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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we draw to the end of 2015, we look back at a very tumultuous and difficult year. I looked at our December 2014 newsletter where we acknowledged several victories in the completion of a successful year with the passage of sanctity of life legislation, the approval of the electorate of the American and Alabama Laws for Alabama Courts Act, and many helps to persons seeking advice. This year has been quite different.

We have been a source of aid to many with questions on religious issues, parents' rights and other problems. We have particularly given much advice to pastors and churches, including doing seminars, on same sex issues. We are encouraged by these opportunities to be of service.

But this year had many disappointments. Most significantly, we saw the U.S. Supreme Court approve same sex marriage. We have seen this issue become a catalyst for a juggernaut of harm to religious freedom. We also saw the Alabama Supreme Court uphold our marriage laws in response to a lawsuit we filed. The conflict between the two courts is unresolved and is the subject of our Educational Update this month.

We saw the Republican leadership in the Alabama Senate introduce far reaching gambling legislation. No sanctity of life legislation was passed. It was a lethargic legislature self absorbed with revenue issues.

We saw the bitter fruits cultivated by the presidency of Barack Obama. He is the single most significant reason for the same sex marriage ruling and the vicious efforts of the gay lobby to eradicate all opposition. His administration has fought the sanctity of life at every turn. He is in the process of decimating America's military and has withdrawn our world leadership for protection and peace. I am greatly ashamed of Obama's representation of America. What I wish to say, I cannot say, for fear of being offensive.

Yet, we must not be cast down for our hope is in God. He is sovereign and we are not. We appreciate your joining with us for the good fight. The times ahead may be difficult, but we will seek to fulfill the mission that has been laid before us.

We appreciate your joining with us in that mission through your prayers and financial support. We earnestly request your continuing support for the coming year. We give you every blest and good wish for this joyous season occasioned by the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Yours very truly,

A. Eric Johnston