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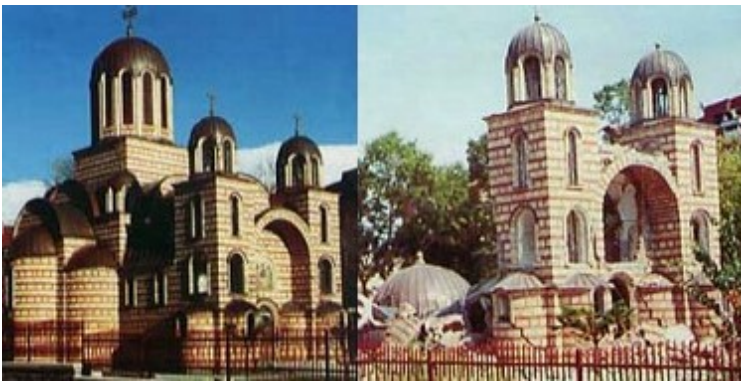
The Chairman's

Action Report

Religious
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In a few days I will leave for Muslim dominated Kosovo on an important mission. Kosovo is a violent place, and terrorist groups who fight our troops in Iraq train there. Please pray for the safety of our team as we seek to expose the abuse of Christians in this area of the world under the direct control of the United Nations.



At left is a view of an Orthodox Church in Kosovo before receiving "protection" from the United Nations. At right is what it looks like today.

Well before the Jihad attack against our nation on 9-11, I was strongly opposed to America assisting extremist Muslims. When President Bill Clinton announced that the United States would go to war against tiny Christian Serbia to force it to hand over control of one of its provinces to Muslims, I spoke out as one of the loudest

(and one of the only) voices against that war.

For weeks NATO bombers pounded Serbia -- destroying TV stations, schools and churches -- to force that government to give "autonomy" to Muslims in Kosovo. Eventually that nation, then known as Yugoslavia, surrendered and American and European forces under the command of the United Nations moved into the Serbian province of Kosovo to "protect" the Muslim population. The UN goal was to make the area "diverse," with Christians and Muslims living and working side by side.

Since the United Nations troops arrived in Kosovo to protect the Muslims, more than 150 Christian churches and seminaries have been either bombed or burned to the ground. More than 200,000 Christians have been forced from their homes and the 50,000 who remain there live a ghetto like existence. The new hospitals and schools built by the United Nations with American tax dollars are closed to Christians.

There is genuine genocide going on inside Kosovo today. More than 10,000 Christians have been murdered since the United Nations took control and many thousands more are missing. Christian women are raped and the UN response is to ask Christians to return so the "diversity" can continue.

Several Christian leaders from the United States, including myself, are going to Kosovo to help expose the continuing failure of the United Nations troops to bring peace. While there I plan to document cases of Christians' homes and businesses being stolen from them by Muslims. I also want to know why Muslim terrorist groups are allowed to continue to train in Kosovo.

There is a spiritual side to this trip as well. We will minister to those who have lost loved ones and homes and proclaim to them continued hope through Jesus Christ. The RFC has also arranged to take medical supplies into Kosovo to the hardest hit villages. I personally arranged the shipments of drugs so they would arrive at the same time as our RFC team.

Before arriving in Kosovo I will stop in Brussels, Belgium to speak at the Inter-parliamentary Conference on Religious Freedom and Human Rights. I plan to tell those congregated from all over the world that religious freedom is the first freedom. In every case where a government denies citizens the right to worship and proclaim God, that government also tramples other basic rights -- to free speech, free press, and assembly, even the right to life and liberty. Freedom of Religion should be a strategic goal of the government of this nation.

The work of the Religious Freedom Coalition will continue in Washington, DC in my absence. Our Executive Director, Peggy Birchfield, will continue to work with congressional staff on a daily basis even when the Congress is in recess.

There were some great victories in our nation's capitol in July. For the fourth year in a row President George W. Bush refused to give funds to the United Nations Family Planning Agency which promotes forced abortion and sterilization in nations such as China.

AND ... Despite what you read in the newspapers, we had some great victories for traditional marriage between one man and one woman. Although we lost the vote in the Senate on the Federal Marriage Amendment, we greatly dispirited the homosexual movement. Virtually every Democrat voted against the Federal Marriage Amendment, but not a one of them said they were in favor of homosexual marriage. Instead, the Democrat Senators took to the floor and said they were against homosexual marriage but believed it was a state issue, not one for the federal government.

Homosexual leaders were furious with Democrat Senators and in their publications such as the Washington DC *Blade*, they called the vote a "disaster" for the homosexual community because none of the "pro-gay" Senators actually said homosexuals should be allowed to marry.



William J. Murray and Congressman John Hostettler discuss the Marriage Protection Act before press conference.

Then there was more good news about marriage in the House. On Tuesday, July 6th I spoke at a press conference called by Congressman Hostettler (R-IN) to promote his Marriage Protection Act. His bill would strip the federal courts of the right to rule on the same sex issue. I have promoted Congressman Hostettler's bill for years, long before the Federal Marriage Amendment was ever conceived. While many groups worked only on the FMA, the Religious Freedom Coalition continued to work behind the scenes to bring the Marriage Protection Act to a vote.

The Marriage Protection Act was finally passed out of the House Judiciary Committee the same week as our press conference, and last week it was voted on in the House with the full support of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-TX). WE WON IN THE HOUSE 233 to 194!

That same week, two lesbians from Florida who had received a marriage license in Massachusetts July 2, 2004, filed suit in a federal court to have their marriage from the "gay state" recognized as legal in their home state of Florida. This is exactly why we urgently need Congressman Hostettler's bill. It needs to come to a vote and pass in the Senate so President Bush can sign it into law before other states are swamped with such demands.

On the day of the Jihad attack against America I was on my way to Washington, DC to a news conference promoting the Sudan Peace Act. The act would have prohibited oil companies who did business with that brutal murderous Islamic government from doing business in the United States. The Senate sponsor of the bill I was meeting with that day was Senator Sam Brownback. We were never able to get the bill passed in a form that would really punish companies for helping the Sudan government murder Christians in the south of that nation. The genocide continued!

That was on September 11, 2001. On July 22nd of this year we were finally able to pass a strong resolution written by Senator Brownback condemning the genocide of innocent people in the Sudan by the Islamic government. As a result Secretary of State Colin Powell is finally asking the United Nations to declare a state of genocide in Sudan and to ask for UN intervention.

Keep in mind the USA went to war against the Christians of Serbia to "protect" Muslims who had illegally immigrated to that nation and taken over one of its provinces. At the same time President Clinton ordered the bombing of Serbia, genocide and murder was going on in the Sudan. It continued when President Bush took office. Although U.S. oil companies do not operate in the Sudan, the big European companies do. Europe and particularly France will do nothing. France has threatened to veto any UN resolution against the Sudan. But, the UN and the European Union did manage to pass resolutions condemning Israel for building a fence to protect its citizens from suicide bombers. The morals of Europe and particularly of France are upside down and this is to be expected in societies that have forgotten their Christian roots and become totally secular in nature. Will this happen to America next?

A final word ... We were NOT able to raise all the funds needed for the Kosovo mission. I am taking this trip on faith. Please pray with me that the funds needed will be raised before my return to the United States.



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