

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.

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BREAKDANCING IN OKINAWA

CC Okinawa dance contest breaks on stage, into hearts

CC Okinawa held its fifth breakdancing contest this past summer, attracting 200 spectators in the southern Japanese island.



Breakdancers perform in Okinawa, Japan.

Timothy Newell, event coordinator and missionary with CC Okinawa, said the purpose of the event was to make Christ's love known and present the opportunity for spectators and dancers to hear the Gospel.

"This is the fifth event in three years and we have gone from five groups of three dancers in a small cafeteria to hundreds in an auditorium," said Timothy, who was led to Christ during a Breakdance Festival in California. "Through a series of events, God clearly showed me that He wanted me to come to Okinawa. Beginning a breakdance outreach was one of the main reasons."

One of the dancers with whom Timothy had shared began attending CC Okinawa after the dance contest.

Timothy said he prayed and went to all the breakdancing spots around Okinawa to talk about the contest. Through that outreach and the relationships built over the past two years, many Okinawans have heard the Gospel and received Christ. Several Okinawans and Americans also prayed to receive Christ after the event.

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CC FORT LAUDERDALE: 20 YEARS

Twenty years of ministry

In September, CC Fort Lauderdale celebrated its 20-year anniversary of making disciples in southern Florida's Broward County and around the world.

Pastor Bob Coy and his wife, Diane, came from Las Vegas to Florida in the summer of 1985 to begin the church. The first Bible study was held in a living room with only two attendees. Within months, the church began meeting in what was then Fairchild Funeral Home. Continuous growth prompted moves to three other locations before the church settled on a 76-acre campus.

CC Fort Lauderdale is the church home of more than 18,000 people, offers 80 ministries and is expanding the present facilities to reach more people for Christ.

"I am challenged to the core because for every one person that we have reached with the good news of Christ, there remain hundreds of others who have not yet had their 'shaking' encounter," said Bob. "It is this daunting truth that drives us to continue expanding our facilities so that we can adequately accommodate the work God wants to do in South Florida. From satellite churches to larger sanctuaries, we want to



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prepare ourselves for what God will choose to do in the coming months and years."

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SHARING THE GOSPEL IN PARIS

Week of blessing amidst violence in France's capital

While CC Paris recently hosted a conference on the Holy Spirit, riots tore at France's capital city—allowing Calvary believers an open door to share Christ with unusually receptive French citizens.

During the riots, angry youth rampaged through France. Media reports blamed second-generation immigrants—many of them Muslim—who were frustrated at the lack of opportunities in their new host country. In France, 9,000 vehicles and buses were torched, and 126 police officers wounded. Schools, police stations and businesses were burned down. The most violent week had been scheduled for outreach and teaching by guest pastors at CC Paris. Rather

than cancel, the church continued with its plans and was blessed by its persistence. Rob Dingman, pastor of CC Twickenham, England, was visiting to lead the conference on the Holy Spirit. During the conference, violence began to spread in Paris suburbs.

Pastor Kurt Ibbotson, CC Leipzig, shared what the Lord is doing in Germany. Pastor Michael Dente of CC Paris taught from Romans about walking by faith. An outreach team from the Bible College in Hungary helped break through cultural and linguistic barriers to share the Gospel. Undaunted by the surrounding violence, the group experienced a continual sense of calm and peace. The time of testing opened the French citizens' hearts to ask questions about spiritual things, God and their eternal salvation. Each tract handed out by the church was

kept—not thrown on the ground like other times. Church members listened to and prayed with an off-duty policeman.

Sunday service ended the busy week with a packed church despite travelers away for the long Armistice weekend. Singer Julissa Neely, Warehouse Christian Fellowship, Sacramento, CA, performed several songs. One of the songs, written after the terrorist attack on the WTC, fit perfectly with what the church was experiencing. Pastor Michael taught about how God matures believers and gives them hope in affliction. The congregation was buoyed by the blessings from the Lord; He gave them a week of wonders despite the surrounding violence.

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INDIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF



A team from Gospel for Asia (GFA) shared the love of Jesus with those affected by the deadly October earthquake.



GFA volunteers passed out food, water and clothing to earthquake victims in India.

After a deadly October earthquake claimed at least 87,350 lives, a relief team from Gospel for Asia (GFA) ministered to a village high in the Himalayan ranges of Kashmir, India—one of the hardest-hit areas.

The team brought much-needed food, water, clothing and the Gospel message to those who were suffering. The village consisted of 400 houses, all destroyed. As they offered

aid, many of the villagers experienced the love of Christ. Four families gladly accepted New Testaments. "The army dropped off emergency supplies and drove on," one of the villagers said, "but you are the only ones who have stopped and showed us you care about us."

GFA missionaries began ministering in India's Jammu and Kashmir state soon after

the quake struck. GFA also received permission to send a team into Pakistan. In the midst of incredible despair, GFA workers shared the hope found only in Jesus and are being warmly received by the non-Christian population. The group had also crossed borders after the tsunami struck Sri Lanka.

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