



A Report From FEE

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Dear Freeman Reader--

The past several months have been among the most active and productive in FEE's history. And people are responding in encouraging numbers! In recent months, we have encountered a surge of interest in the freedom philosophy.

However, this growing activity has led to a substantial increase in our costs. In the past 12 months, our expenses have considerably exceeded our contributions. Unless we receive more donations, we cannot maintain the present level of FEE programs. People ask us: "How is FEE doing financially?" Our response: "As well as you want us to." We believe that the following summary of our recent programs and activities will merit your support:

1. We continue to receive favorable comments from teachers and others about the improving quality of The Freeman. Since last July, the number of Freeman readers has increased by 5,000, bringing our total mailing list to more than 32,000.

2. Our op-ed program now ranks among the most productive in the nation. Since 1986 we have had Freeman articles reprinted in more than 75 different newspapers, with a combined circulation of over 28 million. Recent op-eds have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune, Detroit News, Miami Herald, Orange County Register, Indianapolis Star, and Phoenix Gazette. As a result of these op-eds, several Freeman authors were interviewed on radio. We recently expanded the op-ed program to include Latin American newspapers.

3. Our seminar program is the most extensive in FEE's history. From January 1987 through May 1988, we will have traveled all over the nation, visiting 24 cities in 18 states, attracting over 1,200 participants. Our new Supper Seminars have been successful not only in igniting sparks of enthusiasm among our friends, but also in attracting new people to the freedom philosophy. Our weekend seminar at FEE in April had a capacity crowd and a waiting list. The great success of our first Theological Conference last summer encouraged us to open it to lay people. For the first time, we are having a FEE Mini-Seminar on July 28-31, in addition to our two week-long summer seminars.

4. Our student program continues to be very active. Last January, in cooperation with the Entrepreneurial Studies Program at Washington & Jefferson College, FEE held a conference at W & J entitled "The Constitution: A Framework for Liberty." A FEE seminar at Loyola University last February was attended by 30 students who were well-acquainted with Austrian economics. Our two spring undergraduate seminars attracted 70 of the finest college students in the country.

5. Our new home-education packet has been sent to more than 1,000 home-schooling families across the United States. During one three-week period we received over 400 requests for the packet. One third grader wrote: "I enjoyed reading the Abraham Lincoln letter to his stepbrother. I learned that it's better to earn money than ask for money."