

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**For Information Contact:**
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In Three Months

CHARLOTTE, N.C., July 24, 2006 – In a world where troubling news is the norm, good news has now reached over 120,000 of America’s youth, and these young people are being equipped to share this news with their friends and families.

In May 2006, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA) launched its newest ministry, Dare to Be a Daniel (D2BD), and in the first three months over 120,000 D2BD training kits have been sent free of charge to “tweens” (ages 9-14) who have asked to be part of the program. D2BD uses the biblical story of Daniel to teach “tweens” to live their Christian faith in their daily lives, and it trains them to share their faith with others.

“We’re thrilled,” says Preston Parrish, executive vice president of BGEA. “We’re excited that the ministry has taken off with such enthusiasm. Even more, we’re overjoyed to think of the ripple effect that this will have as these young people share their faith with their friends.”

The vision of BGEA President and CEO Franklin Graham, who desired to equip students to stand for Christ in their schools, D2BD focuses on several keys to Daniel’s success, with corresponding Bible verses that the “tweens” memorize. To successfully complete the training, they must recite the verses to their pastor. D2BD training kits also include an interactive CD with Christian music, testimonies, and the entire Bible.

After completing the program, the youths are sent dog tags imprinted with Bible verses that will help them as they tell others about Christ, as well as a personalized ID card naming them as certified junior evangelists with BGEA. Participants can also find resources for ongoing support through the D2BD Web site.

For more information on D2BD, visit www.daretobeadaniel.com or call (877) 2GRAHAM.

Note to Editors: To request an interview or a sample of the Dare to Be a Daniel training kit, please contact Erik Ogren, (704) 401-2117 or media@bgea.org