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A message from Gary:

Dear AFA family,

My soul cries for our youth in light of our supreme court and our President whom, I believe, is doing all he can to keep Bibles out of the hands of our military and our youth. Most public schools have followed suit in keeping the Gospel of Christianity from being taught or even mentioned along with the fact that Christian teachers are being told to keep their



faith in the parking lot and not in the classroom. Thank God for those who home school or send their children to Christian schools.

Could it possibly be that in the next ten years our country will outlaw our faith in Christ? Maybe we should start collecting our Bibles which is our greatest weapon. During WW2 The Jews of Europe were blamed for all the problems in the world. Could it be possible that in America the Christians could be blamed for the same lie? I will pray these things will never take place in

(Phillipians 1:29)

"For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for Him."

our time but if they do we will see how many believers are willing to suffer for the cause of Christ. As the salt and light we are the reason for this nations decline. Please keep AFA in your prayers for the times are more crucial than ever. My speaking schedule was on a short hiatus during April and May as Ruthie and I were getting cataract

These are your victories ! Thank you!

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surgery. What a wonderful experience for the both of us to be able to see clearly again. My next surgery however was not planned. I was rushed to the ER by my family only to learn that my gallbladder needed to be removed. I spent the next eight days in the hospital (during mine and Ruthie's 50th wedding anniversary) recovering from the removal of the gallbladder and a bout of pneumonia that developed during my stay.

Once I got back home I was able to rest up for my upcoming engagements beginning with the Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Camp. Each class consisted of around 500 young people. By the time you read this I will have finished all five sessions of close to twenty-five hundred youth and staff. The last week of July was the Pennsylvania Youth Camp as more lives were touched by the tenderness of our Lord and Savior. I would like to thank the Arnold family from State college, Penn. for taking me in and allowing me to save miles and funds. They, just like so many others, are truly a gift for God's ministry and me.

In conclusion of this letter, I will be in the middle or finishing up the last camp of the summer schedule in North of Portland and Washington State with Kendall Weekes and team.

It is difficult as always to put on paper four or five times a year all that happens in this ministry. The trials and the miracles, I hope will be played out to you all in Heaven so you can see up close how much you mean to us in AFA and most of all to Jesus Christ.



*Because of the gift
He remains to be,
Gary, Ruthie, Shane, TJ, Eman
and the AFA team*



Your father, Gary Horton, stopped by Lycoming College today to give us a speech. He gave a great presentation and touched a lot of hearts. I managed to get a picture with him and he wanted to send it to you. You have a great father. Let him know as well that we all hear give him another big thank you.



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January 25, 2013

RE: Principal's Recommendation for Gary Horton

To Whom It May Concern:

It was another assembly, another opportunity to miss class, another hour to avoid lectures and essays and math problems. It was a chance for students to hang out with their friends and relax, and that was enough. The students of Bellville High School were happy simply to have a break in their school day. But then, the guest speaker began to talk and the mood changed drastically. Mesmerized, 700 students listened intently as Gary Horton of the American Freedom Assembly entertained, challenged, and motivated them with witty jokes, inspiring anecdotes, and the truth.

Wearing blue jeans, a black sweatshirt, dark glasses, and a contagious sense of humor, Gary confidently strolled on stage and immediately interacted with the kids. He made them smile and laugh, and then he began to teach, not with lecture but with life. Sharing his experiences in his straightforward style, he told them what they needed to hear, and they listened. He told them it wasn't their fault that our country was in trouble, but they did have responsibility to make it better; he told them that teachers were hurt when students disrupted the class, and they needed to stop disturbing the learning environment; he told them they could build up their life or tear it down, and they had to choose correctly. Gary showed them that they mattered, and they believed him.

Reminding them that they could be a blessing or a curse to others, Gary inspired the teenagers to change the way they viewed life. Reciting poetry that reminded them of what patriotism actually is, he encouraged them to rethink their definition of a hero and to ask: "If every American was just like me, what kind of America would America be?" And as he continued speaking about attitude, motivation, enthusiasm, respect, integrity, courage, and ambition, the lessons he taught stayed with our students, who still speak with appreciation of the man they heard on the auditorium stage that day.

At the hour's end, the audience cheered, but the standing ovation was only a respectful symbol; the real change took place in the hearts of the students and of our faculty as we applauded a man whose life was making a difference in ours, beginning with that one moment when all the students really wanted to do was get out of class. As principal, I'm grateful for Gary, for what he accomplished, and for the power of his message. It is my great honor to write this recommendation on his behalf, and I look forward to hearing him speak again one day soon.

Sincerely,

Jim Batson

Jim Batson,
Principal Bellville High School

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Dear Gary Horton,

My name is Hannah Westbrook, and I just wanted to tell you how inspiring you were to me when you spoke at PFEW. My father is a retired Air Force officer, so I understand the sacrifice you made for the beautiful country you and I are blessed to live in. You remind me of my Southern grandfather; you seem like a book of wonderful stories and I wish I could've had the honor to hear more.

Thank you for asking your life for this country. Thank you for taking the time to see us. Thank you for continuing the word of God in a society where faith is undervalued.

God Bless and may the memory of your beautiful grandson live forever.



Love,
Hannah
Westbrook

Hannah Westbrook

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Mr. Gary Horton
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Dear Mr. Gary Horton,

"It's not what you have, it's what you can't lose that makes life worth living."

Thank you greatly for sharing your words of enlightenment with us and for taking time out of your life for us. I really appreciate your service for the country, and I admire your love for America and God. I enjoyed listening to the acronym for America. Your faith is a role model for me and I look up to you for that. God bless you as you continue to do good works!

Sincerely,

Alexander Ball

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28 February 2013

Ranger Gary Horton
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Ranger Horton,

On behalf of Mr. Kenneth W. Lenington, McLaurin High School Principal, other administrators, faculty and student body, I want to thank you for the outstanding assembly you hosted at our school. Motivating young people is a tough challenge for educators, but your words of encouragement and wisdom provided many of our students an opportunity to pause and take a fresh look at their inner self. Many were moved to tears as they self-evaluated where they are in life, what they want out of life and how they are going to become successful based on the information and guidance you provided them during your presentation.

Tough times loudly call for tough talk, which you shared, and our hope is that our 650 students can take your information and begin to walk the walk. Character development which is the key to success represents a host of attributes that our educators endeavor to instill into our students regardless of their personal situations. I applaud your efforts of inspiring young people to reach higher and desire more out of life than the status quo.

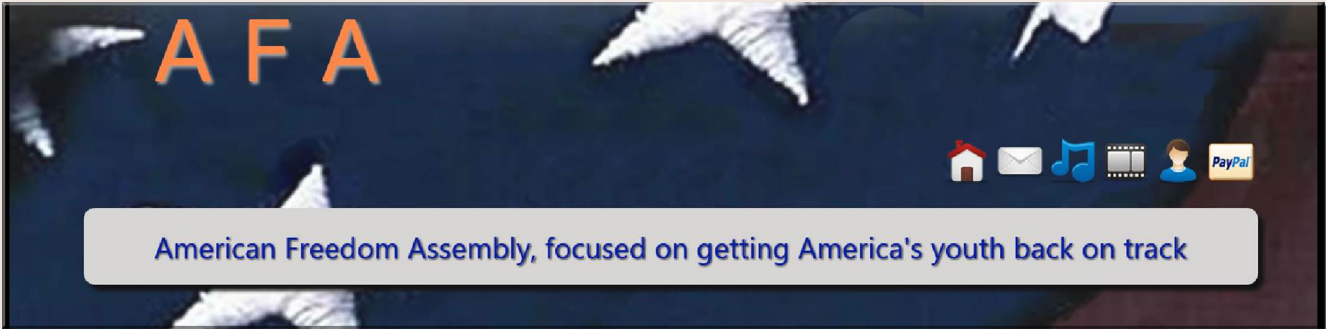
Our door is always open for you. Please feel free to visit McLaurin High School anytime you are in this area.

HOOAH!

James D. Eitts

JAMES D. EITTS
Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Retired
Senior Army Instructor

CF:
Mr. Lenington



With our recent upgraded website I hope to enable an additional means of reaching out to our youth by way of the internet. Among other resources available on our new site we have provided short 2-3 minute videos which I am calling my "Icebreakers". I thank Stan Arthur for his amazing work and patience with me in producing these and other videos posted on our website.

It is my prayer that, with your support, we might be able to expose your local school officials, teachers and coaches to these "Icebreakers". If motivated to assist, I would ask that you would encourage them to download and, in their individual classrooms, present them to their students prior to their studies. At the moment I am not sure that there is an "open door" here but, if it is God's Plan, it will be there.

This technology is all very new to me, but if I am able to continue to 'stand' before our youth and encourage them to BE that "Peer Pressure" within their schools for Christ's sake, we need to continue to press forward to the high ground and I need to "get educated"! Obviously, your prayers in this matter are much appreciated!

IMPORTANT DATES

All American Youth Camp
Oregon/Washington Area
August 15-24
Kendall Weekes
360-576-7776

Oklahoma Area
November 7-13
Roger and Nancy
Mueller
405-755-1901

Mississippi Area
September 13-18
Brenda Cole
601-201-7585

Washington State
October 24-31
Don Oakland
425-780-8310

Possibly Tulsa, OK.
November 5-19
Ron Bartell
918-357-1618



August 1, 2015 in remembrance.
ALWAYS loved. NEVER forgotten.