



The President's Perspective



Announcing the release of "For Freedom's Dream"

At the end of this week, "For Freedom's Dream", a tribute to our American military men and women, will be released to the public. "For Freedom's Dream" is a DVD presentation that H.O.P.E. Ministries has produced for our Pentagon Outreach. In addition to a stirring tribute to the military, the presentation also includes a powerful gospel message at the end, presented by Colonel Brad Lapiska.

A little history of this DVD presentation might be in order. After our initial meeting with the Pentagon Chaplain, Colonel Ralph Benson, we, as a staff, began discussing what "gift" we might give to those who attend our crusade in the Pentagon courtyard. Since we are such a video culture, we settled on doing this DVD presentation. Work began on the project in early November, with trips to NC, Ohio, Virginia, Washington DC, and Georgia to do interviews with six of those in our armed forces. As well, numerous "man of the street" interviews were conducted in the DC area with tourists from around the country. Each person interviewed was given the opportunity to express their appreciation for our military men and women. We were able to include only a portion of the interviews in the DVD, but they really express how Americans feel about those who serve sacrificially to protect us.

Perhaps the most difficult part of the entire process was deciding on a title for the project. After listening to the President's inaugural speech, as well as his State of the Union address, we settled on "For Freedom's Dream", since that really is what the war on terror is all about.

To date, three target audiences have seen a pre-released version of the DVD. Response has been outstanding to say the least. When it was shown to a small group of military men, some of whom are currently involved actively in the war, I saw tears and heard repeatedly, "Thank you so much for doing this for us!!" As we have surveyed the media landscape, we have found nothing (either secularly or religiously) that has been done, like this, as a tribute to the military. Because of the absence of anything else like it, we believe that "For Freedom's Dream" will have a wide and highly influential distribution. Already, we have had inquiries regarding the possibility of it being shown on TV.

Some 4000 "For Freedom's Dream" DVD's will go directly to the Pentagon. One thousand DVD's will be distributed at the Pentagon the week prior to our crusade. The remaining 3000 will be distributed at our crusade event. As well, we plan to send as many as possible to military bases around the nation and the world. We have already received request for the DVD from military leaders in Iraq.

We need your earnest prayers for God's power, not only on the gospel preached at the Pentagon Outreach, but also on the many DVD's that will find their way into the hands of military men and women. If you would like to have a part in helping us with the second run of DVD's (for distribution to our military around the world), you may send your contributions to:

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