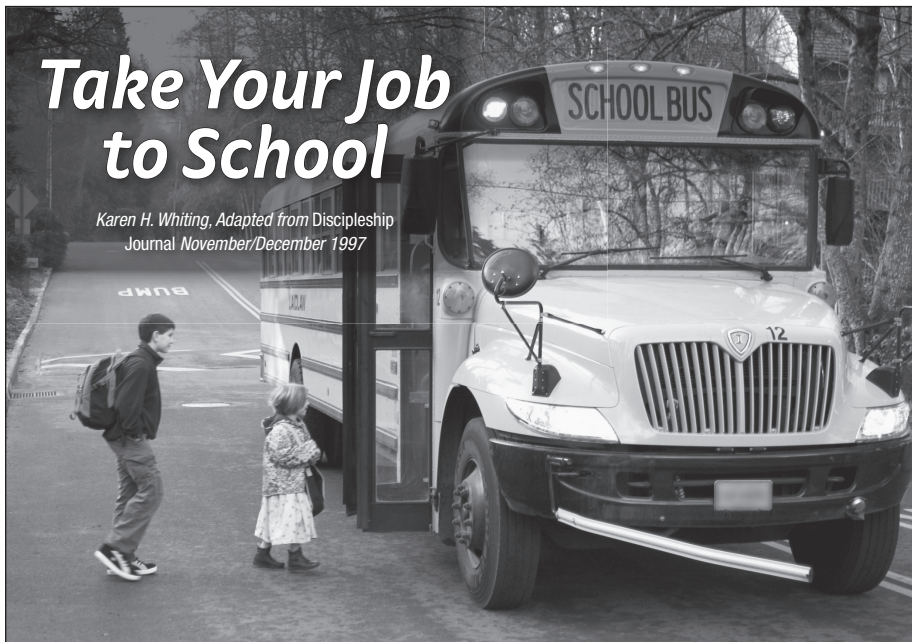


Take Your Job to School

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Within a few miles of your home is an ideal place for you to serve your community. When considering where to invest your time and talents, don't overlook opportunities to speak to students in your local school.

School Clubs: Junior Engineering and Technical Society (JETS), future nurses or teachers clubs. A call to your local school will reveal if there is a club that matches your career. Ask for the name of the club president, contact them at the school and volunteer your services.

Career Days: Most high schools have Career Days. No matter what your career — including full-time homemaker — this opportunity allows volunteers to talk about what helps them succeed in their job. For Christians, this could include talking about how God helped match their talents to a career and how God helps them in the daily challenges of their work.

School Needs: Another way you can serve your school is by matching your talents or skills to school needs. As a puppet ministry director at a local church, I use my talents at local schools by performing shows or teaching drama students about puppetry. I also talk about opportunities for careers in puppetry, including Christian puppet videos and television shows.

What are your talents? In what areas have you developed skills? Whether you cook, repair cars, or care for the homeless, you have something to contribute to your local school.