Last March, Geoffrey and two other Witherspoon Fellows, Porter Glass (the University of North Carolina) and Cade Cannon (Southwest Texas State University) joined FRC's delegation to the United Nations Population Conference in New York City. We sent Geoffrey, Porter and Cade into the front lines of battle to defend the pro-life and pro-family cause against an onslaught of radical feminists and abortion rights activists campaigning to export Western secularism around the world.

While at the UN, Geoffrey, Porter and Cade successfully worked with an international pro-life, pro-family coalition to stop key provisions of a resolution calling for "reproductive rights" for minor children. It was an amazing experience for these growing leaders, and they did a wonderful job.

This is the kind of unique, on-the-job training that our Witherspoon Fellows receive every semester in Washington.

Geoffrey returned to Uganda this summer with a reinforced vision for his native country. Addressing our staff on his final day with us, he reflected:

> *I have nursed the desire to set up an agency that would not only inform but more so seek to shape the ethics and public policy of our land; an agency that would ably engage the culture, politics, education, [and] ideology of the age; an agency that would reinforce family values against the erosion that so easily affects youth; an agency that would act like a think tank to digest the modern secular worldview and provide antidotes to the agents of moral degeneration.*

Just a few days after Geoffrey's return to Uganda, his bishop arrived at FRC to personally express his gratitude for our investment in Geoffrey's spiritual and leadership development. The Rt. Rev. George Katwesigye, Anglican Bishop of the Diocese of Kigezi, is a man of proven courage and character. He is a prominent churchman with personal ties to many high-ranking government officials, including Uganda's first family. FRC was honored by his visit.

One of his goals is to establish an FRC-like organization in Kampala, Uganda (the capital city). During his visit to FRC, the bishop shared with us that Geoffrey may soon be promoted and relocated to Kampala to serve as mission secretary for the Anglican Church of Uganda. **This would place Geoffrey in a key position of leadership to influence Uganda's cultural and political leaders.**

What a remarkable accomplishment for FRC, and especially, for Geoffrey.

I have shared this story with you to demonstrate the potential of FRC's vision for the future. The Witherspoon Fellowship is our forward-looking and long-range strategic development program to identify, nurture and establish a new generation of civic and cultural leadership in America and around the world. It is visionary, bold, and spiritually and intellectually substantive.

At only three years old, the Witherspoon Fellowship has fast become one of Washington's most rigorous and best-respected academic internships. The program's director and senior fellow, Alan Crippen, describes the Witherspoon Fellowship as "a religious order of 'worldly saints' " rather than the conventional Washington internship program.

Jean Chung, a Yale University student and alumna of the Witherspoon Fellowship, describes the essence of the program:

> *The Witherspoon Fellowship is radically different from anything I have experienced. Its educational environment is deliberately small, deliberately personal, deliberately Christ-centered and, therefore, profoundly life-changing. Alan Crippen took in each of us, mentoring us in things spiritual and intellectual, as well as personal and professional. I saw models of thoughtful, intelligent and compassionate Christianity lived out incarnationally that make the greatest case for cultural and political engagement.*

In its approach, the Witherspoon Fellowship seeks to recover the classical and Christian education modeled by Jesus, the Apostles, the medieval scholastics, the Reformers, and the early American educators, including the Rev. John Witherspoon (1723-1794), the Founding Father for whom the program is named.

There are now 82 Witherspoon Fellowship alumni on Capitol Hill; in graduate schools of public policy and law, medicine, the fine arts and theology; and in various "think tanks" and public policy organizations in Washington, including FRC. They have also landed in many charitable and philanthropic societies and Christian social service ministries, as well as in the business world.

The investment FRC is making in these young people is substantial. Fellows pay no tuition, and FRC provides a modest stipend to cover housing and living expenses. So the total program costs for FRC amount to approximately $12,000 per student each semester. With 42 students each year (14 each fall, spring and summer) this is a serious investment! **And this is how serious FRC is about effecting change in our nation through the next generation.**

You can be a part of these efforts in two ways. First, we are looking for bright, promising and talented young people to recruit for this program. They must possess a spiritual and intellectual passion for integrating principles of faith with issues touching the family, culture, society and politics. Additionally, candidates must have demonstrated leadership abilities, have completed at least two years of college, have maintained at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and have skills in oral and written communication.

Do you know of anyone who qualifies? We are now accepting applications for the spring semester that begins January 19, 2000. To request information, call FRC at 1-800-225-4008 or check the appropriate box on the enclosed reply card and return it to us.

Second, your financial help this month would be a tremendous boost to FRC in this and its many other ongoing programs. Any gift that you are able to make will help us in our efforts to train our young people to be strong leaders. Thank you for your support and encouragement in this work.