

It Has Been a Joy

What Comes Next



TIMOTHY BRAHM'S MONTHLY UPDATE

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Dear Friend,

"You changed my life. I want you to change my friend's life too."

Latteria was standing before me with her friend Leandria a couple of months ago at a university in Texas. I had been talking with Latteria less than an hour prior. After challenging her view for about half an hour with questions she hadn't considered before, she changed her mind and concluded that abortion should not be legal. But the best part of the story is what happened next. Latteria was so excited, she came back with her friend Leandria saying, "You changed my life. I



I will never forget challenging Leandria (left) and Latteria's (right) views about abortion, and then challenging them to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

want you to change my friend's life too." Leandria didn't quite become pro-life in our conversation, but she understood the problems with her view, and then we had an incredible conversation about what it means to follow Jesus.

Working with Justice For All for the last three and a half years has given me the opportunity to change the lives of people like Latteria and Leandria, and it's given me the opportunity to train students to do the same. My time with JFA has been an incredible blessing, so it is with a very heavy heart that I tell you I am moving on.

As many of you know, the Lord placed in me a passion to defend the unborn when I was sixteen years old. Not long after graduating from college, I decided to pursue a career in pro-life ministry, and Justice For All was the first organization I investigated. If I had to list the five best decisions I've ever made, coming to work for JFA would certainly appear on that list. I have loved being able to watch and learn from such humble ambassadors for Christ about how to care about others. I have also had incredible opportunities to grow as a speaker and writer, and to come to a deeper understanding of arguments surrounding abortion.

More than anything, I have been blessed to work with the best group of people you could hope to meet (and I hope you get that chance). They certainly aren't "normal" (I mean, what normal person goes into full-time pro-life work?). The way they love others around them is unusual. The way they pursue Christ is uncommon. Their faithfulness as friends is extraordinary. Whether we





Intern and roommate extraordinaire], Paul Kulas, me, Rebecca Haschke, Jacob Burow, Holly Meath, Tammy Cook, Joanna Wagner, Bubba Garrett, Steve Wagner, and CK Wisner. Conspicuously absent from this picture are David Lee, Jonathan Wagner, Jacob Nels, Eva Heath, and Jeremy Wheeler.

are debriefing a tough day of outreach, discussing theology over tea, or enthusiastically singing, I will miss working alongside the members of the JFA team on a daily basis.

I cannot thank you enough for making my time with Justice For All possible through your generous support.

But why then am I leaving?

Despite the sadness I feel at leaving JFA, I am incredibly excited to announce that my brother Josh Brahm and I are starting a new prolife organization called **Equal Rights Institute**. I will be in touch

with you again soon by letter, phone call, text message, smoke signal, or whatever seems to work to reach you. I'm looking forward to telling you about the amazing things we have planned, and to ask you to continue supporting me in this new venture.

In Christ, **Tim**

A Note from JFA's Director of Training

There are a few unmistakable things about Tim. He's serious. He's contemplative. He's *very* serious. But you put this gentleman on stage to speak, and he explodes with passion and a smile. You put him in a one-to-one conversation with a pro-choice advocate, and he is fully absorbed in the other person's world. He has a big heart for each individual human being, especially that each person would know Jesus and the abundant life he offers. Tim is relentless in seeking truth, even when it's inconvenient or doesn't serve his interests. But he's much more personable, enthusiastic, and fun than his furrowed brow would lead you to believe. Ask him what he thinks of the movie *Frozen*, and you'll see what I mean. And I'll never forget the sight of him horsing around in my living room with my kids. They won't forget him any time soon.

If you've been giving to JFA to support Tim's work, we are so grateful! Your investment helped JFA train 470 people through Seat Work and Feet Work in just the past twelve months, many of those enjoying Tim's able mentoring as the centerpiece of their training. And our mentors-in-training will sorely miss Tim's dynamic mentor coaching.

Tim's encouragement was one of the main reasons we added the Equal Rights argument as a major section to our seminar along with mentor-led role-play activities in 2013. I had puzzled over a way to include that argument as a standard section since 2005, but with Tim's help, we were able to make a needed change that has already helped our volunteers feel more confident and change minds. (See <u>www.jfaweb.org/Equal-Rights</u>.) In addition, his work on bodily rights arguments, which he's shared with you in this space, continues to be some of the best in the pro-life community. I'm glad he and I will continue to collaborate. I'm thankful for his skilled mind and high standard of excellence.

We are sorry to see Tim move on, but we're eager to see what God will do through the organization Tim is creating along with another long-time JFA partner, his brother Josh Brahm. When Tim contacts you, I encourage you to commit to give generously to ERI to give him a strong start in his new venture. Tim is well worth your investment. In addition, we at JFA hope you'll continue to give to the ongoing work here at JFA and to pray for JFA. Use the form found at www.jfaweb.org/Tim-Brahm-Form to let us know your giving and mail preferences. We're eager to keep connected!

- Stephen Wagner, Director of Training