



Training Future Leaders

JFA's Colorado State (CSU) trip for training and outreach plants seeds for 2011 and 2012

While our recent trip to Colorado was a success by itself, I will always remember it as an outreach where many future leaders emerged.

We trained nearly 200 people during our stay this fall! We trained future leaders from **Heritage Christian Academy** in Fort Collins, **Focus Leadership Institute** in Colorado Springs, the **CSU pro-life club** who hosted us, and many folks from the Fort Collins area surrounding communities. We saw young people catch a vision for their churches and their community. **We watched teens behave like mature adults by graciously challenging students much older than them with the truth about abortion.**



Heritage Christian Academy (HCA):

JFA was privileged to present to their 7-12th grades (125) and fully train their high schoolers (90) in October. JFA's Director of Training, Stephen Wagner, left, spoke for the chapel presentation, while the entire JFA staff helped mentor the students



through our "Debate to Dialogue" seminar. Due to the success of the event, we are now planning on visiting this school as often as possible. **A few of the students from HCA have already challenged their youth pastors to invite our training program to their churches!**



Focus Leadership Institute (FLI):

We train every semester at FLI and the overall experience was positive as usual. The 44 students we trained from FLI were willing to take our training to heart and apply it on campus at CSU. As thousands of students witnessed our exhibit, the FLI volunteers actively engaged onlookers in gracious dialogue.



One person from my training group, Katie (right, in pink), said, **"It truly isn't about being right, but about being righteous. I also have more confidence in the Lord and less in me now if that makes any sense. This type of outreach isn't in my comfort zone or even more in my gifting, but I see its extreme value and I'm glad we did it."** Katie has already started thinking of ways to help JFA expand our ministry in her hometown and beyond.

It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves



Future ministry multipliers like Nathan Eagan:

Nathan Eagan went through our training at Heritage Christian Academy. He was motivated to put to practice all he learned so he came to the CSU campus for our outreach. First he observed my conversations (see left) and others from the JFA staff. After that he put all he had learned to good use by seeking to challenge many college students with careful questions and gracious answers.

After the outreach he said, **"I would like to say that my personal faith was strengthened by my day volunteering at the JFA exhibit.** I have done a lot of cold-turkey evangelism before, and I had grown somewhat comfortable with that, though I was terrified

of it at first. However, talking about abortion was an entirely different thing altogether. I was terrified at the beginning, but I stepped out in faith in God and that I was doing his work, and I talked to people. God was faithful, and I was greatly encouraged through it all. **I would be very happy if JFA came to Heritage every year like they did this year."**

Just a few days after the whole experience, Nathan and his friends, Ross and Karris, **personally challenged their youth pastor to consider our program for their peers at church.** We have already started to connect with their leader and our hope is to partner as soon as possible to change hearts and save lives.

Nathan challenges a CSU student himself!



For each one of you who donated to help me disciple Nathan — THANK YOU. Your support will impact our ministry and our influence around the country well beyond 2010. If you haven't given in 2010 or before please consider making a generous end-of-the-year gift (tax-deductible) or a monthly pledge for 2011 to help me continue my work with JFA.

Praises and Prayer Requests for November 2010:

- Praise God for Focus Leadership Institute. This semester program has blessed so many students and their partnership with JFA has been fantastic.
- Praise God for Nathan Eagan and his friends from HCA. I am so thankful for their willingness to take this step of faith and to challenge their church leadership and peers to step up as well.
- **I'm going to Chicago! My sister Joanna has provided a way for my brother Stephen and I to equip several of her peers from Wheaton College and the surrounding area.**
- Praise God for the CSU pro-life club hosting us on campus. Many of the students from the club are extremely dedicated, went through our training, and are preparing for future opportunities.

Check out the enclosed reflection from CSU student and JFA volunteer Megan Baatz. Although this outreach was mainly a learning experience for Megan, she is committed to helping us reach out to her friends, her churches, and her community as soon as possible.

Defending Human Value together,

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