



JFA... Africa?



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Dear Family and Friends,

She wants to make abortion unthinkable in Africa, so she flew to Kansas for the summer!

This month I had the supreme privilege of training Amy (*photo, far right*), who came to us from West Africa. Amy is a public high school English teacher in Dakar, the capital city of Senegal. We met her husband at our outreach last January to Arizona State University, where he is studying for his Master's degree.



Amy's husband is also a public high school teacher in Senegal. He was very moved by our exhibit at ASU. He and Amy now have a plan to educate their students back home about the humanity of the unborn and the injustice of abortion. Amy came to Kansas for Justice For All's training to help make that a reality.

I trained Amy in three stages. First, we had three days of one-on-one "*seat work*," as we worked through the "*Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue*" (ADD) seminar material. She's a very bright and passionate student. Because she is Muslim, the material led to a great discussion about abortion and forgiveness in light of our different faiths and cultural backgrounds.



The second part of Amy's training was the "*feet work*," which was two days of outreach with our team to nearby Wichita State University. Amy was a natural at gracefully creating dialogue about abortion with students and keeping it productive and compassionate.



The third part of training, and arguably the most important, was for Amy to teach other young people the skills she'd been learning (*photos, left*). So, over the course

of two more days, Amy helped put three young people through the entire ADD training program.

First, she helped with a day-long seminar at our headquarters, sharing from her own experiences in abortion discussions from the week before. Then we took our three new trainees out to survey college students about abortion, with Amy mentoring them through the process.

While abortion is illegal in Senegal, Amy shared that it is very common among certain sectors of their population. I have every confidence that Amy is prepared to help her young students back home make abortion unthinkable for their peers.

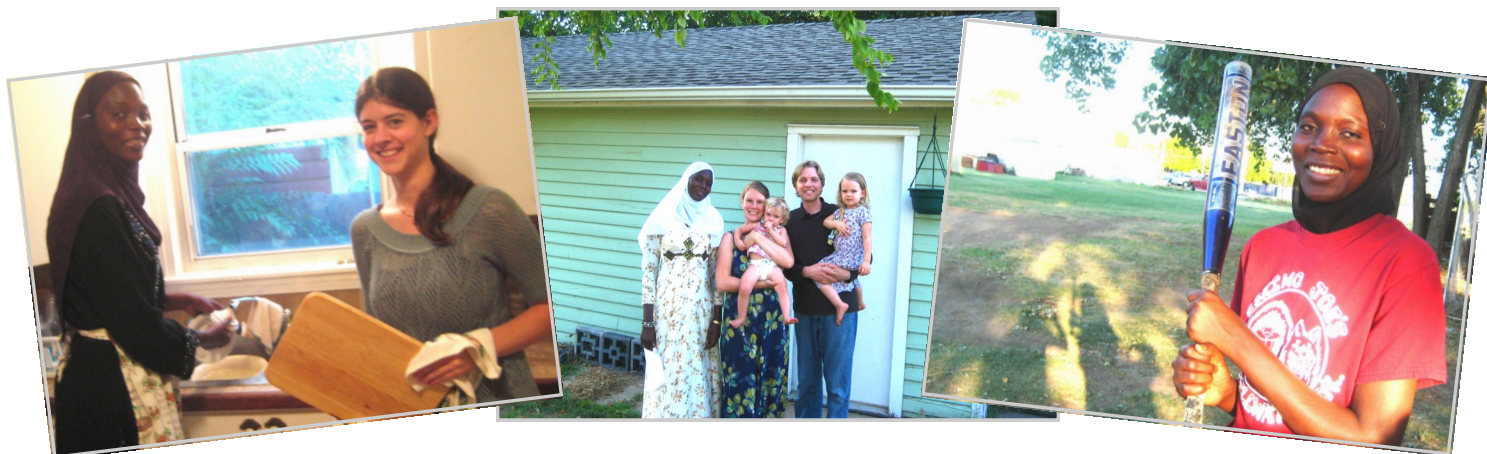
I also know that Amy enjoyed her first experiences of American culture. She had a wonderful host family: JFA Board of Directors member Steve Fisher and his wife Kim. The Fishers introduced Amy to barbecues, music theater, and rodeos, among other things! She also participated in our JFA community's daily life of prayer, work and fun!

I look forward to a continued partnership with Amy as I continue to mentor her from this side of the "Pond." Please pray that much fruit will come from the time we spent together this summer!

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of our training program. The impact is more far-reaching than we'll know in this life.

Christ's peace and blessings,

Catherine Judy



Becca gets help with dishes! ~ Dinner with the Wagners ~ Softball on a lazy Sunday afternoon

Please pray for our upcoming events:

Aug 5-7 Midwest Catholic Family Conference, Wichita, KS.

Aug 28 Wichita, Kansas community training.

Sept 10-14 Benedictine College and University of Kansas trainings.