

## "I Would Never Have an Abortion!" (Or Would She?)

Jordan Newhouse ~ February 2015

Dear Family and Friends,

"Leah" was afraid a friend would see her at the pregnancy resource table and guess her secret. The table was set up near Justice For All's kiosk at Arizona State University "For the first time I felt like I wasn't alone... you made me [feel] like there's a support group for me and I really appreciate it :)" ~ Text message from "Leah," a student at ASU

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(ASU) last month. Wanting to spend as little time near the resource table as possible, she gave me her phone number and we set up a more private meeting through text message.

Under a big tree just out of view of JFA's display, Leah told me the whole story. A few weeks prior she would have said, "I'd never have an abortion." But faced now with a possible pregnancy, she confided in me that she wasn't sure what fear might drive her to do.

I walked Leah through the JFA brochure. I was gentle, not wanting to use the graphic pictures as a scare tactic, but I was also clear that this was the truth of abortion. I also specifically explained the painful truth of RU-486 (the "abortion pill").

We talked about adoption and local resources, and I was even able to accompany her to an appointment at the local pregnancy resource center the next day. One of the first things she told the counselor at the center was that if she was indeed pregnant she was absolutely sure that she would not have an abortion!

Beyond simply sharing information, I shared love with Leah. I told her the love she was receiving wasn't just from me. I was simply the person available to represent the heart of God and the people supporting me in this ministry.



The free speech board above (set up at the University of Arizona) says, "Pregnant? Need help?" along with the phone number of a local pregnancy resource center.

Three days later Leah texted me again to tell me that she wasn't pregnant after all and to thank me for the support I had shown to her. (A portion of her text message is quoted at the top of the page.) She also wanted to thank the larger group of people that I represented, which is why I am telling you her story.

Thank you for supporting my work and making it possible for me to minister to people like Leah!

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