



JFA and Me: What's Next?

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Dear Family and Friends,

Never say never! A year ago I thought there was no way I would move to Wichita to work for Justice For All (JFA), but I've been here volunteering full-time for five months. And now the JFA leadership and I have decided that a year-long, paid internship is in my near future! I can't do this alone! At the end of the letter I will share how you can participate in this exciting next step. But first, I'd like to share six of the lessons God has taught me as He's brought me to this point.



2009: We don't have to know it all to help people rethink their views.

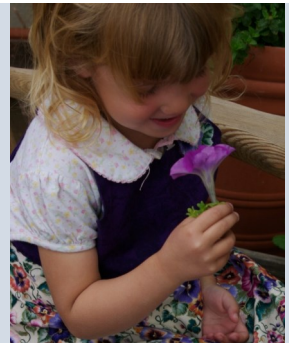
The first JFA training event I attended at age sixteen empowered me to create dialogue on tough issues including, but not limited to, abortion. Even though I still knew very little, I realized that even the simple conversational skills I had learned could be applied to all kinds of situations.

That realization led me to start a conversation about evolution with a park ranger leading our homeschool group's field trip (photo, left). After talking with me for a while, he told my dad, "She's really making me think." Read more about what turned into a series of conversations: <http://tinyurl.com/evolutionconversation>.

2010: We must be pro-LIFE, not just pro-birth.

In 2010 I became the primary caregiver for a four-year-old foster child for the two-and-a-half months that she lived with my family. This precious little girl was neglected, abused, and labeled "unwanted." The emotional days and restless nights taught me what it was to live out my pro-life values, caring for a child worth saving.

It's easy to lose sight of the individual when faced with huge numbers of unwanted children in our world (whether aborted, abandoned, or abused). But now I don't just see statistics, I see the little girl with whom I laughed and cried.



2011: Taking time to listen is vital and shows we care.

The Free Speech Board is my favorite JFA tool for starting conversations. In 2011 a man wrote a poem on the board that began, "On a cold February morning I drove my girlfriend to an abortion clinic..." and ended with an absurd twist. I asked him why he decided to write what he did. We ended up having a long conversation about the art of poetry, and finally got around to talking about abortion. I'm glad I took the time, because it turned out that the beginning of his poem was true, and the fact that I listened to him for so long showed him that I truly cared for all human life—including the life of a man whose child had been aborted because of his and his girlfriend's choice.



2012: Pro-choice advocates often have good intentions.

In 2012, a group of student volunteers from Planned Parenthood set up tables near the JFA exhibit at the University of Arizona. I listened in as JFA trainer Catherine Wurts engaged the young women. I assumed they would be very pro-abortion, but instead found that their passion was for women's rights, health, and education. They even said that they don't like abortion, but simply support the freedom to choose. This perspective does not accurately represent Planned Parenthood, which is much less willing to say anything negative about abortion. But this encounter helped me to understand that not every individual I might be tempted to label "abortion advocate" wants women to get abortions.

2013: Everyone needs to know the truth about the unborn.

Usually we conduct outreach events on university campuses, but in 2013 JFA brought a small fetal development exhibit to the Pima County Fair. This enabled us to reach a whole new demographic. For example, I talked to a fourteen-year-old boy who was pretty sure he was pro-choice. After asking him a few questions, he saw that abortion kills an innocent human being and is therefore wrong. You can read the details of this conversation and other interactions from the Pima County Fair outreach here: <http://tinyurl.com/pimacountyfair>.



2014: Many people are still ignorant about abortion.

The girl with the backpack in this photo had never seen anything like JFA's exhibit before February of 2014. She was clearly having trouble processing it all. She was pro-choice, but only because she thought abortion should be "safe, legal, and rare." I gently directed her attention to the exhibit panels showing that abortion is anything but rare in our world today. Read her response: <http://tinyurl.com/shatteredoblivion>.

It was at this outreach that I began to realize that God was calling me into full-time pro-life work. Four months later I moved to Wichita.

If these stories have encouraged you, please consider investing in the work God is doing in and through me. While I will continue to work at JFA as a full-time volunteer during the first half of 2015, my goal is to begin the year-long, paid internship on July 1, 2015.

I am responsible for raising 100% of my salary as a pro-life missionary. Would you consider joining my monthly support team?

I hope to contact you within the next few weeks to discuss your level of interest in this opportunity and to answer any questions you might have.