

Training future leaders!

...elementary to college kids, one at a time.



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Dear family and friends,

Becca Haschke, Trent Horn, Josh Pedrick, Steve Wagner and I just returned safely from the white, white, white farmlands just five hours north... in Nebraska.

Trent made a morning assembly presentation to 150 students at David City Aquinas high school. Many students told us that they loved the presentation and that it helped them be more confident in their pro-life views:

Will: "I finally realize how serious and brutal abortion is to young babies."



Jake: "It really made me think. It makes me want to respect all life more."

Our team then presented a shortened 2-hour version of JFA's "Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue" seminar. Crucial to our training is putting newly-learned skills to use in actual conversations about abortion. However, our next Exhibit outreach event in Nebraska isn't until this fall! So we experimented with an in-house outreach: training participants surveyed students



from the school who did not go through the training. Here are some student responses from the seminar and outreach:

Alex: "The training was a great reminder of being humble and to have a conversation instead of a debate."

Karen: "I learned how to defend the unborn in a way that will help... and not start an argument."

Christine: "I feel that I am more able to stand up for the unborn now."

Students from five high schools and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln came...

The students came from five high schools *and* the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Some of them drove 1 1/2 hours to join us! The UNL students are very excited about bringing us to their campus this fall, and plans are already underway.

Daniel (name changed for privacy), a student from a high school an hour away, came back after the seminar asking how he can do more to help. He told us the moving story of how his mother confronted the choice of abortion when she was pregnant with him.

All of our team took turns speaking to the various age groups. I wish you could have been there to see Josh Pedrick speak to kindergarteners, Trent Horn in front of first-graders, and a near free-for-all open-

forum with Steve and I and the rest of our team coaching 3rd and



We talked with Daniel about how he can work with his school administrators to help his school participate in the

UNL outreach this September. We're excited to see what God will do in Daniel's life through JFA.

The next day, our team had a special invitation to intern Becca Haschke's elementary alma mater! Without mentioning "abortion", we made presentations to every class, grades kindergarten

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through 6th, about the development of life before birth, and the value of every human person from the moment of conception.

Upcoming Events

Please keep us in your prayers!

3/7-16: Georgia Tech and Kennesaw State - GA

4/8-13: Auraria campus - Denver, CO

4/18-21: Cal State University, Fresno, CA

5/20-22: May Mission Trip - southern California

5/23-27: Pasadena CC and UC San Diego - CA

makes humans valuable!.

Becca did an amazing job

anchoring our team through this fun training experience. We're hoping to do more presentations like this with elementary students (they're wide-eyed and open-minded!), so stay tuned.

We praise God for safety as we traveled through snow and dense fog, and for the potential of this very pro-life Nebraska area. I'm praying that some of these students will become interns and staff!

We also anticipate a great partnership with the prolife club members at UNL and look forward to our fall 2010 events there! Please pray for these students as they organize and prepare to host our trainings and outreach in September.

On a more personal note, I had a very blessed time at home in California for Christmas with my family. I got to see quite a few of you and feel uplifted and spurred on by your words of encouragement and commitment to keep my work in your prayers. Thank you for all of your support!

Christ's Peace,

Catherine

PS: Thanks to Steve Wagner for collaborating on this update!