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## Coming to a video store near you

“God’s Courtroom” film now available at national chain

**Sherman | Bruce Kugler** produced “God’s Courtroom” with help from his church, Living Faith Baptist in Sherman. Now, the video presentation of the Gospel—set in some of Illinois’ most historic courtrooms—is available through more than 770 Family Video stores across the country.



**Kugler**

“Bruce Kugler’s analysis of the biblical and judiciary intersection is very powerful, and we are pleased to offer this DVD,” **John A. Furton**, the retailer’s vice president of purchasing, said in a statement. And, in keeping with Kugler’s commitment to offer the film free of charge, the video is a free rental.

The evangelism tool’s reach also is extending outside the U.S. “God’s Courtroom” was dubbed in Arabic this summer by **Nashat Filmon**, executive director of the Palestinian Bible Society, who traveled to Illinois from his home in Jerusalem to give voice to the project. His organization will give the DVD’s to judges and lawyers in Palestinian territories, and also make it available on their web-



**NEW RELEASE - “God’s Courtroom”** is now available at Family Video stores, and at [www.godscourtroom.org](http://www.godscourtroom.org).

site and in bookstores.

“When Bruce gave me the video ‘God’s Courtroom,’ I went and I watched it, and I liked it very much,” Filmon said. “I thought, ‘This is a straightforward message that’s coming from a lawyer, and it explains in a court setting what is to be expected.’”

The one-hour film also is dubbed in Spanish, and plans are in place for a Chinese version. Filmon said he would like to dub it in Hebrew.

The team behind the film probably would have been hard-pressed to imagine these recent open doors, when they began production on “God’s Courtroom” a few years ago.

Kugler, an attorney, first had the idea in the late 1980s when he was representing defendants in criminal cases before a northern Illinois judge known for his fairness and precision.

The experience made Kugler wonder what it would be like when people one day stood before God, the ultimate judge. He began creating a Gospel presentation based on principles and terminology used in the legal system.

He gave the presentation at local churches, and it was at a Dairy Queen after one of those messages that the idea came to film “God’s Courtroom” in Illinois courthouses.

The film has since been shown on TV in the U.S., and Kugler, a member of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, has shared the presentation in Nicaragua, Argentina, India, Taiwan and China.

He gives God the credit for every outlet he finds to showcase “God’s Courtroom.”

“How is it possible that we could get a film aired on major networks around the nation, speak in different parts of the world, and have it in 770 video stores?”

“We can’t,” Kugler admitted.

“This is a good example of taking a small project and really bathing it in prayer and fasting, and trying to do this the right way with the right motives, for the glory of God.”