

Fall is Full of Promise

A few weeks ago, I was sorting through files and pictures at home, typing up a ministry story, and looking over my contact list. As I did this, I recalled with joy how many friends and family members love me, support me and have greatly influence me. Thank you. Below I describe some of my thoughts and prayers for this fall's ministry activities.

This is the start of my 7th school year of training ambassadors for Christ to serve through JFA. I am hopeful, tired, thankful, excited, and worried all wrapped into one. I need your prayers, encouragement, and support more now than ever.



Erin and I talked last week about abortion, human value, compassion, and truth claims.

One recent answered prayer was the addition of staff member, CK Wisner, a young woman who has served us greatly in the area of data entry. Earlier this year I sent out a prayer request for data entry workers and then a subsequent request to local pro-lifers for help. CK responded within a few hours and the partnership has been outstanding. With her help, we are much more able to follow up with schools, potential donors, churches, and volunteers. Last week CK came on her first JFA outreach. We loved having her and she says her life changed as well. Please take some time to read her enclosed reflection!

Due to your prayers and support over the years and ultimately by God's sovereign grace, I've helped JFA impact thousands of people. Most recently I mentored Hannah, and Andrew. They, and hundreds of other ambassadors, are starting school this fall with much more knowledge and wisdom in the areas of sharing their faith, challenging injustice, and reasoning with their classmates in gracious ways.

We are praying earnestly for several new people to join JFA as interns and full-time staff, and we are currently working with a few prospects through the initial stages of that opportunity. We have many open doors for ministry around the country, so we are hungry to add to our numbers and make the most of those opportunities.

I urge you to make the most of this fall. A friend of mine recently returned home from a dynamic

Joanna, Steve, and I in Lawrence, Kansas

camp experience just before starting school. Her first week back was mundane in comparison to camp, so I encouraged her by texting, "Remember that much of your campus community is walking in darkness (Ephesians 2). They are the kind of people described in Titus 3:3 in desperate need of the truths in verses 4-8. Colossians 1:9-10 doesn't make sense to them since they haven't experienced the hope found in verses 11-14 yet. God has you right where He wants you and used this sum-

mer to equip you--your mission field is huge so find strength in God." My exhortation is the same for you.

Defending human value together,

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