



Help Your Local Schools

You will remember that we made mention of the Schools Complimentary FET Resource Package, at the last AGM. Well, by the grace of God, and the hard work of CFT members, we have managed to get the 5 disk package completed and ready for distribution. There is also a 6th disk which contains Technical subjects and we hope you can get that one to all schools which offer tech subjects.



It's up to you now to get this package into your hands as soon as possible for distribution to your local schools. The package consists of 4 DVDs and 1 CDRom (plus another CDRom with technical subjects).

The contents of the CFT Complimentary Academic FET Package is at least 3 or 4 times the amount of last year's contents.

Also, we realized that there was a need for GET content (GET is the school leaving year, Grade 9, which has an external National Exam). So, we have a whole GET section rich in content to make the teacher's burden a little easier. In fact, the package is so complete that teachers can use it as a huge library of resources, fitting exactly into the Education Department's requirements for NCS (the National Curriculum Standard). Plus, we have fitted in a very complete LO section (Life Orientation) which is now a matric requirement for every single student.

A Biblical Worldview is the common thread which runs through all subjects. After all, God made everything including knowledge, for His glory.

Our "flagship" subjects (Science, Maths and Life Orientation), have been mostly produced by our own people: Domino Servite School, Cedar College of Education, Doctors for Life, CFT, TNT, TLW and Radio Khwezi. The Science part is on disks 2 and 3 and is probably the best you'll get in South Africa. The "bonus features" are very important because they contain Gospel messages in various languages, Choir music, and a number of sermons.

It is important to note that this package is complimentary and

must never be sold. We want it to remain free because the target schools are the so-called "disadvantaged" schools that are so poor that they have no library worth mentioning, their teachers lack adequate training and they have virtually no resources. As we pointed out last year, each school has been supplied with a safe and a computer and printer, by the Department of Education. That is why we have the info on computer disks. We have also gone back to some of the schools which took last year's package to get their opinion. Teachers wanted more subjects on the disks. They also liked the parts which they could print out for their students and the fully prepared lessons, tests and memorandums, which make their busy lives a lot easier.

One example of how effective this package can be:

Just 5 km from CFT's headoffice is a school which has GET and FET students, which improved their matric pass rate from 4% (in 2007) to 86% last year. They thanked us personally for the assistance CFT had given to them.

If you distribute the package it would be good if you, or someone involved with the distribution, would have a close look at the contents. It is quite possible that the disks become another "white elephant" if the recipients have no clue on how to use it or don't have a computer at school. We came across one school which was very keen to have the package. Upon enquiring further we realised that they don't have any electricity and no-one on the staff has a laptop. The irony for this poor school is that the MEC for Education personally presented this



school with 20 brand new computers, last year. They are collecting dust. If one checks that the package will be used and follows up with teaching the staff how to use it, it is more likely to be a real help to the school.

To get the package you will need to get them fetched from the CFT office, or posted. If you can't make your own copies for your local schools, we can do it for you.

Please email requests to: mail@cft.org.za, or phone **032 4815725**.

My dear friends

President's Address during the CFT AGM - 5-7 September 2008

PART 2

Let me be more specific about how apathy affects us.

As pro-lifers, our biggest challenge is not the agenda of those who support abortion and euthanasia but how to awaken the inactive silent majority of pro-lifers.

We are unashamedly pro-family. There again, even before we face distributors of pornography, the pimps, prostitutes and bouncers we need to mobilise our 'sleeping partners.'



Fano Sibisi, Kjell Olsen and European CFT members

In spite of the general apathy that is a cause for concern the truth is that there is a great need out there. Just ask the teams that go out to tell you about the hunger and thirst for what is right.

Believe me, there are people out there who are just waiting for you to offer them a presentation on CFT.

True Love Waits and TNT will tell you of the difficulty of keeping up with all the invitations and opportunities that come their way.

Let me go to my second picture.

Radio Khwezi listeners will remember one of the traditional songs that was sung by Prince Gideon Zulu and other royal family members.

*"UNdab' angazidla zonk' izinkomo zamadoda
um' engas' asiphake."*

The song is about soldiers who are in a state of alert. They are daring to go to war for their king; all they are waiting for is his command.

Compare that with the following two stanzas from Frances Havergal's song 'Who is on the Lord's side?'

*"Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army none can overthrow;
Round His standard ranging, victory is secure,
For His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully enlisting, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side. Saviour, we are Thine!"*

*"Chosen to be soldiers, in an alien land,
Chosen, called, and faithful, for our Captain's band,
In the service royal, let us not grow cold;
Let us be right loyal, noble, true and bold.
Master, Thou wilt keep us, by Thy grace divine,
Always on the Lord's side. Saviour, always Thine!"*

Now, that is the kind of state that I wish for myself and for every CFT member.

It might well be that some CFT members feel that it is unrealistic to expect them to be in a permanent state of readiness to do battle for the King. I would suggest that they ask themselves if the powers of darkness ever get lukewarm in their pursuit to destroy us.

It has been said that evil triumphs because good people quit being good before evil people quit being evil. How true. How tragic.



Fano Sibisi and his support team

In closing, let me comment briefly on the Conference theme 'Put on the whole armour.'

We are not called upon to look at the armour.
We are not called upon to study the armour.
We are not called upon to admire the armour.
We are not called upon to polish up the armour.
We are not called upon to select our pet armour.

What we are called upon to do is to put on the whole armour.

GOD BLESS CFT!
GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL!



International Substance Abuse trends

Report by Doctors for Life

Substance Abuse trends have changed dramatically over the past few years. For example, drug trafficking in Africa has become a major international concern. Around 30 South Africans are arrested monthly in Brazil on drug smuggling charges. This escalation over the past two years is a direct effect as South Africa (SA) emerges as a new hub in global drug smuggling. From SA, the drugs travel to Europe and other destinations by land, air - the national carrier, South African Airways, emerging as one conduit earlier in 2009 - or sea.

Amidst this disturbing news, people sometimes become desperate for an answer and end up accepting a tolerant view on drug abuse. One of the most well known controversial ideologies is called "harm reduction". This benign-sounding term has become a gateway for disastrous tax-funded programs that have proven to breed addicts, and includes programs like needle exchange, shooting galleries and even distribution of free heroin.

An example of this can be seen in Switzerland where addicts started injecting heroin under medical supervision at clinics 14 years ago. In 1988, Zurich opened a park for free needle distribution for heroin addicts. Before long, the city was flooded with foreign addicts. This Swiss experiment has evolved into a grotesque spectacle. Switzerland ended up having the highest heroin addiction rate and second highest HIV infection rate in Europe. Unfortunately, the SA government recently started including "harm reduction" language in its policies too; this is of great concern. It's a slippery slope as notable in the Swiss example.



Further, in the USA the economic misery seems to spark more ruthlessness. California is currently considering the legalization of 'pot' (dagga) and allowing the state to regulate and tax its sale as they believe it will save their economy. They are deliberately ignoring warnings, such as those by the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) who wrote in their 2009 annual report: "... cannabis has become more potent and is associated with an increasing number of emergency room admissions"... "In spite of all these facts, the use of cannabis is often trivialized..."

Simultaneously, and ironically, stricter measures are implemented on legal drugs. In South Africa, smokers will soon be confronted with grim pictures of people with cancer and rotten teeth when they buy their cigarettes. In Cape Town specific limits on the amount of alcohol sold to individuals, a ban on drinking in cars, tough action against patrons of illegal shebeens and fines from R50 000 up to R1-million to defaulting retailers took effect from January 1, 2009. New regulations will also require warning labels for alcoholic beverages which highlight the negative effects of

alcohol consumption. Even Britain announced that a voluntary agreement has been reached to put similar warning labels on Britain's alcoholic beverages.

It is crucial that the issue of substance abuse be dealt with on the basis of sound scientific fact and not on the cloaked opinion of those committed to liberal and unfettered use or trafficking of drugs. The only logical and reasonable approach to addressing drug abuse is the prevention and abstinence of drugs. Even the Netherlands, known for its liberal views on dagga, is increasingly less tolerant while even closing down many "coffee shops" (dagga selling cafes) in Amsterdam.



Another example is a leading newspaper agency in the UK, the Independent, openly apologized in 2007 for their pro-dagga (cannabis) stance. Soon after their first pro-dagga public campaign, launched almost 10 years ago, dagga was effectively decriminalized for public use in the UK. The repercussions were severe. Treatment for cannabis addiction jumped from 1600 Britons in 1997, to the present-day number of 22 000 and an estimated 25 000 people had cannabis-induced schizophrenia.

Finally, In the UN's 2006 drug report, Sweden's success in having the lowest substance abuse problem in Europe is ascribed to their effective drug policy.

"There is a strong emphasis on prevention, drug laws have been progressively tightened, and extensive treatment and rehabilitation opportunities are available to users. The police take drug crime seriously" explained Executive director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Mr Antonio Maria Costa.



We believe this success is not unrealistic for South Africa either, by following rational and sound policies.

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Devotional Thought

"Rejoice not against me, O my enemy: when I fall, I shall rise." (Micah 7:8)

A secret for victory is revealed to us here through the prophet of God. We are engaged in a constant spiritual battle with the enemy of our souls, whether personally within, at home, at work, in society and in our country and nation. In this fight it is possible to fall due to a blow from the enemy, this normally happens when you are not watchful, prayerful and have taken your eyes off the Lord. However, notice the emphasis is on 'I', in other words, when you fall it is not the enemy who is to blame, it is you and therefore the only remedy is with you. He says 'when I fall, I shall rise'. When you fall you must rise, don't wait for someone else to help you

get up, be like the prodigal son when he came to himself and went to his father. Likewise when you fall, you must rise and go to Jesus for cleansing and restoration so that you can continue the good fight. However, the prophet also reveals to us that we need the light of the Lord when we sit in darkness, so the victory is totally dependent on the Lord even though I must rise when I have fallen. These are wonderful encouraging words from the heart of a man whose faith and hope were on the Lord, and therefore he did not fear his enemy and walked in victory.

- John Powys



Ballito LIFE CHAIN - February 2009 Report

The Life Chain held in February this year was well attended with approximately 150 people from various congregations. This was the National Pro-Life demonstration held to mark the 12 years since the Government promulgated the Termination of Pregnancy Act in 1997. We were very blessed that the Life Chain went peacefully and prayerfully.

Good News Community Radio interviewed some of the Life Chain members. The interviews were very informative and a blessing to all who followed up to listen. The local Courier Newspaper did a very good article on the Life Chain. We stressed that we are not a radical extremist group and are simply stating an opinion.

Some of our members got together and set up a display of coffins in memory of the 800 000 babies that have been aborted since the inception of the abortion law in our country.

International Life Chain day is at the end of September and we are thinking of organising one large rally across

- Nina McNeil



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