

## When Fear Gives Way To Faith

A reflection from our volunteer and comments by Director David Lee

Even though I didn't write the following story (it was a reflection from a Colorado volunteer) I thought it was well worth encouraging you with it in this newsletter. I hope this story motivates you to share the truth with others and to encourage your friends (even the very timid ones) to influence those around them... one conversation at a time. - JW

"[Staring at the JFA Exhibit in front of her] I overheard Emily\* say to her mom [on her cell phone] that she was pro-life but that the pictures were really upsetting her. After she got off the phone I timidly approached and asked if the photos made her mad.

After we exchanged names, I'm not sure why but I completely shared my past with Emily. As I finished, she gave me a hug and said, "Alyssa\*, I took a pregnancy test this morning and scheduled an abortion appointment. But I can't have an abortion after [seeing these pictures and] talking to you."

We both started to cry and just stood there hugging each other; we were complete strangers and at the same time, sisters sharing a common bond of pain.

I asked her if I could pray with her and she said she would love for me to. After we prayed, I gave her my e-mail address so that we could stay in touch.

As she walked away, she shook her head and said with a smile, "Who knew?" I could only laugh and wave, "God knew, Emily".

Initially, many volunteers are nervous.



I now realize that God is bigger than all of my pains and problems in life. He orchestrates divine meetings. The entire event was worth training, setting up for, and being there, [just] for Emily. She will always be a reminder to me of how important one life is to God.

I feel so fortunate and blessed to partner with JFA in helping form the hearts and lives AND the leadership of the next generation! "

\*Names changed for privacy

- Alyssa, JFA volunteer

"What makes Alyssa's experience even more noteworthy is that because Alyssa was so fearful of engaging students, <u>Emily was both the first and last CSU student with whom Alyssa talked during JFA's two-day CSU outreach</u>.

Thanks again for daring to believe in our common mission to train thousands to win millions, one at a time!" - David W. Lee, Director of Justice For All

## Prayer requests and praise reports for November 2008

- We trained over 200 students at Community Christian School and Christian Heritage Academy combined!
- We were able to give our basic presentation to over 700 total at CCS and CHA.
- I had the opportunity to organize the training seminars for the OU outreach.
- Our community training in Norman, OK yielded many gifted volunteers.
- I am traveling to Texas and Georgia before Christmas to plan for the Spring.

I am thrilled to partner with you to reach people like **Janelle** from Fort Collins, CO (see her response below)

"I thought the (introductory JFA) presentation was amazing. Revealing the truth about abortion is something I am truly passionate about. Now I have realistic examples to help me in my opposition of abortion." - Janelle, 12th grade

## Would you prayerfully consider joining my support team for 2009?

- Please see the <u>enclosed letter from David Lee</u> (linked in the email this letter was sent with) about my work with JFA.
- Please see the <u>enclosed coupon</u> (linked in the email this letter was sent with) which includes several options for supporting me in 2009 and beyond.

Defending Human Value together,

Jonathan Wagner