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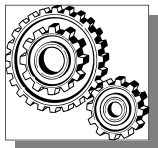
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Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

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The Vision

By
Kay Trudell

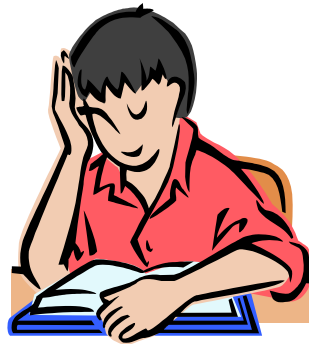
The year was 1973. The month was April. A former rural pastor who had moved to New York to minister to street gangs in New York City was in his prayer closet before the Lord when he received a vision. As he described it in the Introduction to his 1974 book, *The Vision*: "I have had but two visions in my lifetime. The first came to me in 1958, when a vision of God took me from a little town in Pennsylvania to New York City to work with teen gangs and drug addicts. That was not a false vision. Now, years later, its reality is shown by the youth centers spread all around the world [such as Teen Challenge}. Gangs and addicts have not only been converted, but many are even preaching the gospel as ministers and missionaries.

"A second vision came to me this summer (1973). It is a vision of five tragic calamities coming upon the earth. I saw no blinding lights, I heard no audible voices, nor did I hear from an angel. While I was in prayer late one night, these visions of world calamities came over me with such impact that I could do nothing but kneel, transfixed, and take it all in . . . the vision came back to me night after night. I couldn't shake it off. Deep in my heart I am convinced that this vision is from God, that it is true, and that it will come to pass . . . I have been afraid that most people won't believe it, or that I'll be branded as some kind of fanatic . . . Who wants to listen to a message of economic confusion in a time of great affluence? Who wants to be told judgment is coming? . . . and even now Earth is reeling under the impact of this first sampling of God's wrath. It seems that nearly everybody is wondering what is happening to nature, to moral standards, and to society. I believe that what is happening now is supernatural . . . God warns of sudden disaster when all men are crying peace and safety . . .

"Before you put aside this vision as the ramblings of a fanatic, hear this! This vision could be the actual warning from God through a human being to a sleazy, slumbering world . . . friend, it is time to get ready. It is past time to prepare. The hour is late and the time is getting short."

So wrote well-known pastor and founder of Teen Challenge David Wilkerson in 1973-1974. It has been over thirty years since Wilkerson wrote and published his little book. It was recently reprinted and re-released. Much of what he foretold has come to pass. Other parts of his vision remain unfulfilled. From time to time, the CAM newsletter will be reprinting passages from *The Vision* which were penned in 1973 and published in 1974. Measure what the Lord showed Pastor Wilkerson against the religious, political, cultural, and social conditions of today. I believe Pastor Wilkerson is a modern-day Biblical "Watcher on the Walls", sounding the trumpet and urging us as a society to repent and turn back to God.

Here are some of the things he wrote in his 1974 book. Judge for yourself whether his vision was true.



"It is impossible for ideas to compete in the marketplace if no forum for their presentation is available." Thomas Mann

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“Thousands of newsstands across the nation will soon be selling explicit sex magazines that will make *Playboy* seem almost puritanical . . . There will be a flood of magazines designed especially to attract the female market, featuring male nudes. Even the most respected national magazines will become more erotic in their advertising and in their copy.” (p. 47)

“There are only two forces that hold back homosexuals from giving themselves over completely to their sin, and they are rejection by society and the repudiation and teachings of the church. When society no longer rejects their sin . . . and the church no longer preaches against it as sin and consoles them in their sexual activities --- there no longer exist any hindering forces. The floodgates are open . . . In my vision I have seen these two

roadblocks being swept away.” (pp. 50-51)

“Without a doubt, earthquakes are going to strike the United States and other parts of the world with growing intensity . . . Famine is coming to the world in our generation, and millions will die of starvation. Catastrophic years lie just ahead, with drought, floods, and other weather disasters . . . Floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and hailstorms will occur more frequently . . .” (pp. 33-35)

“The teen gangs of the future in our major cities will be younger, more vicious, and more down on parents . . . The life and death battle for survival for millions of innocent children will be lost because of divorce. One out of every two and a half marriages now ends in divorce, and pay day is about to come . . . teen-agers are going to face apocalyptic crises. They are going to be living in a world that is shaken

to its very foundation. While divorce has become epidemic, more and more children have become scarred and damaged as a result.” (pp. 68-69)

“War and Terrorism --- Will we see war, acts of terrorism, and violence all around? Will there be a collapse of all moral standards and laws --- as well as a worldwide depression with runaway inflation and devastated economy? . . . Can we believe the predictions of Jesus? In an age of increased knowledge, of great scientific achievement, can we really accept the idea of a world in complete chaos? . . . Death will come from war, famines, plagues, earthquakes, floods, and severe weather changes worldwide.” (pp. 94-95)

“I believe we are going to witness the bankruptcies of some of this nation’s major and most popular corporations.” (p. 17)

“France will become one

of the most vicious anti-American nations in the world.” (p. 27)

Last year, Rev. David Wilkerson, respected founder of Teen Challenge and numerous other ministries in New York City and worldwide, updated and reprinted this prophetic book originally published in 1974. If you believe God has given this man words for our time, I encourage you to subscribe to his newsletter. You can contact him at World Challenge, Inc., PO Box 260, Lindale, TX 75771 and ask to receive his free newsletter, which is published twice a month. He can also be reached on the Web at www.worldchallenge.org or by telephone at 1-903-963-8626.

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Update on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools

By
Marion Clegg

Since the article I wrote in your last newsletter, I have given out packets of material to around 90 pastors and lay people covering a vast section of our State in Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor counties. Several of these have gone to pastors that are overseers for their denomination, so we may have covered a couple other counties, which at this time I do not know about. A couple have gone where they overlap into New Hampshire and Maine, and that is good because those states also need to be picking up the information to reach out to their school boards. I have also given out ten 28-minute videos and twenty-four 4-minute DVD's about the curriculum.

I wish I could say that I have heard from some, and that they have started working on the petitions for their school district, but I haven't, although we will be doing this at our church before you get this newsletter. I do plan on making some follow up calls to pastors to see how things are progressing. I do believe that, if we are going to see this come about in Vermont, we have to start putting our efforts into action now, so that the curriculum can be implemented in schools for the 2006-07 year.

I do ask that the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools, myself, and your school boards be added to your prayer list. Pray daily for the implementation of the Bible Curriculum in schools throughout Vermont, wisdom for me, and favor for all that will be presenting the petitions to their school board. Thank the Lord for divine intervention on our behalf and for His Glory to be established through our efforts.

I would like to thank CAM for the part you have played getting the word out, and your words of wisdom for me. I pray that the Lord will raise up others that will be willing to be part of this wonderful opportunity to teach our children the reasons America has been a nation established on the foundation of the Bible.

Marion Clegg is the Vermont State Director for National Council On Bible Curriculum in Public Schools. Marion attends Open Doors Church and World Outreach in Essex Junction.

Parental Notification Initiative

By
Guy Page

Something is happening at the grassroots that could bring pro-parent values to the Statehouse in Montpelier. It all started this winter when Heather Sheppard, a Cambridge mom of three school-aged girls, visited the Morrisville WIC office to pick up her free peanut butter and cheese.

Her counselor was feeling chatty. She told Heather she was a part-time high school nurse. A girl with “a problem” had come into her office and the nurse arranged for her to go to Planned Parenthood. Transportation to and from the clinic was provided; the girl left school during school hours and returned the same day, a fact the nurse said with a laugh, “...her parents will never know.”

Horrified, Heather asked why her parents weren’t told. “Oh, half of the parents beat or abuse their kids anyway,” she was told.

Heather called me because at the time I was a lobbyist fighting against assisted suicide, and she figured I might know what to do next. So I accompanied Heather to the Lamoille School Board meeting. As Heather requested, the school nurse was disciplined. *She was disciplined for talking to Heather!* But sending a girl to a clinic without telling her parents, that was OK. The school superintendent read a statement proclaiming that all state laws, regulations and guidelines had been followed.

And in a strict legal sense, he was probably right. Absent a parental notification law, parents are legally out of the loop. We are outsiders. The health and wellbeing of our children are in the hands of strangers with their own agendas, peer pressure, and adolescent judgment. Needless to say, it’s the only medical procedure that plays by this set of topsy-turvy rules.

Montpelier needs to hear from parents. Thus, *Caring Vermont Parents Inc.* is organizing the 2006 Town Meeting Parental Notification Initiative. Other interest groups are fond of using Town Meeting to promote their own causes; why shouldn’t parents? Vermonters favor parental notification of abortion about 3-1, according to formal polls and my own personal experience. I knocked on 1000 doors in South Burlington this spring, collecting petition signatures for a So. Burlington parental notification referendum, and found overwhelming support, even from pro-choice people. Only our “representatives” stand in the way of parental notification.

As of today we are organizing in more than 40 Vermont towns and cities. By New Year’s, we hope to be at about 100. We are confident that, voting by Australian ballot and not with lengthy, contentious floor debates, Vermont voters will say yes to an advisory question about parental notification legislation. So, you might ask, what good will that do?

Good incumbent legislators will be greatly strengthened. They would benefit from a

local grassroots campaign proclaiming their support of the voters’ wishes. They would be seen for what they are - responsive, true representatives. Many challengers of these good representatives would not share their support for PN, and thus would look unrepresentative, undemocratic, and supporting a special interest. NOT a good way to get elected. So that’s a feather in the cap of the good legislators.

But even better – we hope that significant numbers of voters will take a second look at incumbents who refuse to support a pro-PNI Town Meeting vote. If the voters speak clearly in March, woe betide the candidate who doesn’t come out for parental notification. And many incumbents are already on record as opposing parental notification, so even if they flip-flop they’ll look bad. We will make sure that the vote will be followed up with public education that underscores support for the pro-PNI candidate.

So many towns have close elections that narrowly give the victory to anti-notification candidates. The PNI can be the vehicle that makes the difference. It can help send the truly representative, pro-family person to victory and Montpelier.

So, how can you help? Help us collect signatures on petitions. State law requires that if five percent of registered voters want a question on the Town Meeting ballot, the Clerk must put it on the ballot. (By state law, only unlawful or frivolous requests are not permitted.) You can help collect signatures in two ways:

1). Invite me to speak to a group of interested people. Time and again these meetings have become the foundation of a good town-wide organization. Almost every town in Vermont is a good candidate for a PNI. Call me at 644-5066 or email me at newsclips@msn.com.

2). Also, I can mail or email you Word documents of petitions, petition scripts, and one-page information sheets. You can use these to collect signatures on your street, in your church, social club, parents’ waiting room, or wherever other pro-family people gather.

3). Donations help! To help with our remarkably bare-bones budget, a very generous donor has offered to match all gifts of \$200 or more. Thus your \$200 gift really equals \$400. Our mailing address is Katherine Fisher, Treasurer, 745 Edson Hill Road, Stowe VT 05672.

Caring Vermont Parents, Inc. is not affiliated with any other statewide organization, although we are glad to join them in coalition on key issues. Our president is Susan Connerly of Stowe. As a 501 C-4 non-profit, donations we receive are not tax-deductible. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 644-5066, or at newsclips@msn.com.

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“Peace if possible, but truth at any rate.”

Martin Luther

What can I do?



Faith without works is dead
James 2:17

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As we start the holiday season with Thanksgiving, remember that all blessings flow from heaven above. Be thankful for the freedom we have to worship Jesus Christ. Make your prayer over the family meal one that truly thanks our Savior for his gift of life to us, along with the many blessings you have received through him.

If someone wishes you “Happy Holidays”, reply with a “Merry Christmas” greeting. Because without Christ there would be no Christmas to celebrate.

“Jesus is the Reason for the Season” is not only a snappy refrain, but a truism as well.

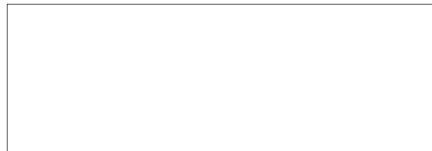
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