

I write this newsletter in honor of Rich Fisher and Iris Willis. Rich was one of my high school youth pastors and was a great encouragement since I met him. He taught me deep truths about Christ, missions work, and authentic living. He passed away Tuesday morning (May 4, 2010) but he influenced so many people while he lived. Iris, my great Aunt (in more ways than one!), died in April. God's love was clearly expressed through her. She was an amazing friend who always had wisdom and warm hugs for me and for so many others. Both Rich and Iris lived boldly for Christ so we honor them by serving HIM faithfully!



Newsletter from Jonathan Wagner
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I Got To See Eva Grace!

I will never forget the events of April 17, 2010!

We recently returned from training and outreach events in Greeley, CO and Fresno, CA (events I will describe in more detail during the next few months). While I was in California for the outreach at Fresno State I was able to get over to Atascadero (my home town) for a day with some of my family!

My parents picked me up in Fresno on April 16th and dropped me off just one day later but the short trip was well worth it! While in town I was able to spend significant time with my niece, Eva Grace, who is at Sierra Vista hospital in San Luis Obispo. Ted, my oldest brother and Eva's Dad, went into the hospital with me since one of the parents must go with any visitor. Seeing Ted

comfort Eva was extremely special. I was amazed at her progress since being born weighing 1 lb, 6 oz at 24 weeks old!

You can view updates about Eva at wagnertheblog.blogspot.com.



Ted's hands and Eva Grace (Me and Eva inset)



Sadie and I in San Luis Obispo, CA

I also spent time with Eva's sister, Sadie, who is the most beautiful 3-yr old in the entire world! She, my brother Ben, and I all went to the park while my parents visited with Eva. We played duck-duck-goose and used the cool slides! Sadie is such a loving, smart, and energetic kid. I am so thankful for the amazing job Ted and Brandy have done and I praise God for equipping them for parenting adventures of all kinds!

After having lunch with Ted, Brandy, Sadie, Ben, and my parents, I was back on the way to Fresno to meet up with our team for dinner with our hosts—Right to Life of Central California. My parents were able to join our dinner party and catch up with many of the JFA missions team!

Other highlights from the trip home included seeing my good friend Ryan Smith, his wife Jen, and his son Riley (almost 6 months old) who has grown so much since I last saw him. I also was able to go on a long run that morning which allowed me to pray extensively, work out my legs after a long drive from Colorado, and relax before our Fresno outreach!

It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves

Important Support-Raising Update:

Donations have been pretty consistent month to month but I still need to build up a stronger support base. **Would you consider sending a generous donation to help strengthen my work for this summer and throughout the year?** In May, I need to raise an extra \$2,500 to be more stabilized for the coming months.

For my regular donors: Would you consider introducing me to one person who would be excited about our mission and may have interest in supporting my work and the mission of JFA?

For those of you who haven't donated recently: Would you consider making a generous contribution to help me train others to have a gracious, persuasive, and pro-active response to the injustice of abortion (rather than being silent or unloving!)?

We are coming to Pasadena, CA this month!


**Register ASAP for "Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue" training in Southern California! The JFA team is making our annual trip to SoCal. Many of you have expressed interest in going through our nationally-acclaimed training, and many of you live in SoCal so now's your chance! This year, we're back in Pasadena with a great group of students at Pasadena City College!

Register for JFA's 2-part "Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue" training (Part 1: Interactive Seminar; Sunday afternoon, May 23rd/ Part 2: Exhibit Outreach at PCC; Monday-Thursday May 24-27**). Email Maureen (Maureen@jfaweb.org) and she'll send you more details!

May 2010 prayer requests and praise reports:

- Praise God for our time with Focus Leadership Institute last month. As is usual with FLI, many students were nervous and even negative about our outreach before training. Those same students, including several from my training group, left with a very positive attitude and even sought to challenge peers who remained negative.
- **Praise God for the high schoolers who grew from our outreach in Colorado and challenged many students there. One girl named Kenzie said, "I personally found that as the day went on I became more willing to put myself out there even when I got yelled at. It is better for someone to yell at you and let their emotions out so they can deal with their issues rather than for them to keep silent and never find healing or an educated conclusion on the issue."** Attitudes like Kenzie's encouraged our staff throughout the week!
- Pray for our upcoming training opportunity in Pasadena, CA.
- For John Michener and Laura Beeson (from last month) as they raise funds for JFA work. John is at 55% while Laura is at 70%. Jacob Burow (Texas) and Jacob Nels (Georgia) are also raising funds. I'll fill you in on their progress in the coming months! Pray that they will continue to trust God.

Defending Human Value together,


Jonathan Wagner