



- Go to our Website
- Contact Us
- Donate Today

The Liberator

VOL 24,
NO. 11

LIBERTY COUNSEL'S MONTHLY ACTION/ALERT NEWSLETTER
"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty." 2 Cor 3:17

NOV
2013

A Message from Mat Staver, our Founder and Chairman

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR SOME GOOD NEWS?

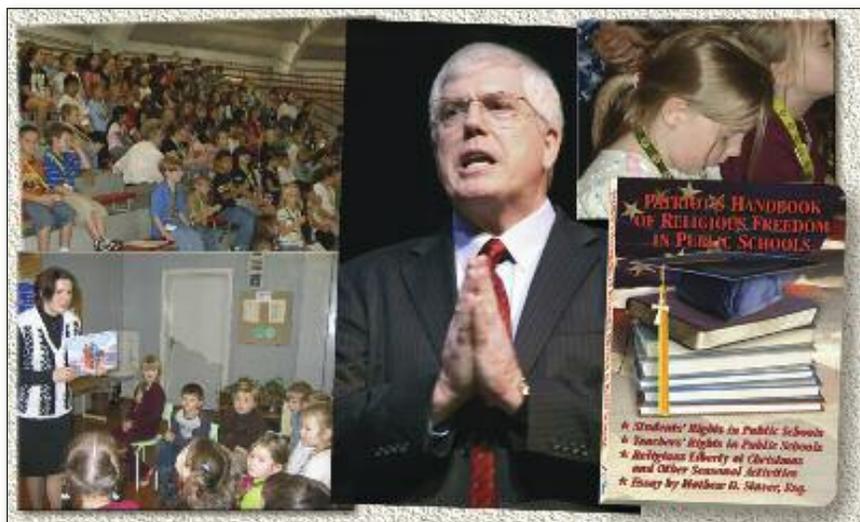
In the midst of all the bad news we receive from our culture each day, I want to share some good news with you! We often hear about the threats to our Judeo-Christian values, and they are quite real; we hear about the conflict in the Middle East involving Iran and Syria, and this region could explode at any time; we hear about the bickering and posturing of the Obama administration, and that our constitutional republic is in peril; and, unfortunately, we hear about real suffering among our fellow Americans because of the administration's bad economic decisions. But I recently received an encouraging word that I want to share with you – all things are not gloom and doom! Thankfully, God is still in control and on the throne.

more than 3,500 public elementary schools nationwide!

Through CEF outreaches, hundreds of thousands of children between the ages of five and twelve have heard the Good News – the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And, of course, their lives and destinies have been forever changed.

Liberty Counsel has been blessed to represent Child Evangelism Fellowship for many years now. Thus far, we have never lost a case for CEF, and we have established many national precedents along the way. Reverend Moises Esteves, the Vice President of USA Ministries,

(continued on page 2...)



On June 11, 2001, the Supreme Court issued a decision that opened the door of opportunity for every public elementary school to have a Good News Club meeting on campus. Since that ruling twelve years ago, Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) has expanded from backyard or home Bible meetings to

Liberty Counsel has represented Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) for many years, and the fruit of our collaboration has been amazing! We have never lost a case representing CEF and have helped scores of local chapters gain access to public elementary schools and establish Good News Club meetings on campus. At top left, a group of elementary school students in Calhoun, Georgia, get started with their Good News Club after Liberty Counsel secured the chapter's legal right to have access to public school facilities. At bottom left, the genius of CEF's after-school instruction in the students' own familiar classroom environment is evident. **In addition to our extensive pro bono legal services, Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver (center) frequently serves as a keynote speaker at CEF banquets and other local and regional meetings of this very special Gospel outreach to children.** Liberty Counsel has distributed hundreds of thousands of our Patriot's Handbook of Religious Freedom in Public Schools, including a campaign in 2011-2012 that placed a copy of the popular resource in every public school in America – nearly 100,000 schools (center right).

(...continued from front page)

and CEF's President, Reese Kauffman, recently sent a letter to Anita and me that I would like to share with you. Moises wrote:

"In God's divine purpose He brought CEF and Liberty Counsel together in a beautiful partnership. God gave a burden to CEF to preach the Gospel to the children in the public schools and God gave a burden to Mat and Anita Staver to go before us and help open the

While there are bad things happening in America and plenty of bad news, the good news is that every public elementary school in the country is open for a Good News Club. This is the best thing to happen to the public schools in our lifetime.

public school doors that have been closed tight for decades. You and your team have indeed a 'holy calling.'"

The letter from Moises continued...

"Both Reese and I and the entire CEF family have been greatly blessed by your tireless work, at your own expense, with letters, meetings, conferences, phone calls, trips, litigation, etc. Your commitment to your 'holy calling' has been such an inspiration to the CEF family. We can truly say that we are not alone in the trenches, on the front lines. God has used you time and time again to make a way for the children to hear about the Savior."

Most of the children CEF ministers

to would never be reached by the church. CEF takes the Good News to these children where they are each day. Through long experience, CEF knows that the most critical age of contact is between five to twelve years of age.

Of the adults who have given their lives to Christ, 85% have made their initial commitment by age 13. Of those adults who are called to full-time missions work, 70% have felt that call by age 13. These are staggering statistics to contemplate!

George Barna is a Christian statistician who founded the well-known Barna Group. In his book, *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions*, Barna confirmed the same statistic already known to CEF. Barna calls upon churches to seize the opportunity to impact their communities by reaching children with the Gospel. And Barna is not talking about merely entertaining children while the adults hear the Gospel. *Knowing these facts, children must be our primary focus for evangelistic outreaches.*

Children are the principle focus of CEF. That is why Liberty Counsel tirelessly represents CEF around the country. In one of the first cases we handled for this cutting-edge ministry in Los Angeles, the nation's second largest school district allowed every secular group to use the school facilities except CEF, solely because it was a Christian outreach. After filing suit and winning the case, the first Good News Club began with 44 children. Thirty-six of those children gave their lives to Christ in the first meeting!

While there are bad things happening in America and plenty of bad news, the good news is that every public elementary school in the country is open for a Good News Club. This is the best thing to happen to the public schools in our lifetime.

It is no wonder children are the focus of Satan's attack. As a strategist of war to the death, he knows the best way to inflict the most damage with limited time and resources is to go after the

children. That is all the more reason why we need to give these children some Good News!

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus also said, "If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea" (Matthew 18:6). *Clearly, Jesus loves little children!*

We frequently receive feedback about children whose lives have been transformed by the power of the Gospel. The parents of some of these children are in prison. While these children can learn about the Bible and a Savior who loves them through a Good News Club, their mom or dad can enroll in CEF Bible studies while serving time.

As you might expect, CEF and Liberty Counsel often meet resistance. Satan does not give up his territory or the souls of these children without a fight. But, with prayer and tenacity, God has repeatedly given us victory.

I encourage you to think of every public elementary school as an open opportunity for evangelism. The field is ripe. We need the workers!

I encourage every church to adopt a local elementary school to cover it with prayer and to provide volunteers to start a Good News Club. Call Liberty Counsel and we will put you in touch with CEF. *Stop fretting about the problem and become the solution!*

I also encourage you to pray for the ministry of Liberty Counsel. Without your prayers and financial support, we could not represent CEF nationwide.

Although CEF is always in need of funds (like most ministries), Anita and I were blessed to receive with CEF's letter an unexpected and pleasant surprise – a nice contribution to Liberty Counsel.

CEF was faithful and obedient to

God and stretched its faith to give to Liberty Counsel from funds it doubtless needed for its own ministry. We are truly humbled by CEF's charity. *I want to encourage you to follow CEF's lead and stretch your faith by giving a portion of what God has given you.*

Anita and I learned a long time ago that we cannot out-give God. CEF's gift arrived at a critical time. Due to the extraordinary litigation and ministry opportunities this year, our cash flow is at a low level. We need all of our partners to help us catch up with Liberty Counsel's financial needs.

Please, generously give a gift to Liberty Counsel. No gift is too small. Whatever you can give, I encourage you to stretch your faith. Giving is an act of worship. By giving, we trust in the Lord for our provision. Generosity is truly a win-win action: The giver is blessed and the recipient is blessed!

Become a blessing and receive the blessings of God, especially knowing that your gift to Liberty Counsel helps provide children the opportunity to hear the Good News! ✕



Mathew D. Staver, who founded Liberty Counsel along with his wife, Anita, in 1989, serves as the organization's Chairman. A leading constitutional attorney, widely read author, and sought-after speaker and cultural apologist, he also serves as Dean of the Liberty University School of Law and as Chairman of Liberty Counsel Action. Staver is among the core leaders of a national effort to rebuild the conservative movement in America.

(...continued from back page)

been impacted by this ministry.

Their encouraging words underscore the need to persevere in the intensifying battle! These testimonies are possible because of friends and supporters like you. Without your ongoing help, we cannot have the impact we do in people's lives – or in the halls of power and in the public arena.

I am reminded of something else Billy Graham said in the late 1980's at about the same time Mat and I founded Liberty Counsel: "I'm for evangelicals running for public office and winning, if possible, and getting control of the Congress, getting control of the bureaucracy, getting control of the executive branch of the government."

"I think," he continued, "if we leave it to the other side, we are going to be lost and I would like to see every true believer involved in some way, shape, or form."

Billy Graham's encouragement of Christian citizen activism is just as

Surely, we must heed Billy Graham's warning and be more vigilant than ever because of the Obama administration's disregard for our religious liberty.

timely in the present day as it was back then. Continue with us in the battle for positive change in our nation. Mat and I are deeply grateful to all of you who have helped over the years by supporting Liberty Counsel's God-given mission! ✕

Anita L. Staver, Liberty Counsel's President, cofounded the ministry in 1989 along with her husband, Mat. Anita is a member of the bars of the state of Florida and the District of Columbia. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, every federal court of appeals in the nation, and six federal district courts.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR TODAY'S ACTIVE PATRIOTS

Do God-fearing Americans still enjoy the personal and religious liberties granted by our Constitution? This question was never even asked 30 years ago, but in the climate created by radical liberal activists, it now comes up all too often. The ***Patriot's Handbook*** series was designed to make critical information immediately available to deeply concerned and time-challenged patriots like you. These useful booklets present the content of our founding documents, as well as vital perspectives on our rights as Americans, in a concise and easy-to-read format. They were produced in a handy "pocket size" so that you can take them with you wherever you go and freely distribute them. **For your gift of \$30 or more** today, we will send you the five-Handbook set. All of these Handbooks are in stock. Just indicate your order on your Response Form, or call 800-671-1776.



Just in time for Christmas ... perfect for stocking stuffers!

From Anita Staver, President

REAL MINISTRY, REAL IMPACT!



And the Lord will deliver me from every evil deed... II Timothy 4:18

Our country is turning away from what has made it so great..." remarked Dr. Billy Graham in a recent interview.

He continued, "Hope and change have become a cliché in our nation and it is daunting to think that any American could hope for change from what God has blessed." Dr. Graham went on to warn of increased threats from the federal government to our freedom.

I was deeply touched by this message from a man who is arguably the greatest evangelist in America's history. Beyond his impact on modern Christianity, Dr. Graham has had a profound influence on American culture.

Surely, we must heed his warning and be more vigilant than ever because of the Obama administration's disregard for our religious liberty. At Liberty

Counsel, we witness serious threats to this core freedom on a weekly basis. *The erosion of religious liberty has greatly increased over the twenty-four years since Mat and I founded this ministry.*

Still, even in the face of increasing threats, God is bringing victories, and we are grateful to be witnesses of His hand at work. Thankfully, Liberty Counsel has been able to advance with renewed vision and continue to help those in danger of losing their liberties.

We are always encouraged by the many heartwarming reports from those we are privileged to help. As a friend of Liberty Counsel, I hope you are also gratified by the following brief testimonies...

After we helped a church keep a cross that the city wanted removed, the pastor wrote: "We can't thank you enough for turning the tide in our permit attempt... You truly are Christian Soldiers and we're really glad you're on our side."

Another pastor in Arizona sent a praise report after we got charges dropped against him for witnessing on a public sidewalk: "I preached and 35 people repented and accepted Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord."

One of our clients wrote a note of gratitude after a judge ruled in her favor, "I have not seen an attorney better prepared for court than the day we went for oral arguments. It was amazing. I don't know what else I can say. Liberty Counsel's help meant everything to me."

And a mother in Wisconsin

emailed, "My deepest gratitude for the profound effect Liberty Counsel has had on my life... Your counsel, knowledge and faith gave us the courage to challenge our public school curriculum, ultimately resulting in the election of new school board members and parental notification requirements being enforced."

Even in the face of increasing threats, God is bringing victories, and we are grateful to be witnesses of His hand at work. Thankfully, Liberty Counsel has been able to advance with renewed vision and continue to help those in danger of losing their liberties.

A Good News Club leader recently thanked us for helping gain access to a public school for after-school meetings. "We continually marvel at how God has opened this door so wide. We praise Him and thank Him for you and Liberty Counsel, and the role you played in reaching the children..."

Over the years, we have received many reports about those who follow Christ as a result of our work to keep the doors open for the Gospel to be preached. We are thankful for the testimonies from so many who have

(continued on page 3...)



Restoring the Culture by Advancing Religious Freedom, the Sanctity of Human Life and the Family

The Liberator newsletter is regularly published by

Liberty Counsel

PO Box 540774

Orlando, FL 32854-0774

800•671•1776

www.LC.org • liberty@LC.org

Donate Today