

## What the Lord has been Doing Through A.P.

The apostle Paul explained to the church in Corinth that when God's Word produces fruit in the lives of those who hear it, the active agent responsible for that fruit is God, not the humans whom God uses to spread His Word. Paul stated: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Because of its powerful nature (Hebrews 4:12), God's Word accomplishes the mission for which it was designed and does not return to God void (Isaiah 55:11). In Romans 10:14, Paul asked a series of rhetorical questions, one of which was: "And how shall they hear without a preacher?" The obvious answer to his question was that without a preacher, "they" (all those who need the Truth) would not have the opportunity to hear. So great was Paul's conviction that he explained it was his duty to take the truth to those in need: "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16).

For the last 27 years, Apologetics Press has been faithfully fulfilling the mission of proclaiming the truth to those who need it. The broad range of topics discussed by A.P. has made it possible for thousands to understand God's truths regarding such issues as the plan of salvation, the creation of the Universe, the existence of God, the inspiration of the Bible, the uniqueness of Christ, and thousands of other vital subjects. This work has been made possible by bountiful blessings from God manifested through generous financial and moral support of thousands of individuals and congregations around the globe.

Often, the materials produced by A.P. are distributed in such a way that many of our supporters and readers might not have the opportunity to see the impact they are making. So, we have decided to use the *Resources* this month to let our supporters and readers see what God is doing through them.

### A.P. at School

Often, the materials produced by Apologetics Press are utilized in classroom settings, both in public and private schools. We, as an organization, pray on a regular basis for the Lord to put our materials into the hands of those who need them. And we are always thrilled to see the results. One youth minister from Tennessee wrote regarding our kids tract series:

The "Truth About..." series has been extremely popular with our kids and community. In fact, copies of the tracts have been allowed in our local school system to be used for a Christian perspective on science and evolution. Word has spread about the tracts and our congregation has received many requests for them.

One student from Missouri who attended a Christian Evidence Seminar presented by an Apologetics Press speaker obtained a copy of the book *Truth Be Told: Exposing the Myth of Evolution* (published by A.P.). She wrote:

I showed this book to my science teacher one day (after I'd already read it) to tell her what I think about evolution. She brought the book back the next day and asked me where I got this book. I told her about Apologetics Press. She's amazed by the facts.... She told my class about this book and now all my friends want to read this book.

In addition to materials being used in public school settings, A.P. speakers often are invited to present Christian Evidences material to students in private school settings. Recently, an A.P. speaker delivered an extensive presentation about dinosaurs to over 70 fifth graders. Due to the generosity of our supporters, each child was given a book **absolutely free**. Not only did the fifth-graders listen intently to the approximately hour long presentation, but they had the opportunity to ask questions, receive answers, and see fossil replicas and colorful slides. The children wrote notes of appreciation, in which were several very encouraging comments. One girl remarked: "Thank you for coming and speaking to us.... We enjoyed you coming and teaching us about dinosaurs.... I didn't know humans lived with dinosaurs! And I really like the book *Dinosaurs Unleashed*." Another fifth-grader wrote: "I want to thank you for taking the time to come to our school and teaching us the right thing to believe! Now I know people did live with dinosaurs. The evolutionists can't make me ever believe in evolution ever! I'm going to stick to believing in the Bible forever. Again thank you for the presentation." We receive hundreds of letters, e-mails, and calls like these on a regular basis. From these few comments, we think you will be able to see why we are so enthusiastic about the work that A.P. is doing and the people who are being reached with God's Word.

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## A.P. in the Prison System

For many years, Apologetics Press has made it a policy to respond as generously as possible to letters from prison inmates. In accordance with Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:36, we have tried to "visit" those in prison by giving them, at no cost, materials that we publish. Currently, many inmates receive our monthly publication *Reason & Revelation*. In addition to those who receive monthly materials, others have requested books to help them learn the truth on such topics as Islam, the Bible's inspiration, God's plan of salvation, alleged Bible contradictions, and Holy Spirit baptism. An inmate in California wrote: "Thank you for your kind words and gift of *A Matter of Fact*. I enjoyed it very much and have already been blessed to share it with two others. More are already anxious to read it, too." Another prisoner who requested materials wrote: "Thank you very, very much for *The Anvil Rings Vol. 1*. I read it in almost one day. My faith is greatly strengthened by your generous gift. Rest assured that the other brothers here will benefit from it as well."

In addition to the materials we send to those who are incarcerated, A.P. has adopted a similar policy toward those who request materials from overseas, in such places as Africa and India. We literally have sent tens of thousands of dollars worth of materials to other countries at no charge. One recipient in Ghana, West Africa wrote: "I received [*The Quran Unveiled*] today and I have started reading it. The book will help me tremendously in my radio discussions with Moslem leaders. Thank you and may God bless you richly as you continue to labor in his vineyard." It is such a blessing to know that God is using our materials to strengthen the faith of many people throughout the world.

## A.P. Hits a Nerve

If you have kept up with our products in the past, you know that Apologetics Press has courageously tackled morally sensitive issues that merit attention. With our most recently published book, *Does God Love Michael's Two Daddies?*, we have struck a major nerve in our society. The book presents the truth that God loves all people, but He demands that those who adopt sinful lifestyles such as homosexuality must repent in order to be saved eternally. We sent the book to the American Family Association, who favorably reviewed it in their *Journal* in September which has a circulation of over 100,000. AFA also included A.P.'s Web address and mentioned that the book could be obtained directly from the Apologetics Press Web site. The review reads:

### Kids Book Explains Biblical Perspective on Gay Marriage

Same-sex marriage is controversial among adults in the U.S., but for children—and especially Christian children—the subject is sure to be confusing, too.

A new book from Apologetics Press helps parents address with their children the matter of gay marriage. *Does God Love Michael's Two Daddies?* focuses on Seth and Sarah, twins who meet a new friend named Michael on the first day of a new school year. When Michael announces that his two daddies are thinking about getting married, the twins get confused. They ask their parents about it that night at dinner.

"For the last 15 years, the homosexual community has been publishing children's books promoting homosexuality, starting with the book *Heather Has Two Mommies*. Other books such as *Daddy's Roommate* and *My Two Uncles* have followed suit," the organization says on its Web site ([www.apologeticspress.org](http://www.apologeticspress.org)). "To our knowledge, no comparable children's book designed to combat the promotion of homosexuality is available on the market—until now."

*Does God Love Michael's Two Daddies?* is beautifully illustrated and well written, and the subject matter is handled sensitively. Moreover, the presentation of the Biblical message is done in a manner that would teach children to have compassion for those in the homosexual lifestyle ("Kids Book Explains...", 2006).

According to the records we have available, we received more page hits to our site in September than we have ever received in any single month (i.e., 322,000).

But the attention given to this new book has not all been favorable. In fact, those who support the homosexual lifestyle have begun to speak against the book and against Apologetics Press.

For instance, one pro-homosexual Web site, titled *Good As You* discussed *Does God Love Michael's Two Daddies*. Needless to say, the site was anything but flattering. Near the end of the discussion, the author sarcastically said: "Be sure to look for future titles from Apologetics Press, including the eagerly anticipated *Hey Dad, Is Johnny's Mom the Alcho-W---e Gonna Burn?*, the revelatory *But Mom, Why Do You Have Your Own Opinion When The Bible Says You Should [sic] Be Submissive To Dad?* and the feel-good *Yo Sis, Isn't It Great That Our Parents' Are Holier Than Thou And Have All of the Answers?*" ("Kids Read...", 2006). As can be seen from such statements, God's truth regarding homosexuality was lost on this sarcastic, irreverent reviewer. Another pro-homosexual site stated: "*Good As You* has the dirt on what appears to be the religious conservative answer to *Heather Has Two Mommies*. It's called (wait for it) *Does God Love Michael's Two Daddies?* My guess is that the answer may not be a firm "no" but closer to 'Kinda. Sorta. But...' " (Terrance DC, 2006). Such criticism from the pro-homosexual community is to be expected when the biblical perspective on gay marriage is defended. In fact, Jesus once said: "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets" (Luke 6:26).

What a shame that our society is slipping into a quagmire of moral erosion in which children at relatively early ages are forced to deal with such sensitive issues as homosexual marriages. A few short years ago, such issues could have been avoided until later in life. Now they are being pushed on our nation's youth by school systems, media, and even some governmental institutions. It is imperative that children be taught the "biblical perspective" regarding homosexuality and gay marriage. We, at A.P., are set for the defense of the biblical position concerning homosexuality.

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