An Albuquerque Mom* Reflects on the Spring Break 2005 Justice For All Exhibits

I felt like…my main job was to get the kids there and back again. I feel like I did a lot of worrying and getting frustrated and even angry about stuff that worked out anyway.

Sort of like a Martha. I complained and strived and the kids worked and served.

…I saw the kids who worked 12 hour days every day and never once complained. They loved it. They wanted to keep doing it and didn't want the exhibit to end. Then they wanted to stay and spend more time with the other volunteers but especially David and Jim and Steve Wagner. They didn't mind paying for the trip out of their own pockets—all of them paid at least $100.00 of their own money. That's because they really saw value in it.

…these boys want so much to find something they can be passionate about. Something they can give their lives to that's real, and true. Church isn't interesting to them, youth group bores then, they don't like Christian music. But working the exhibit is real Christianity to them.

As always, I feel like the best thing about the JFA Exhibit is these boys' opportunity to spend so much time—days—with excellent role models like David and Jim and Steve.** I can't think of any other ministry where they can be so engaged—using their very fine minds—and talents and spend so much time with men like these. A positive word from these men means everything to these guys.

We are all so humbled that we got to participate. It was an excellent opportunity to see God at work.

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Editor's notes
* Marcy McKinley supervised 2 carloads of teenage students who traveled from Albuquerque to San Antonio and Austin, Texas to participate in the JFA 2005 spring break outreach. Two of the students who were trained and came to the outreach—Allison and Matt—are her own children.

** The men Marcy refers to are David Lee, Jim Spencer (updated bio and link needed), and Steve Wagner.