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The Wagners' Support Update



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Dear Supporters and Readers,

NOTE:

If you only have a moment, please skip reading the letter below and fill out [THIS ONLINE FORM](#). Rebecca and I are aiming to finish our support-raising by the end of summer. Are interested in helping us by giving a regular financial gift, by connecting us with your friends, or by hosting an event (training or book signing)? In **less than five minutes** you can let us know with this simple form. Thanks!

We have just returned from a trip to Pennsylvania, where Rebecca and I spoke to over 800 people during an event called [ANSR: A New Sexual Revolution](#). It's the first time we've shared the platform together since before we were married. Because her dear sister Rachel came into town to care for Elsie, Rebecca was able to focus on speaking. She really connected with the audience. Almost immediately after, many attendees joined a [Facebook group](#) to register their commitment to bring things out into the light on a regular basis with a peer and an older mentor. Over 95 people have joined [ANSR](#) so far.

Since I last wrote you, two other events were strangely juxtaposed. President Obama used a controversial [appearance as commencement speaker](#) for the University of Notre Dame to call for more civility in the abortion debate. Exactly [two weeks later](#), a gunman completely ignored Obama's speech and gunned down late-term abortionist Dr. George Tiller while Tiller was serving as usher during Sunday services at his church. In the wake of that event, [a prominent blogger accused](#) JFA Director David Lee and I of encouraging this violence with our "anti-abortion rhetoric." We are very careful to condemn **all** abortion-related violence, but this was lost on the blogger. She also accused us of "faking compassion."

I'll have more to say about some of these events in future newsletters, including a report on our recent outreach in California. For now, I'm excited to give you an update on our summer project. Rebecca and I have set a goal to raise the remainder of our support by September 1. As of now, we've raised **73%** of the support we need for my position with JFA. That's great news! Many of you have committed to support us monthly; some have sent generous special gifts. God has encouraged us through you. Thank you!

You've already done so much, but would you take five minutes to brainstorm the names of two people you know who would be interested in hearing about our work changing hearts and saving lives? Use the [SIMPLE ONLINE FORM](#)** to share what you're thinking with us. You can also invite those friends (and others!) to "Unborn in the USA: A Dessert and Training Event." Rebecca and I will bring the training and you bring the people and dessert. Our friends the Wilsons hosted an event like this a few months ago. Their friends got trained and they helped us raise additional support. (You might also consider hosting a book signing. Both of these events are described in more detail in the online form.)

With your teamwork, we can meet our goal, and I can devote my full attention to the mission of JFA. I'm eager to train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time. One of us will be in touch by phone to connect with you about this, but you can help us by filling out the [ONLINE FORM](#). (Some of you completed a similar one already. Thanks!) In Christ,

Stephen

** If you prefer not to fill out the online form, we'd still like to hear from you. Here's some other ways to reach us:

- Reply to the email that linked this letter.
- Call the JFA office to speak to Stephen: 316-683-6426.

LINKS

- Give online to help Steve train pro-life advocates: <http://jfaweb.org/donate.html> (Designate your gift for 601 in the "comments" section.)
- Online Form URL: <http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?cfd=true&formkey=ckFRZ3dwY3RERzFCUmE3b251WXI4WHc6MA>
- Steve's blog: www.stephenmwagner.com