

RELEASED TIME

Our son-in-law, daughter, an American home missionary, and others helped to begin Released Time in Corbin, Ky. Austin and I had a part in the effort as well. In Sept. of 2006 it got off to a good start, and the reports continue to be good.

In case you have never heard of Released Time (I had not), it is a very special opportunity for public school students to have Bible instruction during the school day. These students with parental consent are “released” from their other classes to go to a designated off campus location for a period of instruction. In Corbin the arrangement was that students could choose Bible on a specific day during “an elective time” when music and art were also available.

Our daughter Janet was quoted in the Corbin newspaper as saying, “It’s a First Amendment right. The school provides no funding, no staffing; they don’t promote it. They are allowed to inform about it.”

Released Time had already been in operation successfully in some areas of the country. We were thankful that it had begun in Corbin.

If you are interested in knowing more about Released Time, contact Austin and Belinda French at austinandbelinda@gmail.com.