

Not a Typical California Vacation

This month I could hardly wait to write about my experiences from California and share them with anyone willing to read/listen! During our two weeks in California, volunteers met an abortion doctor disgusted by his practice, discovered why its not necessary to exclude sharing religious beliefs when

talking about abortion, were astounded that they could influence professors from around the world and experienced true conversions. We brought the Justice for All (JFA) exhibit to Pasadena City College, the University of California San Diego (UCSD) and completed surveys on the beach. To hear more about those experiences, continue reading on reverse side!

JFA's training and outreach program has truly enabled my generation to be effective ambassadors for life. You can see what our '09 Mission Trip Participants had to say about their experience. If you would like to participate in a future trip or know someone who would benefit from a trip with us, please contact me for details!



California May Mission Trip 2009 Participants: (From Top Left) Lauren Harrast (JFA Semester Intern), Jenica Lee, Tony George, Gavin Studer, Catherine Wurts (JFA Staff), Talitha Rieck, Matt McKinley (JFA intern), Paul Rieck, Bill Hoesch, Trent Horn (JFA Intern), Bubba Garrett (JFA Staff), Kent Peters, Kevin Cook, Dale Henkel, Paul Wilson, David Lee (JFA Executive Director), Jacob Nels, Brit and Israel (baby) Nels. (Second Row, starting on Right) Paul Kulas (JFA Staff), Tammy Cook (JFA Staff), Sarah Torre, Amanda Coles, Maureen Barr (JFA Intern), Alicia Hoesch, Anna Chapman, Jeremy Wheeler. (Bottom Row, From Right) Karyn Taylor, Shannon Lee, Rebekkah Haschke (future Intern), Molly Langan, Claire Rice, Laura Beeson, Jon Wagner (JFA Staff)

Challenge, Inspire and Equip



I often can't believe I talk to complete strangers about today's most divisive issue and I wonder, "How did I get here?" Justice for All (JFA) has challenged me in ways I never thought possible. I am now able to talk about abortion anytime, anywhere with anybody! JFA takes ordinary people like me and helps them engage their culture! 18-year-old Mission Trip Student, Claire Rice (pictured at top left) agreed when she wrote, "Three months ago I would have laughed if you had told me I could hold my own with a Professor of Literature from Japan, a Professor of Philosophy from North Texas,

[and] angry and emotional post-abortive women...I came away knowing that I had made leaps and bounds in my ability to defend the pro-life position." Students all over have made "leaps and bounds" with the help of JFA. Jinny Li (pictured below in green) heard about the value of the JFA training and exhibit and worked hard to make sure JFA came to PCC. Her efforts to bring JFA to PCC led to at least two lives saved and countless other lives changed through the conversations.



At UCSD, future intern, Tony George (pictured above), was able to talk to an *abortionist* when he asked his opinion of the exhibit. The man replied, "It's disturbing." Tony asked, "Have you seen these pictures before?" He couldn't answer because, he'd never viewed pictures but he *had* seen the results of abortion. He was an OBGYN doing his residency and performing abortions. Tony lovingly challenged him and listened to the man without condoning his actions. Although Tony was nervous, his skills led to a productive dialogue. Tony stated, "...this man was uncomfortable with what he was doing. He seemed to be sincerely struggling

with the concept of abortion." The May 09 Trip was amazing! I had my best conversation in three years at UCSD. Eric (pictured at right) wrote on the Free Speech Board. When I asked what he meant he and three friends explained their views and meant to leave without letting me reply. Eric told his friends he was interested in discussing this, so he stayed behind. He was studying Neurobiology. I learned a lot because he was more knowledgeable about science. But I *was* able to show him that he had ignored basic biology by claiming the unborn aren't human beings. Then he began to claim they just weren't persons. I finally asked, "Aren't those arbitrary reasons for



taking away value?" After what seemed like forever, he stared at a 9 week abortion photo and said, "You're right. I've been wrong."