

MIGHTY



SUMMONS

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Helaman's Two Thousand *- Bearing Valiant Witness to Others -*

Helaman Two Thousand members have enabled FRAA to enrich the lives of thousands of people throughout the world by making monthly/annual contributions to the Foundation. Your support has enabled FRAA to offer a wide variety of valuable services and programs:

- Student Internship Program
- *The Witness* magazine
- *I Witness Kids* magazine
- Congregational Book of Mormon Days
- Children's Book of Mormon Days

The contributions of Helaman's Two Thousand members have been invaluable.

Today the need is even greater to provide resources and ministry to a world that is hungering to know Jesus Christ. I was approached by a four-year-old boy this week at a public facility. I asked him his name and age. As we continued to make small talk, he reached for the cross I had hanging around my neck. Gently picking up the cross, he looked it over and asked, "Is that a knife?" I said, "No, it's a cross." He insisted it looked like a knife to him. Once again I explained that the gold object around my neck was a cross and added, "like the cross that Jesus hung on." He looked at me with an innocent, sweet question on his face, indicating to me he was uncertain what I was talking about. I asked Coty, "Do you know who Jesus is?" My heart sank in disbelief as this little child answered me with a flat "NO." My mind raced in desperation; how could I witness to this precious child in the few minutes I would spend with him?

The world is full of Cotys, old and young. Some live without knowledge; others live in disbelief. Some know only of the ministry of Christ found in the Bible. But Jesus said, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; ...they shall hear my voice;... (John 10:16). The Foundation for Research on Ancient America is dedicated to bringing the message of Jesus Christ in the Book of Mormon to all who will hear. This *will not* happen without the continued support of people who desire to bear valiant witness to others. We encourage you to continue or renew your support of the Book of Mormon. Send your monthly/annual contributions today. Some are able to contribute \$5.00 a month while others give larger amounts. Your gift will enable us to continue the work the Lord has called us to do. God will bless you as you serve.



Helaman's Two Thousand Members:

- receive the *Mighty Summons*
- receive *The Witness*
- receive 10% discount in the bookstore (excluding consignment items)
- provide outreach
- testify of their belief in the Book of Mormon

FRAA Bookstore Continues To Grow

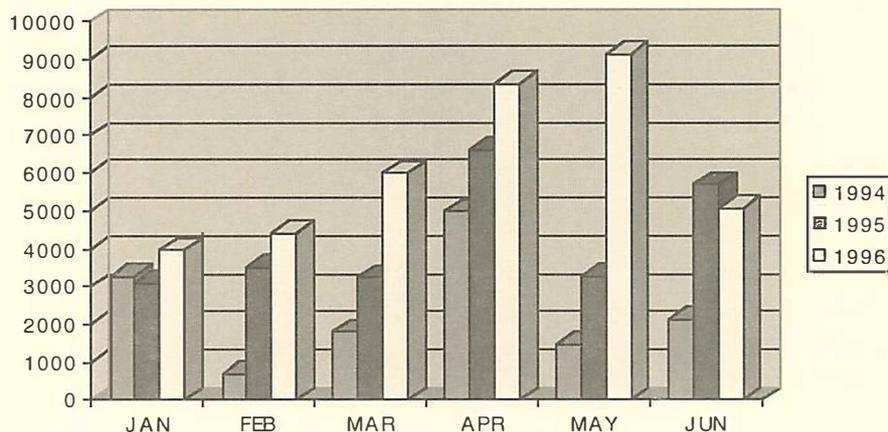
The staff at FRAA continually strives to make available to our customers the largest, most complete selection of books and resources available on the Book of Mormon, as well as other Christian materials. Our goal is to provide materials for *all people* who believe in the Book of Mormon. The Lord continues to bless us in our efforts. We have had tremendous success the first six months of 1996 providing services for conferences, reunions and retreats throughout the United States.

Income from bookstore sales is being reinvested to expand and improve the facility. Salaries are also covered by income generated through the bookstore. Donations made by Helaman Two Thousand members are expended on other outreach programs, and support the general operation and maintenance of FRAA.

We appreciate your continued support as a customer and encourage Helaman Two Thousand members to take advantage of your 10% discount on all bookstore materials (except consignment items). If you have not taken the opportunity to visit our bookstore please stop in, meet our staff and browse around. We look forward to serving you.



Bookstore Sales Comparison



48% INCREASE IN SALES FIRST SIX MONTHS 1996

June sales for 1996 do not reflect an increase from 1995 due to changes in reunion dates from last year.

FRAA Financial Information

FRAA - Mortgage Update

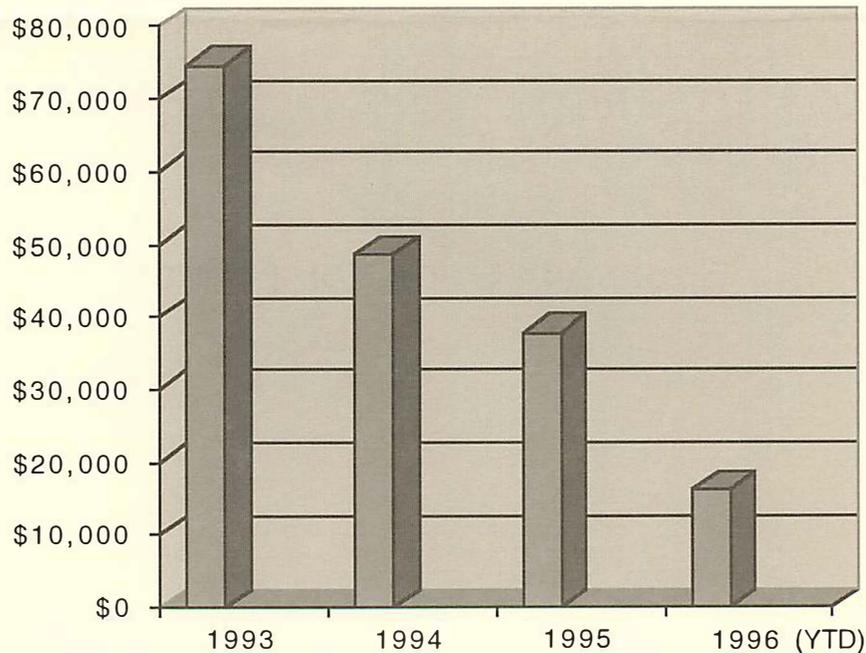
210 West White Oak
Independence, MO

Original Principal (10-01-90).....	\$61,150.00
OUTSTANDING BALANCE	\$46,705.84
Remodeling of Building (PAID IN FULL)	\$50,000.00

Approximately one-half of our monthly payment goes to interest on our current payment schedule.

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS GROWTH POSSIBLE.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

Helaman Two Thousand Contributions



Contributions from our Helaman Two Thousand members have fallen significantly as the chart indicates. We need your help to support the many FRAA activities which promote the Book of Mormon. Please continue to send your regular contribution, or renew your pledge today.



Book of Mormon Internship Program Begins Fifth Year

The 1996 Summer Internship Program began on June 17. Ten enthusiastic young adults gathered from across the country to begin a six-week course of study, research, and fellowship. The program is designed to increase their knowledge of the Book of Mormon and their commitment to the Lord.

A trip to the Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas to see the dramatic reenactment of the last days of Christ, his crucifixion and resurrection set the stage for a summer of exciting and challenging events for the interns. Through a local tour of Independence and surrounding areas the interns were provided an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of their Restoration heritage. Highlighting the six-weeks was a three day tour to historic Nauvoo.

A special guest speaker, a survivor of the Holocaust, helped them gain appreciation of what religious persecution and sacrifice can involve.

Through these diverse experiences, each intern completed the program with an increased understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ. They left with a renewed desire to discover the Lord's will for their lives.

The success of the Internship Program is due to the loving support we receive from branches and individuals. Without the financial support received from various groups we would not be able to provide an opportunity of this magnitude for our young people. A sincere thank you to everyone who held us up in your prayers, taught a class, prepared food, or provided an opportunity for these young people to meet their service requirements. Due to the success of this year's program, we look forward to next year with even more enthusiasm.



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