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Judson Press Introduces New ABC Reads Selection

Valley Forge, PA, July 11, 2007—At the recent American Baptist Churches USA Biennial, National Ministries' Judson Press introduced its new release *Hope for Children in Poverty: Profiles and Possibilities* as the next ABC Reads selection. Edited by Ron Sider and Heidi Unruh, *Hope for Children in Poverty* addresses the needs of the more than 13 million children who suffer hunger, homelessness, and illiteracy in the richest nation on earth. The book also supports National Ministries' Children in Poverty initiative; ten percent of proceeds from sales of the book will go toward those efforts.

In this comprehensive reader, Sider and Unruh draw together the expertise of academics, activists, pastors, and social service professionals to consider the lives and special concerns of children living in poverty—educationally, physically, sociologically, politically. But, this important new resource offers more than analysis of the issues. It explores real solutions through public policy and faith-based organizations. In its review, *Publishers Weekly* praised the book as "...a concrete starting point for those in government, social services and churches looking for solutions to these desperate problems."

Introduced last year with *Down by the Riverside: A Brief History of Baptist Faith*, ABC Reads is a denomination-wide emphasis designed to bring together American Baptists—literally and figuratively—through the power of a book. Judson Press has made a free study guide available online (www.judsonpress.com) to facilitate discussions around *Hope for Children in Poverty*. Additional resources can also be found on the National Ministries website at www.nationalministries.org.

Hope for Children in Poverty (ISBN 978-0-8170-1505-3, \$16.00) is available from Judson Press, National Ministries' publishing ministry, American Baptist Churches USA. Founded in 1824, Judson publishes Christ-centered leadership resources for the transformation of persons, congregations, communities and cultures. For a complete catalog of Judson resources, call 800-458-3766 or visit www.judsonpress.com.

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