



# David

Ready to serve.



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JFA Update

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Dear family and friends,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving! 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 (photo).

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 the spring of 2010 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 just recently ventured out with our team to the Oklahoma State (OSU) training and outreach.



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

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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

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 affect of our conversation on her life.



defend my views when necessary. Training also equipped me with the basic knowledge and confidence necessary 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.

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

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

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Your support this year has enabled me to become a full-time pro-life missionary and to train folks like David to join in! My salary is completely provided by donations from caring people like you. Thank you!!

If you haven't been able to partner with me, please consider sending an end-of-year gift or making a pledge of support in 2010. [Click here to give securely online](#); write "Catherine Wurts support" in the comments box.

Christ's abundant peace to you and your loved ones in this Advent season!

For a culture of life, Catherine

Praises and Prayer Requests!

- Praise God for a life saved as a result of our outreach in OK! A young mom changed her mind about aborting her child.
- Thank God for David and his willingness to serve JFA and our country. Pray for him as he awaits his chance to serve.
- Continue to pray for our two new interns, Josh Pedrick and Claire Rice and for our new staff member, Jacob Burow, as they continue to raise their support this month.