



# Train one to win one

Life-altering moments happen on both sides of the fence.



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*Dear family and friends,*

*This month we trained over 70 Focus Leadership Institute students from Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs who then joined us for our University of New Mexico event in Albuquerque.*

## Sara

“In the first two discussions of the day, I merely observed. . . I was really blessed to watch how respectfully the (JFA staff ) treated these people. . . . In fact, they were often listeners only until it was absolutely necessary to relay their input. . . . Later in

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*JFA’s training is a mandatory part of the Institute’s curriculum each semester. Initially some students are enthusiastic; others are skeptical about our approach. Some have never seriously considered abortion until we train them.*

the day I talked to several very livid and upset people, but I offered a listening ear and by simply showing care for them, they responded very positively and calmed down so we could respectfully exchange thoughts about the display,



*What’s it like for such a diverse group of college-aged Christians to engage a liberal campus like UNM on arguably the most controversial issue of our day? Life-changing. Read on...*

## Lindsay

“I was sitting next to the poll booth when a young lady walked up and wrote her name on the yes that abortion should remain legal. My mentor, Matt, began talking with her and. . . presented her with some information that she had not previously known. They had about a 20-minute conversation, and. . . later she returned and crossed her name off the yes sheet, and wrote her name on the no. This really excited me. . . it encouraged me that educating people and dialoguing with them does make a difference.”

*“Educating people does make a difference.”*

the message of the display, and the significance of life before birth.”

## Kelsey

“Tien Pao was the first guy I approached. . . . He believed abortion was a solution for overpopulation and based humanity on the appearance of the baby.

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After bringing up counter arguments he understood why he couldn’t base the humanity of the baby off anything other than DNA. His ‘ah-ha’ statement was so surprising to me: ‘Oh, I see. . . it’s a human from the moment of conception, abortion is wrong.’ That was so amazing to me. After spending 30 minutes talking to Tien Pao he completely changed his view! He said he. . . hadn’t been educated before making a decision. He thinks if everyone were to see a display like this and talk to someone they might believe differently.”



## Kristin

“I began to approach a man I saw writing on the Free Speech Board with the intention of talking to him about what he wrote. But when I saw what he was writing I couldn’t face him: “Abortion is ok. Put butter and garlic on your baby and sauté it. Abort the world.” I felt personally offended. That

*“That offense turned into deep sadness.”*

offense turned into deep sadness and brokenness over the issue of abortion and I burst into tears. As other FLI students saw me and came over to comfort me, all I could sputter was, “It’s so sad!” over and over again.... I took some time to collect myself, and the Lord must have known that I needed some encouragement after that. Caroline and I saw a girl looking at the exhibit and introduced ourselves. Her name was Laura\*. She soon told us she was pregnant and was keeping her baby. After rejoicing with her and telling her that we really respected her decision, we asked if abortion had ever been an option for her. **She then told us that she had had an abortion appointment set for that very day, but had called the day before to cancel it.** Not because she had seen the exhibit, but because she just realized that her baby was a valuable human life. She told us that seeing the exhibit on campus really confirmed to her that she made the right decision. In that moment we realized once again what a positive difference JFA is making in so many ways. I’m so thankful to have been a part of that ministry even if just for a few days. I feel

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compelled to take action in this issue of abortion. If I don’t help speak up for the unborn, who will?”  
\*not her real name

## Blair

“(God) used me to speak into the lives of my generation in ways I never thought possible for

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me. He showed me His heart by allowing mine to break for the things that break His. What started out as a terrifying obligation transformed into a true blessing for me. I will not know what the outcomes will be of the people I spoke with, but I was blessed by seeing the Lord work.”

## Maria

“During an open microphone session, one girl was proud to say she has had two abortions. It broke my heart to hear this, but it made me realize abortion is not a distant problem that I cannot help change. I realized there are probably girls in my classes that are considering abortions that need someone to speak to. I know I will continue the mission of JFA in my life.”

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## Lauren

“Had someone asked me a week ago what my views on abortion were, I probably would have answered, ‘Well, I don’t really know that much about it.’... Going through this experience forced me to confront some of my inconsistencies. I had to ask myself, ‘Lauren, are your beliefs consistent? Do your actions match your beliefs? If you say you believe God created each one of us in His image and with purpose, how can you stay silent about abortion?’”

## Jamie

“I am *extremely* grateful for this experience. **I can’t wait to take what I have learnt back with me to New Zealand!**”

Peace in Christ, Catherine