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Our school information letter stated: As we begin a new school term tomorrow, the faculty is looking forward to another year of learning. Our prayer is that God will bless and prosper the students throughout this school term. The students need support from both the home and the school due to an increased level of instruction by the teacher and an increased level of learning by the student.

The spiritual value of educating our children with believing teachers who love God with all their heart, and with the children having that same divine love in *their* heart, is beyond any value system in the world. Our school is the *Vital Link* to Christlike behavior as the students learn godly ways at church, in the home, and putting Christian conduct into practice as they interact with others at school.

Our children's education by Christian *believers* who personally live God's Truth, is *vital* today—with many serious problems in public and non-public schools; curriculum that opposes Scripture, hostile attitudes toward classmates; bullying, and many other unscriptural characteristics of public schools. Our school is a vital link to learning Christlike behavior toward one another.

Having teachers who would advise their students how to *meet* things right—as well as how to *trust* God for the ability to learn, is an extremely important aspect of our school—as it supports what is learned from Christian parents at home. Proverbs 22:6 "*Teach your children to choose the right path*, *and when they are older, they will remain upon it.*" But it would be difficult to teach them godly behavior if they are not educated in a Christian atmosphere five+ hours a day—five days a week. The vital importance of educating our children in a godly environment, with teachers who trust God in their own lives, becomes more needed than ever.

We praise God for enabling us to operate our own school for the benefit of the families who support His church and His Truth. We operate this private school Psalm 78:6 "So the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—that they in turn might teach their children."

Three primary places for *training* children in spiritual matters are: 1. The *Home*; 2. The *Church*; and 3. The *School*—and Spiritual education is most effective when *all three* point in the *same direction* to the *same God* of the Bible.

Today, it is crucial to have teachers who personally trust God and who explain scriptural responses to the children concerning any situation. Advising the students to *not* strike back; rather to *forgive* each other; to *share* their lunch with a student who has none; and to always *treat* others as *they* want to be treated is vitally important—advice that is *not heard* in public schools, as they are told to *strike* back and *get* back at bullies.

School books and studies within the parameters of God's Word, is a major concern today. Public schools include readers and subjects that are diametrically opposed to Bible teaching. Many subjects in are unnecessary or just unscriptural and would *not* have God's approval or blessing. Public schools today approve of alternative lifestyles; evolution; and striking back when offended.

Other concerns are trusting God for divine protection for all students on their commute to classes or during school activities—it is an important *prayer* that is generally *not said* by public school parents and *not heard* by public school students. We thank God for the opportunity He has given us to educate the children in a Christlike atmosphere—away from worldly influences.

An article on Public School Problems says: Besides lack of parent involvement, the school problems viewed as serious by many teachers includes student apathy; poverty; absenteeism; disrespect for teachers; late arrival for class; and parents on drugs or alcohol.

The National Center for Education Statistics state: The challenges facing public school teachers today are poor Student attitudes; lack of interest; and disrespect for authority—they are major problems in today's schools—along with students being bullied in school hallways and outside.

Our school is a *gift from God* for our families who teach spiritual values to their children at *home* and have classroom teachers who give the *same* scriptural advice at *school*. Students are in class for over five hours a day and five days a week—this gives many opportunities for *teaching* them and *advising* them how to meet each other in a scriptural way.

Most of those who purchase textbooks for public schools do not trust God in their own lives therefore the selecting and purchasing of textbooks that would *not* include alternative lifestyles or unscriptural material, is not even considered by the ones who *do* the buying.

School readers today include abnormal and deviant lifestyles that are portrayed as *normal*—but God says they are *not normal* at all and are an *abomination*. Romans 1:26-27 *"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections"*—both men and women, the Bible says, *"Did change the natural use into that which is against nature."* 

Public schools accept this as *normal* since God's Word is *banned* in schools. Any *lifestyle* or *perversion* is called *normal* when it is actually *detestable* and *unacceptable* in the sight of God. Isaiah 5:20 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness "—Romans 1:25 "Who changed the truth of God into a lie."

Since the *truth* of Creation is *rejected* and the *lie* of evolution is *accepted*, public schools have become the breeding ground of every type of wicked lifestyle, corrupt thinking, and unscriptural way of living. By rejecting *God* and His *Truth*, they *forfeit* their *soul* to the devil.

Jesus said Luke 10:16 "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." Reading the Bible to the class in a public school is not allowed, so it is not surprising that the world is in the horrible spiritual condition that it is. John 12:48 "There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day."

There is no excuse for the evil, the wickedness, and the blatant unbelief in the world today, as the existence of God as the Creator of everything, is evident to anyone willing to accept the *evidence*. Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard"—except in public school classrooms.

The lie of evolution has destroyed the faith of millions. Romans 1:18 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse."

Children in public schools do not *hear* the Bible read, and they may never be *told* of the Savior who died on the cross for them—*that* is the main reason we operate our own school. What a *blessing* God has given us; and what a *privilege* it is for the children to *hear* God's Word before classes, to *pray* together, and to ask *God* for success.

There are many issues involved in educating children, but hearing the *Bible* read and saying the *Lord's Prayer* before classes tops the list. Since the schools have removed the Bible from the class-room, Satan took its place. Crime, violence, drugs, bullying, and immorality of the city streets have moved into public schools.

Most American families choose to educate their children in a non-religious atmosphere whether homeschool or public school—where most are void of Christian training and godly advice. *Our* families, however, have made the *willful* choice to educate *their* children in a school that *emphasizes* Christlike attitudes and gives *scriptural* advice to the students.

Being with the students for many hours every day, makes it essential that the teachers be *as committed* to doing God's will in *their* life, as the parents *are committed* to doing God's will in their life. The *home*, the *church*, and the *school* form a *vital* partnership.

*First priority* is teaching children how to behave and conduct themselves in a godly way at *home* and all through their *school* years, so when they graduate, they take Christlike attitudes with them to be applied to the *next chapter* of life. Deuteronomy 6:7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

Children cannot effectively be taught Christlike *attitudes* if the school could not *cooperate* with them. Christian teachers form the *foundation* of Christ-centered *schools* where children are given Christ-centered *advice*. The classroom instructor has the opportunity to explain Christlike responses to the children as they educate them in other studies. With geography, history, science, math, or economics, the teacher has the opportunity to include God's plan of trusting Him for health and finances—pointing out to the students how differently the *world* thinks about healing, money, or how life began.

Keeping our Christian school operating becomes ever more important as we hear of increasing violence, serious crimes, drug abuse, immoral behavior, and corrupt curriculum—all resulting from Satan's control of those involved in school systems. From union strikes, to bullying, to violent crimes against students, public schools are getting further away from Christian principles.

Teaching in a Christ-centered school is a high-calling from God, and a duty that only He can enable each instructor to live up to by His Holy Spirit within. Each teacher should realize how important their position is, as they interact with students many hours a day.

God will enable the teachers to be successful in their duties, and He will give the students success in their studies, as they humbly seek His guidance each day. 1 Peter 4:11 "If any one renders a service to others, let it be in the strength which God supplies; so that in everything glory may be given to God in the name of Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the might [for ever and ever]. Amen."

We all enter God's kingdom by His *grace*, through a believing *faith* in the Blood of Christ; and since *faith comes from hearing* a message of truth Romans 10:17, it is necessary that the children *hear* the Truth from the *Bible* and to *say* the Lord's Prayer at the start of the day. It is a great responsibility—with even greater and eternal *rewards*!

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