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Dear Frontline family,

What awesome days we occupy in God's world! Many friends and loved ones are facing the Covid-19 crisis without the comfort of our loving Savior. We have the extraordinary opportunity to exemplify and communicate His love and mercy to them, that Christ not Covid-19 is Lord. One **grave issue facing the nation is education**. What a blessing! We have labored and prayed for the last twenty-five years for God to move on the hearts of parents and pastors concerning the need for their children to receive a thoroughly Christian education, and within one week, all American children were being taught at home.

We realize that this is not Christian education, but we see it as **an opportunity to shape the metal of education** if we will "strike while the iron is hot." We are urging our field and state coordinators to seize the opportunity to contact pastors with helpful material, especially the newly released second edition of "Rescuing Our Children" from *New American* magazine. To order, visit ShopJBS.org or call 1-800-342-6491 to help us distribute this valuable tool. Discounts available for bulk orders of 10 or more.

Throughout these weeks, we've had many conversations with parents reeling from the propaganda and filth forwarded from government teachers and intended to educate the children, polluting their hearts and minds. Other parents are telling us that, while they have contemplated homeschooling, they are glad to have a time to give it a try. Still others never thought they would educate their own children, but now they don't want to relinquish their children again. One dad is teaching his children music on the various musical instruments he plays and other subjects he himself loves, which he has wanted to teach his children but never had the time with them to make it happen. These stories, repeated across the nation, offer so much hope.

This is a powerful opportunity, as evidenced by this statement in an editorial by one of the assistant editors in the *Wall Street Journal* on March 29, 2020: "Some families—perhaps **many—will come away from this involuntary experiment with a new appreciation for home-based education**. They may even decide that homeschooling is **not only a plausible option, but a superior one**." Enclosed is an excellent article by Randy DeSoto, "Advocates Say COVID Letting Parents See All the Benefits of Home Schooling," previously published in the *Western Journal* on April 19, 2020.

At the same time, **individuals need to have a plan to reach out to the parents** they know with words of encouragement. We have heard that many parents are beside themselves with stress and anxiety. Many of them are working from home, and now they have their children all day, every day. We can bolster them by listening to their fears, offering suggestions from our experience, and praying for and with them.

In the same manner, our new **CEI (Christian Education Initiative) members have formulated a plan** to help the many new homeschoolers with **several online conferences** that will include presentations by some notable homeschool conference speakers. We will keep you informed about the dates and times of these upcoming events. CEI also started a weekly livestream program on Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 5:00-6:00 pm (EST) at www.Christedu.org on Christian education topics. For further information on how to help your neighbors and family members who are surprised and sometimes unhappy to be homeschooling, please, share this information with them.

We covet your prayers for us at Frontline Ministries, Inc. **Lawrie Sikkema, our office manager, was released at the end of March from 9 days in the hospital with double pneumonia.** We're so thankful that she tested negative for Covid-19, but obviously her health is now compromised. She's recuperating and has slowly started working again in the office a few hours each day. Another on our staff was under quarantine because of possible contact with someone infected with Covid-19.

We're extremely grateful for your generous gifts during this time, for your kind words of support, and for your prayers on behalf of our critical work. **If children are the future, then their education is crucial to determine the kind of leadership they will provide.** By God's grace, we want to ensure their ability to offer their generation a biblical worldview as a result of a thoroughly Christian education.

We're offering the book, *Faithful Parents, Faithful Children: Why We Homeschool*, written by CEI member Donald W. Schanzenbach, **for a donation of \$20.00 for single copy and \$30.00 for 2 copies.** Please, use the enclosed response slip. If you no longer wish to be on our mailing list, please, respond on the same slip, so we can be better stewards of God's provision for this ministry. Thank you for any amount you are able to give during this crucial time.

In His strength,

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