
I hope you will accept Carol's invitation to participate in this new effort. I know she won't mind (because I asked her!) if the first two prayer requests come from me even before you've had the opportunity to say "yes" officially. First, very shortly, President Clinton will have to decide whether or not he will sign the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban. Please pray for President Clinton, the members of Congress, and for Family Research Council's work on this issue.

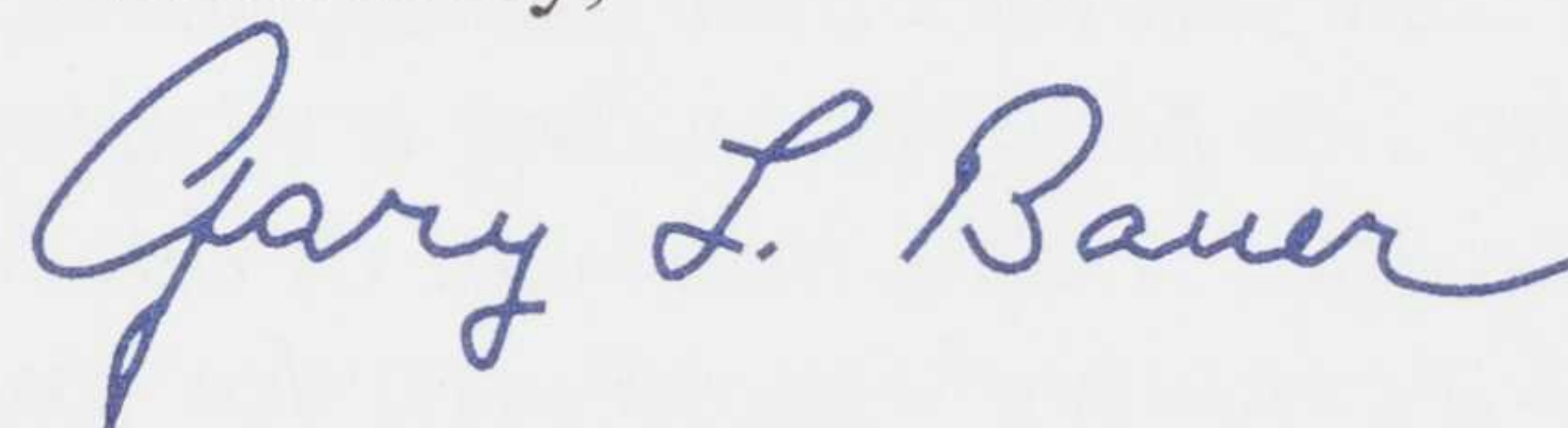
Second, please pray that our government would take a stronger stand in pressuring China to end its religious persecution and other gross human rights abuses. This month, we are offering several resources that will help you understand why we believe that U.S. policy in this area must be firm. I am gratified by the increasing support our position has received from groups like Christian Solidarity International who work in China. They have heard, firsthand, the pleas of persecuted Christians for the free peoples of the West to speak out for their sake.

Let me close with this quotation from Paul Marshall, whose book, *Their Blood Cries Out*, documents the appalling extent of anti-Christian persecution around the world:

It is no mercy to spare the feelings of others by allowing the suffering of millions to pass by in silence. It is no humility to accept the death of others. It is no love to be quiet in the face of oppression. We may indeed be called to turn the other cheek in attacks on ourselves. We have no such call in attacks on others. The call to escape self-centeredness and self-justification is meant to free us to be servants of others. A just politics is a means of such service.

Thank you again for standing with us in the search for "a just politics" in this month of our nation's Independence and this year of our Lord 1997.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Bauer
President

P.S. My staff and I are truly grateful for your prayers and your gifts. Your moral support and financial contributions provide FRC's very lifeblood, enabling us to promote and defend the traditional values of America's families. As the battle intensifies over President Clinton's impending veto of the partial-birth abortion ban, it's comforting to know that FRC has friends like you praying both for us and with us. A contribution to FRC this month will be especially helpful since gifts typically drop off during the summer. We thank God for your faithfulness, and pray He will bless you and your family.

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