro-life club. We returned with a full commitment to our training program for 2012 from their host school! The club leader, Mark, teaches at the school and is already eager to connect us with other schools in his area.



interacted with many UGA students

These are just two of the many connections that God has blessed us with in Georgia. We also have connections to solid churches and many gracious and proactive volunteers.

**Sarah Faye** Stainback and **Maggie** Jones were in my training group at our Fellowship Christian School (FCS) seminar in Roswell, GA. They both participated with willing hearts during



the seminar and outreach portions of our events. They also asked great questions and inquired about tactics to help our group grow from the training.

We share another passion besides mission work—Soccer! Maggie and Sarah played for the FCS team that at one time this year was ranked 22nd in the country in the girls varsity division. They recently lost a heartbreaker in the state semifinals but I was privileged to see both of them contribute to their teams 10-0 victory in the first round of the state playoffs.

"[Before JFA came] I knew what I believed but I didn't know how to communicate it clearly or how to prove why abortion is wrong. I feel better equipped to talk about these issues in a productive and loving way...I knew how to respond to hard situations because of the training."

— Sarah Faye Stainback, FCS student, JFA participant, and soccer star

"[Through the JFA training] I got much more comfortable with what I believe and how to confidently defend it...and it really got me excited to get into more conversations with people about their beliefs." — Maggie Jones, FCS student, JFA participant, and soccer star

## Peter Ascik and the UGA pro-life club host JFA!

We wouldn't have been able to have a Georgia outreach this year if it wasn't for UGA Gradstudent and pro-life club leader Peter Ascik.

Peter is one of the most gracious and effective pro-life leaders I have ever met!



Last year I approached him about having our event at his school. His club already had several things lined up for the year so they weren't

sure about adding another. We stayed in touch through the winter and discussed the extensive training that we could offer his club and the nearby community.

When I discovered our other outreach venue was unavailable just weeks before our Georgia event, I called on Peter and asked him about

inviting us and he delivered—QUICKLY.

Within a few days he talked with his club, officially invited us to his school, and began to make preparations. He even wrote an article in

the UGA newspaper defending our work and urging people to consider the injustice of abortion. Peter and his club went through our training and participated faithfully in our outreach, alongside many others who were able to participate due to his valiant and timely work.





Holly Meath first experienced JFA by attending a presentation by Stephen Wagner at Wheaton College last fall. She and several other students from the schools Voice For Life club had invited JFA for a few days of presentations and workshops.

She chose to attend our Georgia outreach during her spring break this year and she was an amazing volunteer. One of the days was extremely hot, and

another was very rainy, but she pressed on and graciously discussed abortion, truth, and the existence of God.

Holly reflected on her experience, "This is why I learned to talk and reason. This is why I took logic and debate... Maybe this is even one reason I learned to love people."

Thank you so much for your encouragement and support. Your partnership empowered me to team up with Peter and his club and to prepare Holly to lead students at Wheaton. You also helped me me and JFA equip Sarah, Maggie, and 225 others in Georgia.

Despite rainy weather, Holly talked with students at UGA and inspired our team.

Peter, holding brochure, handled

our tough schedule and pressure

from the University with ease



Defending Human Value together,

´Jonathan Wagner