

GOOD NEWS FROM CALVARY

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BAJA, MEXICO



Reaching out in love, the outreach mixed meeting practical needs with spiritual ones.

Teens build homes in Baja

Seven hundred teenagers arrived as part of Teen Mania's Global Expedition to work with Baja Christian Ministries (BCM) for an evangelism and construction mission to Baja, Mexico. The goal—build 26 houses in one week and share the Gospel with people in two shanty communities south of Tecate. It was the largest outreach planned in the history of BCM.

"Baja Christian Ministries is about sharing the love of Christ in powerful, tangible ways," shared Pastor Ed Wright, missions pastor at North Coast CC, in Carlsbad, CA.

Teenagers took turns building the homes and sharing the love of Christ. On the third day of the outreach, Bible studies were held in a small one-room church that sits among the shanty homes. Pastor Miguel Gonzalez

hosted the studies. He, his wife Maria, and their three children, whose home was built by a BCM outreach team, joined the teams. "The building shows the people that God's love is not just words," said Miguel.

The people from the community attended a concert given by the Newsboys. The band had encouraged many of the young people to join the mission. They view the teens as heroes

with hammer and nail, taking the Gospel to the poor in a practical way.

The homes are modest, wooden structures with a main room, two small bedrooms, and a loft. Equipped with electricity, interior wallboard, and shingles, the small buildings are an answer to prayer. Family members are able to work alongside the teams. The new



The Newsboys concert was a highlight for the workers and the community.

homeowners expressed their gratitude with tears and hugs.

"It's important not to neglect the poor right in our backyard," said Jon Wickham, North Coast CC. A high school teacher by profession, Jon and his wife, Alisa, served as construction laborers and overseers. They had a sweet time of prayer with the family as they finished a long, hot week.

For those who minister in Baja long-term, the outreach was an encouragement. Missionaries from CC Tijuana participated, helping out with translation needs. "Each house built stands as a permanent reminder that God cares for the people of Baja," said one translator from San Diego.

For the short-term missionaries, the blessings of the mission can be long-term. "They all came home with a new appreciation for the love of Christ and the blessings they have here in the States," said Pastor Ed Wright.

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Many young people requested prayer to receive Christ.

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MIDDLE EAST MINISTRY

In the heart of radical Islam...

They descended four levels down into an empty parking garage, then through a door to a large meeting hall. The Calvary Chapel pastor had been told that he would be speaking to 125 new believers. He was in the heart of a radical Islamic nation.

"There was such a tremendous outpouring of the Holy Spirit," said the pastor, "just like in the book of Acts. Exuberant praise and worship echoed through the meeting hall. God is working through nameless men and women to do a fresh work of the Holy Spirit."

A decade earlier, a young girl from a Middle Eastern background had come to his church. After giving her life to the Lord and growing in her faith, she moved back to her homeland to share the love of Jesus Christ, despite the dangers.

Within two years, her efforts have impacted the country, with over 40 underground churches in the nation. By her quiet sharing of the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ with family and friends, an explosion of faith occurred.

"Hundreds of youth are coming to Christ, similar to the early days of Calvary Chapel," added the pastor. "Just like in the church of Acts, the leaders are incredibly young in their faith as well. Remember that most of the Apostle Paul's letters were written to young churches and believers to exhort, discipline, approve, and correct. Our church is guiding them to remain in the boundaries of Scripture without quenching the move of the Spirit." This church has placed home group study guides on a secure web site.

"The early church faced persecution from Rome—now it is from radical Islam," concluded the pastor. "My sincere hope is that people will pray and intercede for this persecuted church; pray for the work of the Spirit to continue during this critical time in the Middle East."

(Identifying details have been excluded to protect those involved.)

RADIO FOR JESUS

CC North Phoenix, CC Maricopa, Calvary Community Church, CC Black Canyon City, and several other churches sent missionaries to Honduras to give solar powered radios to villages without electricity. It is part of the Radios4Jesus ministry (R4J). Teams journey by bus, truck, and foot into remote villages and present the radios as well as the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"I've never believed in just swooping into a town, converting a few people and then waving goodbye," said Pastor Chris Ward, CC Maricopa.

"Here in Honduras, we partner with the Good Samaritan Baptist Mission. They provide local pastors who show us the villages where they are planting churches and we come alongside them." R4J ministry Director Lanny Neese added, "By the following Sunday, there is a Bible Study meeting in that village and those who have accepted Christ are being disciplined, not forgotten." The radios are set on Radio Samaritano, which reaches over nine million people in Central America. During the mission, hundreds of people made a commitment to Christ.



Randall St. Pierre, Calvary Community Church, and Vivian Worley, CC Black Canyon, pray with a young man as he accepts Christ as his Savior.

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PROJECT PRAYER FLAG



Soldiers receiving Project Prayer Flags.

Shawn, who recently returned from serving in Iraq, stated, "It moves your heart to see the soldiers tuck that small American Flag into their pocket and carry on with their mission of freedom thousands of miles from home."

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Armor of Light

Armor of Light Ministries, a military outreach of CC Costa Mesa, CA, held its first "Armor of Light" Crusade 2005, with thousands of military, veterans and their families attending, on October 7th, at Del Mar Beach, at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Christian bands *Jonah 33*, *Olivia*, and *Grand Prize* performed. Pastor Chuck Smith taught from the Bible, and Raul Ries, and Pancho Juarez, both veterans, shared their dramatic testimonies.

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NORTHERN IRAQ

Reaching the Kurdish children

In the latter part of 2002, as the United States prepared for war in Iraq, CC fellowships in Arizona developed plans for an outreach to the Kurdish children in the mountains of northern Iraq. Four teams traveled to the Kurdish lands to build upon the growing relationships with the Kurdish, Assyrian, and Iranian communities. Team members met with government leaders, school administrators, and private citizens from both sides of the Zagros Mountains that divide Turkey and Iraq from the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Pastor Bryan Richardson formed the Zagros Action Group as a ministry outreach of CC of the White Mountains, AZ. In August, two families answered their call to minister full-time in the Zagros Mountains region, and will be bringing good news about the Prince of Peace to a war-torn area.

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How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Isaiah 52:7



Pastor Bryan Richardson ministers to police in Dohuk, Iraq.



George Cole shares the Lord with Kurdish men in Zabko, Iraq.

TSUNAMI UPDATE: THAILAND

God's Work Continues at the Christian Tent in Thailand

Although many thought the Islamic government would have asked them to leave, the Christian tent is still up at the Bhan Muang refugee camp in southern Thailand. Hundreds have come to Christ there over the past seven months. Some came earnestly showing their ID cards and asking to "sign up" to be Christians. After hearing the Gospel, they believed and confessed Jesus as their Lord.

At a nearby hospital, two Christians from the tent prayed for a man paralyzed years ago by a stroke. The man's leg started shaking and he said he felt able to move. With a helping hand, he rose from his bed and started to walk, astonishing the staff at the hospital.

Invited to a nearby island to bring cooking supplies, missionaries from CC Huntington Beach, CC Placerville, and YWAM, also

shared the Gospel. Long-term missionary, James Garwood, shared with six Muslim men and three women. "I could feel their hearts breaking as we talked about sin and religion and Jesus." The village's spiritual leader told James his people were Muslim. "I just told him I couldn't help but share my Jesus with everyone and—Muslim or Christian or witch doctor—we love them just the same." The group was allowed to share with the children. Recently, the missionaries returned. Eight adults and five children accepted Christ.

At the tent, 30 Burmese children were given notebooks, pens, backpacks, and shoes. "They started crying with joy because they have never been allowed to go to school," re-



Children enjoy playing with the missionaries.

lated James. He asks others to pray for these and roughly 220 other children there whose parents make them work six days a week for slave's wages instead of going to school.

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NOT ASHAMED OF THE CROSS



Media coverage of the graduation controversy at CC Melbourne.

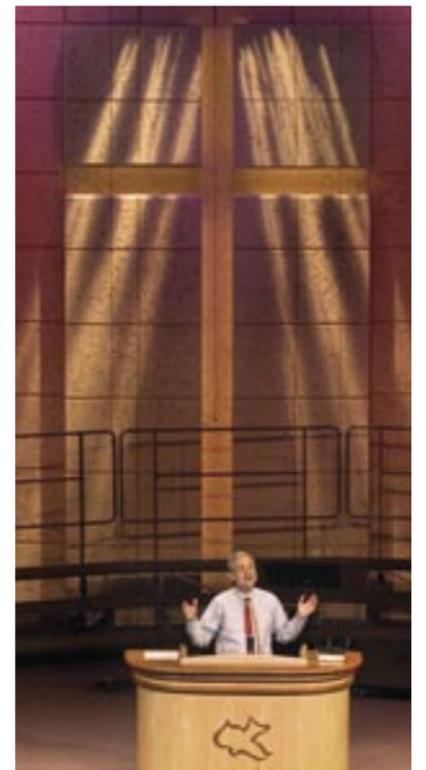
CC Melbourne would not cover its cross for high school graduation.

Protesting that it was unconstitutional to host a public high school graduation in a church, a Buddhist father of a graduating senior and an atheist parent of another teen filed to halt graduation proceedings at CC Melbourne, FL. Being the largest facility in Brevard County and the only one big enough to accommodate 3,000 people, the church had offered its sanctuary for graduations. The judge ruled that the parents filed too late, but the conflict began a media firestorm. Major news outlets from around the country flocked to the church, the second largest Calvary Chapel in Florida.

Pastor Mark Balmer, CC Melbourne, agreed to turn off the light behind the 16-foot cross but politely refused to cover it. "Those pursuing the lawsuit said they would not sue the school board if we would cover the cross, but it is a very important part of our church. We weren't promoting anything—no religious music, nobody was going to say or hand out anything—we're just offering this to the community as a service." The church lent its sanctuary for graduation ceremonies the previous year without drawing protest.

"The attention and news media was absolutely incredible, and now we actually have people coming from up north that saw it and moved to Brevard County. They say, 'You stood up for God.' And that's God's great sense of humor. How else could we get that kind of news media for a church? Every newsperson was there, everyday, doing live reports all over the United States. And we didn't have anything to do with it." Graduation was held at the church without problems.

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Pastor Mark Balmer speaks in front of the cross at CC Melbourne.

PHILIPPINES CONFERENCE



Communion service held at the end of a pastors' conference in eastern Samar.

The new conference center at Borongan, Eastern Samar, Philippines, is located on three-fourths of an acre of beachfront property. The Pastors' Conference was held there and it was a time of great encouragement. Pastors, leaders, and church workers from various churches attended the eight-hour seminar on the book of Ephesians. Two pastors from Western Samar were ordained before the sessions started.

Each pastor expounded on a different chapter. Ten people were baptized. A scheduled outreach was held in Sulat, a one-hour drive from Borongan. Gifts of rice, bicycles, and basketballs were given away. A dance contest brought out many townspeople. Pastor Roger Moyer gave the Gospel message to a crowd of 1,000.

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