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**FRAA**  
**Newsletter to**  
**Helaman's**  
**Two Thousand**  
**Members**

# **HELAMAN'S TWO THOUSAND 1997**

FRAA now recognizes groups of contributors within Helaman's Two Thousand who have committed to dedicate certain levels of donations to the promotion of the message of Jesus Christ found in the Book of Mormon. Select the level of support that best reflects the blessings that God has bestowed upon you.

## **BE A FAITHFUL BELIEVER!**

Contribute \$60-499 annually and become a Faithful Believer.

## **BE A COURAGEOUS SERVANT!**

Make an annual contribution of \$500-999 and become a Courageous Servant.

## **BE A VALIANT WITNESS!**

Contributors of over \$1,000 a year become a Valiant Witness.

Remember, Helaman's Two Thousand members will receive a 1997 membership card entitling you to a 10% discount in FRAA's Tree of Life Bookstore, FRAA's newsletters and magazines free, and most importantly enable the Book of Mormon to become spiritual armor in the lives of both young and old!

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**FOR YOUR MONTHLY  
CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES  
Contact us today!**

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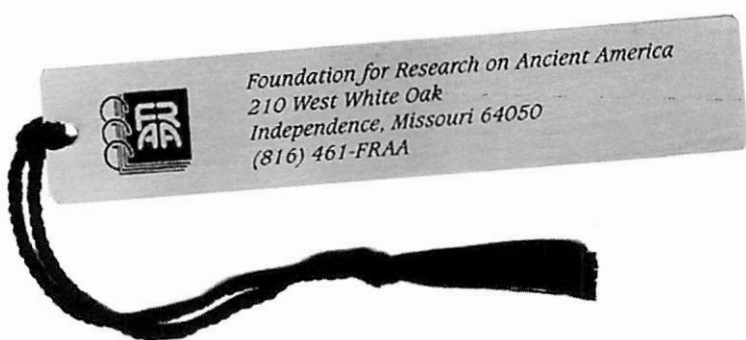
# FRAA KICK FUND RAISING

## Helaman's Two Thousand for FRAA's Book of

The "miraculous strength" of the 2000 young men, who saved the Nephite army as recorded in the Book of Mormon, was a result of their unwavering faith and belief. Today, numerous believers in the Book of Mormon reflect a similar conviction in their support of this inspired scripture.

Throughout FRAA, many people have selflessly banded together by giving financial support or volunteering large amounts of their time to further the knowledge of the Book of Mormon. From the *I Witness Kids* magazine for young children, to *The Witness* magazine which reaches 17,000 homes, to Book of Mormon Days across the country, to FRAA's Tree of Life Bookstore, to its highly successful internship program for young adults, FRAA's volunteers and supporters have displayed a "miraculous strength" of faith and belief.

## BOOK



Your Helaman's Two Thousand scrip  
Look for it

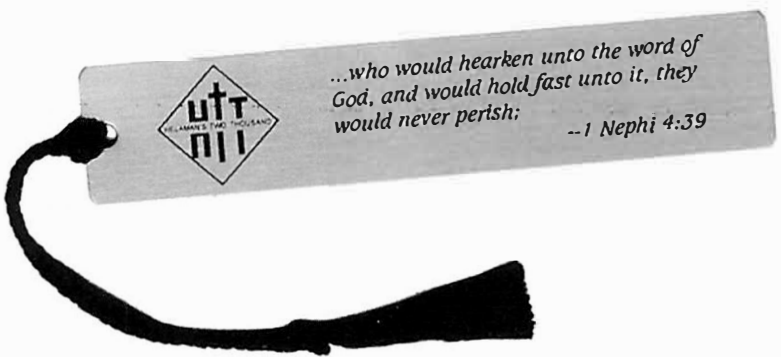
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## has been a powerful army Mormon programs

Today, greater numbers of young people seek entrance into the internship program, the Bookstore is doubling in size, and new avenues continue to present expanded opportunities for ministry and service. To meet these challenges, FRAA is prayerfully seeking to expand its support through its Helaman's Two Thousand members, who have enabled this powerful witness to occur.

We have started this year, 1997, striving to be more valiant witnesses for the Lord. It does not matter if you have allowed your contributions to lapse, or the size of your current contributions. This year, we are asking everyone who has a belief in the Book of Mormon to begin again. Look for the new levels of support within Helaman's Two Thousand. Choose the level that best reflects your ability to support the Book of Mormon and join with other Book of Mormon supporters in giving it to the world.

## MARK



uture bookmark will be arriving soon.  
in the mail.

## News of Interest From Around the World

**Russia:** A Russian news agency reported recently that archaeologists have discovered pyramids in a remote area of Siberia. The pyramids are similar to ones in Latin America, and date to the fourth century B.C.

**Honduras:** Archaeologists have found a series of burial caves in Honduras that date to 900 B.C. that suggests the presence of a large and previously unknown civilization in Central America. The civilization that used the caves apparently thrived at the same time the Mayans were beginning in Guatemala and the Olmec empire was at its height in Mexico. Due to looting, the newly discovered Cave of the Spiders held only a few artifacts but it was full of foot-long, spider-like scorpions.

## Bookstore Sales Set New Highs

FRAA's newly named **Tree of Life Bookstore**, reached almost \$90,000 in gross sales in 1996. This 42% increase from 1995 is attributable to the many exciting books and materials on the Book of Mormon and Bible that the store is carrying, according to office manager Linda Guin.

"The goal of the bookstore staff," Linda states, "is to increase the store's titles to an even greater selection than the 3,000 titles currently available, and to broaden the resources available in children's books, church school materials, Christian greeting cards, and Christian art."

Even now the store is attracting members from several different denominations, which Linda credits to the wide variety of books and materials that are becoming available: "We look to 1997 and future years to be even more exciting, as more and more people begin visiting us and discovering the wealth of resources that we carry."



## FRAA Staff Attend Christian Booksellers Expo

FRAA staff members, Cherie Finley and Linda Guin, with FRAA members, Michael and Julie Gatrost, traveled to Nashville, Tennessee in January for the national exposition for Christian Booksellers. The conference is an opportunity for hundreds of Christian Publishers to meet with bookstore owners and staff from throughout the United States to display the most recent books and materials available.

Exhibits included beautiful artwork depicting Christ overlooking Jerusalem, a young boy praying in a grove of trees (with the scriptural caption "if any of you lack wisdom..."), and many others. Other exhibits included new Bible games and videos, scripture wood carvings, greeting cards with Christian themes, music, jewelry, clothing, church school curriculum, and hundreds of other Christian books and materials.



Staff members participated in seminars and classes and attended concerts of various church choirs and musical artists. The new products and materials can be found at FRAA's Tree of Life Bookstore.

# FRAA'S MAJOR PROGRAMS

- 1. *THE WITNESS***

Goes to 17,000 homes and is packed with Book of Mormon articles and testimonies.
- 2. *I WITNESS KIDS***

A junior Book of Mormon magazine for young people ages 5-12 with Beezley the mascot!
- 3. BOOK OF MORMON DAY CONFERENCES**

Now your congregation can host a Book of Mormon Day Conference with videos and presentations on gospel principles from the Book of Mormon.
- 4. CHILDREN'S BOOK OF MORMON DAYS**

FRAA annually hosts a Book of Mormon Children's Day with interactive fun and learning. This year's program will be August 16. Call for details and advance registration.
- 5. THE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

For young adults ages 18-24, this powerful six-week program motivates, inspires and changes lives. The summer of 1997 will be its sixth year.
- 6. FRAA'S TREE OF LIFE BOOKSTORE**

Fast becoming the largest Book of Mormon resource center in the midwest. Visit now for all your spiritual learning needs.
- 7. THE HELAMAN'S TWO THOUSAND PROGRAM**

FRAA's faithful supporters, who bear valiant witness of the Book of Mormon by giving their time and financial support.