

# NEWS FROM CALVARY

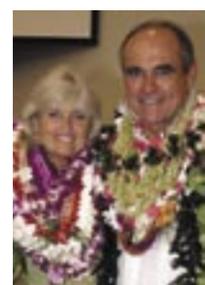
... that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. Philemon 6

## GREAT THINGS GOD HAS DONE: CC HONOLULU CHURCH DEDICATION

On Sunday, May 19, 2004, CC Honolulu dedicated its new facility. The entire building process had stretched over four years from start to finish. The result was a 58,000-square-foot facility on six acres of land. Pastor Chuck Smith came to dedicate the new campus, along with six other men who have been influential in the spiritual climate of Hawaii and Pastor Bill Stonebraker's personal life—Greg Laurie, Mike MacIntosh, Gayle Erwin, Don McClure, Raul Ries, and Jeff Johnson.



Pastors Gayle Erwin, Jeff Johnson, Greg Laurie, Don McClure, and Raul Ries. Pastor Chuck Smith, Danita and Bill Stonebraker.



Danita and Bill Stonebraker.

The Christian pop/rock trio, *Two or More*, provided music for the celebration. Pastor Chuck performed the first baby dedication in the new sanctuary for Bill's granddaughter, Gabrielle. She is the third child of his son, Bud, who is both an assistant pastor at CC Honolulu and a legislator in the Hawaii State House of Representatives.

Bill held up a wooden staff and explained its significance. He had found it years before among the brush on the overgrown land and

used it to walk around the entire property. The following Sunday, Bill dated the staff in front of the congregation—3/26/2000—and said, "Like the Ebenezer Stone, the stone of remembrance, on the day we dedicate our new church, I will bring out this staff as a reminder of the great things God has done."

Pastor Chuck, Greg Laurie, and other church leaders laid hands on Bill and his wife, Danita, dedicating them to the new work. A group of native Hawaiians within the congregation honored Bill and Danita with gifts of leis and prayers in the Hawaiian language for fruitfulness on this new land. Chuck closed the evening with a message from Psalm 73—"Then I came into the sanctuary of the Lord"—emphasizing all that God wants to do in the new facility.



Native Hawaiians perform.



The sanctuary was filled to capacity.

## ALL FOR JESUS: THE CC BANGOR SABERS BASKETBALL TEAM

More than just a game ... it's a mission

The headline read—East Maine class D team prays after overtime championship win. The *Bangor Daily News* received many letters, both positive and negative, after running a front-page photograph of the Calvary Chapel Christian School basketball team. The photograph showed the high school boys' squad kneeling in prayer following their championship win. They had beaten a team that had dominated the conference for six years. One part of a letter to the editor read as follows: *These young gentlemen represent the epitome of the words: "Ambassadors*

*for Christ!!" Their game plan and rallying call of "All for Jesus" is certainly not hype. They always give the glory, where glory is due, no matter what the situation or the outcome of any contest set before them.*

God gave the CC Bangor Sabers great opportunities to be witnesses for Jesus to other teams, students, schools, fans, and officials through their undefeated season. The front-page photo produced controversy, motivating the newspaper to rerun it on their editorial page. While several writers complained about the picture of the team's open demonstration of prayer, the overwhelming majority thanked the newspaper for running such

an inspirational picture of the Sabers giving God the glory.



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## GOSPEL FOR ASIA: NEW FACILITY WILL HELP REACH THE UNREACHED

Gospel for Asia (GFA) dedicated its newly expanded 61,000-square-foot facility in Carrollton, Texas, on May 11, 2004, while also celebrating its 25th anniversary of ministry.

In attendance were many Calvary Chapel pastors and GFA leaders from Burma, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Pastor Chuck Smith, CC Costa Mesa, helped dedicate the new building to the Lord's service. GFA President and Founder, Dr. K. P. Yohannan, said in his introduction of Pastor Chuck, "Without any doubt, Pastor Chuck Smith has become perhaps the most significant individual in terms of what the Lord has done over these years through our ministry.

"It is our desire at Gospel for Asia that God would use this new facility and our lives to reach the unreached," continued K. P., "As Jesus said, 'The harvest is plenteous. ...' Please pray for us."

Gospel for Asia has over 14,000 native missionaries working in seven Asian nations. The Lord has used GFA to plant over 21,600 fellowships with more than 1.5 million first-generation believers attending these fellowships.



The Gospel for Asia facility has expanded to 61,000 square feet.



Pastor Chuck Smith dedicated the newly expanded building on May 11.

# BEAUTY FOR ASHES: POTTER'S FIELD RANCH MINISTERS IN WAR-TORN LIBERIA

Gunfire echoed in the background as the staff of Potter's Field Ranch praised, prayed, and preached alongside Liberian brothers and sisters. The West African country is recovering from 14 years of civil war. "Beauty for Ashes" was the theme of the first Calvary Chapel pastors' conference held in over five years. The United Nations had begun a disarmament program the day the American team arrived. Angry teenage soldiers showed their displeasure of the new plan by firing rounds of ammo into the air. Buildings and billboards were peppered with bullet holes.

In the midst of a time of praise and worship, eyes were drawn to frantic neighbors running in front of the church. A group of boys armed with AK-47 machine guns raided the nearby market. While the Liberian Christians recognized the power these young teens wielded, they demonstrated their faith that God offered more. The worship went on, and the Word of God was not hindered.

Many participants had walked for several days to attend. All arrived with anticipation at what God would share through the American missionaries. Ranch Director Chet Lowe had served in Liberia for six years. He had ministered to rebel fighters,



*A Calvary Chapel conference was held in Liberia for the first time in five years. The extensive conflict had made travel extremely dangerous.*

offering them love and hope that only comes through Christ. During his time in West Africa, sixteen Calvary Chapels were established.

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## 2004–05 Calvary Calendar

Month	Dates	Location/Event	Host
September	13-15	Northern California Conference	Michael McClure—CC San Jose, CA
	27-29	Northwest Conference	Wayne Taylor—Calvary Fellowship, WA
October	11-13	Midwest Conference	Dave Keesee—CC Crawfordsville, IN
	13-15	New York Conference	Bil Gallatin—CC Finger Lakes, NY
November	4-6	Mid-South Conference	Allen Rigg—CC Austin, TX
January	3-6	2005 Missions Conference	Phil Twente—Murrieta, CA
	17-19	Southeast Conference	Malcolm Wild—CC Merritt Island, FL
	19-21	Atlanta Conference	Sandy Adams—CC Stone Mountain, GA
March	6-8	CC Ft. Lauderdale Leadership Conference	Bob Coy—CC Ft. Lauderdale, FL