Take up the shield of faith (Eph. 6:16)

My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace" (Acts 20:24).

Dear Family Shield Friend,

Greetings in our Savior's name! Thank you for your prayers and support. You are special and we are thankful for your partnership in the Gospel.

Family Shield Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The ministry name is based on Eph. 6:16 which says, "Take up the shield of faith." The programs and services proclaim Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation and that we are saved by faith alone (Eph. 2:8, 9) in Christ.

The mission: to educate and equip people to know Christ, grow in His Word, and strengthen individuals and their families. Ministry goals have not changed. They include:

- Clearly articulating the Gospel that those who do not know Christ might come to faith;
- Equipping Christians to apply faith to life situations, grow in the knowledge of God's Word, and use their gifts to serve and witness in the home, church, and community;
- Connecting people to resources; developing partnership and collaborations; and
- Helping individuals and their families implement the six traits of healthy families.



Those We Reach and Equip

We hear from churched and unchurched people when we discuss topics and issues they deal with or face in their daily life. Individuals contact us when they hear a program that deals with health issues, the loss of a loved one, children and grandchildren addicted to porn or social media, families in conflict, loved ones who have fallen away from the church, those whose child or

grandchild has turned away from the Christian faith, and those who ask how they can better share their faith with family, friends and loved ones.

Recently I shared a podcast that featured an ex-Jehovah's Witness on a private Facebook page for ex-Jehovah's Witnesses that we minister through. Stephanie, who is currently in the process of leaving the Watchtower Society, listened to it and then shared, "Kay, I had goose bumps and tears as I listened to this program. What a beautiful testimony by Charles! I also loved that there was so much Scripture! Thank you for sharing this program. *Your podcast was literally the highlight of my week*! I'm sharing it with all my friends! Please send me the complimentary tracts you offer and your book *Mission Field on Our Doorstep: Jehovah's Witnesses*. Thank you for your ministry!"

25th Anniversary in 2019

On February 4, 2019 Family Shield Ministries will celebrate its 25th anniversary as a non-profit 501(c)(3) ministry. Join us in praising the Lord for the opportunities He has given us to share the Gospel with many people during these years. In the coming months you will learn more about our plans for our 25th anniversary. If you don't receive our email newsletter, we encourage you to sign up now or let us know that you would like to receive it by emailing us at witnesstofamily@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your prayers and financial support. Your partnership makes this Gospel outreach ministry possible. Please prayerfully consider a gift of \$1,000, \$250, \$100, \$50 or more this fall, or giving through a monthly gift.

May the Lord continue to bless you, your family, and congregation as you serve and witness in your daily life.

In His Service and yours,

Kay L. Meyer

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