

You Can Make a Difference!

Cory Bennett : Mentoring families, churches and schools in the area of Christian education and discipleship

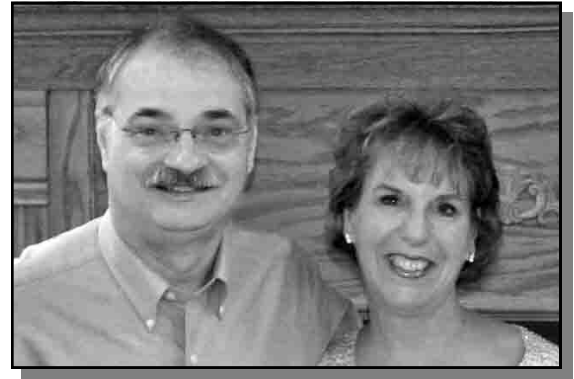
Dear Friend,

For 22 years we have served home educating families as a member of the Smoky Mountain Home Education Association (SMHEA) Board of Directors. For the last 17 years, I have served as president of SMHEA and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Home Education Association (THEA). My entire adult life has been spent ministering to parents, faculty and students. In 1997 it became apparent that the explosive growth of home education in our area was making it impossible for a volunteer to provide adequate leadership. With the encouragement of the Board of Directors of the Smoky Mountain Home Education Association (SMHEA), we left our positions with Campus Crusade for Christ. By faith we founded Foundation for Educational Leadership (FEL) a ministry committed to working with families, churches, and schools in the area of Christian education and family discipleship. Contributions to FEL supply our ministry and family needs as well as allow us to provide full-time leadership to area home education and to work as a board member of the Tennessee Home Education Association (THEA). In addition FEL offers consulting services for Christian schools, home school support groups, and families. While others have come and gone, we have been here for 22 years serving thousands of families in our area.

We are passionate about family discipleship (which includes academic instruction) and about the role of the family as the foundation for the church and our society. Whether it is consulting with a home school family, helping an administrator at an umbrella school, advising a parent considering home education, speaking to a support group, or working with a legislator to defend our academic freedom, our passion for Jesus Christ, family discipleship, and students is evident as a hallmark of all that we do.

For more than 12 years, committed families, churches, and businesses have partnered with FEL to make it possible for us to serve thousands of families. This year, the economic crisis has hit even the largest, most stable Christian ministries hard. Many have eliminated programs and laid off

employees to make ends meet. FEL relies on the tax-deductible contributions of families who support our ministry. In recent months we have been severely affected by the economy. FEL is small ministry dedicated to ministering to the needs of families in our area. There is no fat to cut, no surplus to fall back on.



Cory and Barbara Bennett

We are faced with an immediate need to replace \$2,000 in monthly support lost in recent months. In addition we are trusting the Lord to provide \$5,000 in one-time support to sustain us as we trust God to provide for our monthly needs. To some, this would seem like an impossible task. I believe that God has called me to this ministry and that He will provide for our needs as we make them known and trust Him.

We are praying for 100 new financial partners who can support FEL \$20 or more a month. Helping home educating families has always been a group effort, and now, more than ever, we need your help. Would you stand with us?

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If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do? Psalm 11:3

Please check all that apply.

I would like to partner with Cory and Barbara through:

- Prayer
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