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Are You Losing Sleep? One Intern's Antidote



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STEPHEN WAGNER'S MONTHLY UPDATE

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Dear Friend,

In a moment, I'm going to ask you to take a remedy. But first, you'll have to join me in getting ill.

Here's *Step 1*: Read JFA Staffer [Catherine Wurts's newsletter](#) (enclosed). In it, she lets JFA Intern Tony George describe how he actually lost sleep thinking about abortion after the JFA Exhibit came to his campus.

I remember that day. I talked with Tony for awhile after the Exhibit and remember his heart breaking.

But his heart didn't just break. He decided to do something to fix it. He decided to act.

Here's *Step 2*: **Only after** you read Tony's story, read the next page.

Are you losing sleep because of abortion? My wife will tell you that sometimes I literally do. Since the beginning of September I've worked with the JFA staff to train about 250 people through seminars in four states and corresponding outreach events on three campuses. (Stories to come in a future newsletter.) Rebeccah and Elsie have traveled one-third of the last 45 days out of town to help train and mentor students. They've lost sleep too.

In all that activity, though, sometimes I don't lose sleep in the way Tony did. I know in my head that abortion kills real human beings. But *sometimes my heart doesn't connect*.

Perhaps you feel like me. We've allowed the culture of dehumanization to lull us into a naïve slumber. Will you join me in getting "ill" – restless and unable to sleep while so many need our help?

Once you and I have succeeded in "waking up," we'll need an antidote for our restlessness. Tony has it. He's working full-time this semester to create dialogue with others about abortion. He's already teaching during our seminars, mentoring our volunteers, and modeling the persuasion of a skilled ambassador in dozens of conversations with those who disagree.

Many of you are working hard to financially support my work mentoring Tony as he mentors others. *I'm so thankful for you!* Even with all that work, though, are you disconnected like I am?

You and I need Tony's antidote. We need to create dialogue with others (both pro-life and pro-choice advocates) to remind ourselves of how real the tragedy of abortion is.

Here's one opportunity to do that: the [Facebook networking challenge](#). **It's available only until November 6.** How can you use the challenge to create dialogue and raise needed funds for JFA? By encouraging friends to participate. You can easily share JFA's mission with every friend you invite to help, because the name of our Cause *is* our mission (MAKE ABORTION UNTHINKABLE).

As I write this, JFA is #3 in today's \$1,000 challenge and #3 in the overall \$50,000 challenge. That's #3 out of the 4,000+ groups participating! Want to help? Simple. [Give \\$10*](#) or ask your friends to help. You don't even need a Facebook account to participate.

See the [directions on my blog](#), or contact me (steve@JFAweb.org). You can also go directly to the our Cause page: <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/54876>.

Since you and I can't sleep, will you join me in helping others wake up, too?

In Christ,
Stephen

* Email me if you'd like to give your **monthly or yearly support** through the Facebook Challenge this month (even if you're using auto-donation) – your gift will still go to support my work, but it can do double duty until November 6 because giving through the challenge can help JFA keeps its Mission Statement at the top of the challenge board! It can even help JFA win \$50,000!