Children's Defense Fund

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The Rev. Dr. Fred Craddock
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Dear Fred:

There really aren't words to express our gratitude for your leadership at Proctor each year. I realize that it is rare to get you for one day one time, amazing to get you for three days once—but to have the incredible blessing of your teaching for three days year after year is such a profound gift to the Proctor Institute and to the children's movement. That you are willing to come even as Parkinson's tries to hold you back is a whole other level of gift and commitment. You and we have many years of shaking together in service to God.

Could we include you in our line-up next year for the 2010 Institute from July 19-23? Your plenary sessions would be on July 20, 21, and 22. If so, please know that we are willing to make whatever arrangements are necessary to make it as easy for you as possible. Please let us know if you have any particular preference for housing at the Farm, and if there is anything we can to do to make getting to and from the Farm easier. Shannon will give you a call in the next few days to see if you will be able to join us again. I deeply hope so.

I've enclosed a set of the CDs from your Bible studies. I've been listening to them since I returned from Proctor, and am struck afresh each time by your extraordinary wisdom and insight. What a gift you are!

With gratitude,

Thank you kind words!

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