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## FRAA Launches a Book of Mormon Reading Project *for believers in the Book of Mormon*

FRAA has begun an exciting challenge to all who believe in the Book of Mormon. The challenge project, named TESTIFY UNTO THE LORD, urges all believers to read or reread the Book of Mormon in the next six months. By this act, individuals can testify to the Lord of their belief in this divinely-given scripture and witness unto him that they will implement its principles in their lives.

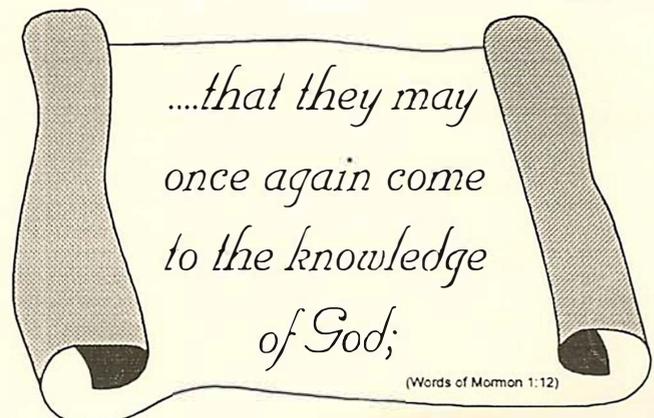
Upon completion, each person who writes FRAA will have his or her name printed in the summer issue of *The Witness*. The last day for completion is June 30, 1995. Already congregations which have been notified are responding enthusiastically.

### *Helaman's Two Thousand to lead the challenge*

Many parents have reported that they have begun to read the Book of Mormon nightly to their children and are finding not only that it is a wonderful family experience, but their children are waiting excitedly for the family to share together. One person said that though she had always believed in the Book of Mormon and studied parts of it all of her life, she had never read it from start to finish. As a result of this challenge, she began to read it from page one and became so interested she could barely put it down.

We are hoping that not hundreds but thousands of names can be printed in the summer issue of *The Witness*. Since this is a very important project, FRAA is asking its Helaman's Two Thousand members to respond in great faith and unity. Please begin reading today and encourage your congregations, families and friends to start reading the Book of Mormon. If

you need any promotional or informational inserts for your congregation's bulletins, please write FRAA / TESTIFY. And be sure to place your commitment on the refrigerator or some other prominent place so that each day the words of this book will find place in your heart.



# FRAA Promotes True Meaning of Christmas

*Nearly 1,000 children's Bible books supplied to churches for neighborhood outreach*

In the weeks before Christmas, residents in the communities of Woodbine, Iowa, Blue Springs, Lake Lottawana, and Independence, Missouri, were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas--the birth of Jesus Christ--when they received Christmas greetings and gifts of children's Bible books from area churches.

FRAA began shortly before Thanksgiving to plan the Christmas project by ordering nearly 1,000 children's books on the birth of Christ and other Bible stories. They were delivered to FRAA headquarters in Independence where churches then made arrangements to gift wrap

and place a congregational information card in each book. Members of Hill Cumorah, Colbern Road, Blue Springs, and New Jerusalem Restoration branches, as well as the Youth Missionary Corps team in Woodbine, Iowa, met at their respective churches to receive their packets of brightly wrapped Bible story books to pass out in their neighborhoods.

Many people were grateful and genuinely touched as they received packages for their children or grandchildren, and participating members experienced the true joy of Christmas in sharing the gospel message.



## Contributions in 1994

Gifts to the foundation library in 1994 include the following:

**From the library of Gordon Heady, Independence, MO:**

- \* More than 150 books on subjects related to Mesoamerican archaeology, calendrics and metrology
- \* An archaeology-based collection of more than 500 articles, reprints, pamphlets and maps in hanging files
- \* Videos on and artifacts from Central American archaeological sites

**From the library of John Dowker, Banning, CA:**

- \* Approximately 500 slides taken in the 1950s of Central American archaeological sites and related Book of Mormon subjects

If you have Restoration books or materials that you would like to contribute to FRAA's library, please contact us.

*My Commitment Is to  
Read the Book of Mormon  
and Testify to the Lord  
of my belief in the Book of Mormon  
in*

**FRAA's Book of Mormon  
Reading Challenge**

**Helaman Two Thousand Completion Form**

Name(s): (of each family member who has completed reading the Book of Mormon by June 30, 1995)

**Cut out  
and place  
on your  
refrigerator  
as a daily  
reminder**

If you have a special testimony or experience as a result of reading the Book of Mormon, please share it with us.

Return to:  
FRAA/TESTIFY  
210 W. White Oak, Independence MO 64050

## Meet FRAA's New Office Manager

### Linda Guin



Linda Guin is FRAA's new office manager. She comes to FRAA with a diverse professional background. For the past seven years, she has been a systems analyst at Sprint, a highly technical position requiring excellent organizational skills. Before that, Linda served as office manager for Preferred Health Professionals, in various administrative positions in the medical field, and as personal secretary to a department head at Central Missouri State University.

She says, "I am excited to be a part of FRAA and have my work experience be directly related to the work of the Lord. I see this as an opportunity to witness of Jesus Christ. I look forward to meeting each of you and joining you in this endeavor."

For our part, we are delighted to have someone of her caliber and level of commitment.

*Welcome to our staff, Linda!*



## New Testament Classes

On January 7, 1995, the summer interns and their guests met at FRAA headquarters for an all day session of New Testament classes. The class agenda included an overview of the New Testament, the Sermon on the Mount, the Apostle Paul, the "Miracles of Jesus" video, and a New Testament timeline. The day concluded with several teams competing in Book of Mormon Jeopardy.

The interns were excited and wanted more opportunities to study the Scriptures. We gave the book The Road to Somewhere, a guide for young men and women, to all participants as part of the day's activities. We thank Helaman's Two Thousand for giving us a chance to show Christ to these young people through the Bible and the Book of Mormon.



## Exciting Projects for 1995

made possible by

Helaman's Two Thousand Members

FRAA sponsors many Book of Mormon projects reaching out to young and old. Our bookstore offers more than 800 different selections, allowing us to share the message with all generations throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

In addition, the summer internship program, the new *I Witness Kids* magazine and *The Witness* magazine provide new and exciting opportunities for ministry.

These programs and activities are made possible because of the faithfulness of Helaman's Two Thousand members. We thank you for your prayers and unwavering financial support. We pray you will continue that support and invite others to join us in this great endeavor. A special envelope is attached for you to give to prospective members who want to stand with us as witnesses for Christ.



## Children's Book of Mormon Magazine Planned

A new youth magazine, named *I Witness Kids*, will be published by FRAA with the first issue scheduled for March 1995.

The magazine for children, ages 6-12, will come out quarterly and focus on Book of Mormon topics for young people.

If you have or know children in this age group and would like for them to receive this colorful magazine, send their names and addresses to: *I Witness Kids*,

c/o FRAA, 210 W. White Oak  
Independence, MO 64050

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# Student Intern Applications Now Available

Applications for FRAA's summer internship program are now available. If you know a young person (age 16-21) you would like to see in the program, please write to the FRAA/ Intern Program for a 1995 application. Interns are paid a weekly salary for their participation in this richly rewarding 6-week program.

## January - February Activities:

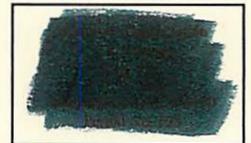
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*FRAA's Read the Book of Mormon  
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