

## Dear Friend of JFA,

I was amazed. During a webinar that Paul Kulas, IFA's Director of Operations, had planned for a family of supporters in mid-April, he led us through interactive teaching related to the topics of poverty and rape. To finish the webinar, JFA intern Mary St. Hilaire shared a story of a recent campus conversation with "Liz." The two topics Liz had been most concerned about were also poverty and rape. The story fit perfectly with what Paul had selected even though we hadn't planned it that way. Read Mary's story enclosed or at <a href="https://www.jfaweb.org/april-2020">www.jfaweb.org/april-2020</a>.

During COVID-19, our team has been hard at work creating conversations using social media and other means. In just a few weeks, we've discovered and tested some methods we think anyone can use to create a conversation. We'll report soon on our blog and in a future letter.

Our team has also conducted a three-hour online workshop, and we were excited to find a way to include interactive activities using Zoom breakout rooms. We have similar online events scheduled each week in the near future, including a series of shorter sessions for those who can't attend longer sessions. To participate, keep an eye on the social media channels below.

Our team was encouraged this past week by Henri Nouwen's essay, "From Solitude to Community to Ministry." You can find it online at Christianity Today and in Nouwen's short book, A Spirituality of Living. In the solitude you may be experiencing during COVID-19, we hope that you can pause and know more clearly how Christ has called you "Beloved." We pray you might then find unique ways to share that same love with others in this challenging time. (See I John 4:7-14.) We continue to pray for you, beloved friends. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer and financial gifts, as God gives you ability.

- Steve Wagner, Executive Director



Please Pray for these Advocates and the Conversations They Created and Will Create.



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