



Interns Offer Up Their Loaves and Fishes

What Might God Do with Yours?



Dear Family and Friends,

My colleague Joanna Wagner reports here about our recent summer internship program. It has been the highlight of my summer. Thank you for your support! In Christ,

Rebecca J. Haschke

What do ten young people – hailing from Louisiana, Oklahoma, Georgia, Minnesota and even China – have in common?

In June, these young people all joined us at Justice For All's headquarters as interns to become more skilled at creating dialogue on abortion. Two groups of interns came, each group for one week, and participated in three days of outreach and two days of teaching from our staff. This intensive program took each of them to their next level of confidence and competence in creating heart-changing conversations about the value of all human life.



Some of our staff and interns are pictured here after a day of outreach at the University of Central Oklahoma. From left: Back row – John Michener (staff), Catherine Wurts (staff), Casey Chance (intern); Front row – CK Wisner (staff), Jasmin Aprile (intern), Tammy Cook (staff), Joanna Wagner (staff), Becca Haschke (staff), Sarah Mary Toce (intern)

Our theme for this year's internship was "The Loaves and the Fishes." The story, told in all four gospels, describes how Jesus was able to take the small offering of a young boy's lunch and turn it into food for thousands of people (see one description in John 6:1-15). The boy in this story offered what he had, and probably had no idea what God would accomplish with it. But he offered his gift and trusted in God anyway.

As we create conversations about abortion, we want to have this same attitude. We may never see the results of our efforts to change hearts and save lives. But we are asked to give what we have to offer. Each time we ask a person, "What do you think about abortion?" we are stepping out in faith, offering our little loaves and fishes to God, and asking Him to do what He will with them. Ultimately, all our training and efforts would amount to very little without God making miracles out of them. Only He can make that difference in someone's heart, but just like the story in the gospels, He seems to enjoy giving us the chance to participate in His work. What a privilege!

One of our interns, Jasmin Aprile (pictured above in the light blue shirt), has taken this chance to participate in God's work very seriously. Below, she shares about one of her experiences during the week of her internship, in which God graciously gave her a glimpse into what he was doing with her efforts:

While conducting surveys at Wichita State, we encountered a young man from Ethiopia who was pro-choice for certain circumstances, and he was very firm in his beliefs. However, forty-five minutes of focused conversation later, through the grace of God and the skills and tools with which Justice For All has equipped me, he completely changed his mind. Now, he is pro-life and wants to get JFA's training to share the truth with his friends. That would never have happened without God's grace, your prayers, and the exceptional training the JFA mentors have poured into me. That training has been an invaluable gift for which I will be forever thankful, and I desperately want to share it, to give it back...

What about you? Are you willing to start a conversation about abortion and see where God takes it? If you'd like to learn how to do just that, call me at (316) 683-6426. You never know what God will do with your loaves and fishes.