

Rebecca's March Update



Ready to Serve-One Man's Impact on and off Campus

Here at JFA, we're thanking God for—among many other things—continuing to provide us with gifted, compassionate volunteers who help us accomplish our mission... volunteers like David Farinola (pictured right).

David is a good friend of JFA staff member, Jon Wagner. One of David's life goals is to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps. Due to complications with his admittance situation, he has to wait until late this spring to find out whether he'll be chosen to serve in that way.

During this time of waiting, however, David has done anything but waste time. He teaches as a substitute in Wichita, spends significant time with his family, works extensively as a volunteer in our JFA office, and recently ventured out with our team to the Oklahoma State (OSU) seminar and outreach last November.



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- David Farinola, JFA volunteer

David reflects here on his first JFA training and outreach experience:

“Some of the most meaningful conversations I will have in my lifetime took place on the campus of Oklahoma State last month. It was as though the conversations were meant to take place—as if the appointments were divine in nature. Student after student approached the JFA exhibit with a lifetime of

different experiences, which led them to their current view on abortion.

One female student approached and volunteered that she had an abortion and saw the fetus once it was removed from her body. She told me she will never forget the sight and is still deeply saddened by it. Her lips quivered as she spoke. Even through this obvious pain, she still believed women should have a right to choose abortion. I believe she found some justification for her action in holding to this pro-choice view.

As gently as possible, I reassured her that no one who came to Oklahoma State with JFA was there to judge her for having an abortion. I sensed she took comfort in the fact that we had come in a spirit of mercy and love, and not judgment. We parted ways as she left for class and I was left to wonder at the effect of our conversation on her life.

Throughout the rest of the day, she returned twice and spent considerable time with

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some JFA staff members and I came to discover she was in fact shifting her view of abortion. She found healing with those who were willing to speak honestly and gently with her on the truth of abortion. This is only one of many conversations I was engaged in while at the university for two days.

The most effective part of the outreach was without question **the true pictures of abortion, which made our work much easier.** First, they were effective in drawing students to the exhibit. Second, after viewing the reality of abortion, most of the students were prepared to dialogue about their emotions and about the issue itself.

The training was of great value in preparing me to question, listen, and defend my views when necessary. Training also equipped me with the basic knowledge and confidence neces-

sary to engage in dialogue. **The outreach itself provided the irreplaceable application of skills.** It also provided great insight into the arguments on both sides of the issue and was a place where hearts and minds were changed on abortion, and to be a part of that changes your heart as well.

Witnessing the impact strengthened me to remain committed to sharing and defending the truth whenever possible.”



Prayer Requests!

1. **JFA will be gone March 6th - 19th in Tennessee and Georgia.** Please pray for our entire staff, the people we will be training, and the students that we will be talking with on campus.
2. Please pray for favorable weather during our travel this spring as it is currently snowing at our next destination (Atlanta, GA).
3. Please pray for the health of the JFA staff, especially while we are traveling, as some of us haven't been feeling to well the past couple of months.
4. **I'm currently working on my certification to train others.** Please keep this process in your prayers so that I might serve JFA and the students we encounter to the best of my ability.

A Life Saving Brochure—again!

Justice for All's Exhibit Brochure is a powerful tool that should be in the purse, car, or back pocket of every life-affirming individual (including me). The brochure is a 9-inch version of the exhibit we use to start dialogue on college campuses. It includes information and pictures about life before birth and death by abortion and it helps people with talking points for their conversations.

A few days ago, an exciting email came in. The **Executive Director of Crossroads Clinic** emailed us a story of how one young high school student used the brochure and didn't know its im-

pact until much later. **Please call me to obtain a copy if you don't have one already!**

*"I've been meaning to share this with you. When you were here at UCO our Client Services Director, Stephany, had taken a group of teens to counsel there. One of the girls (a HS jr) had taken your pamphlet to school and shown it around. Several months later she received a note that said, **"Katie, you don't know me, but those pictures you passed around at school about abortion saved my baby's life."** Isn't God Good!"*