

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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EAST COAST PASTORS' WIVES



Ladies enjoy fellowship outdoors between sessions.



Attendees came from 137 different Calvary Chapels.

Nearly 500 women gathered in April for the 10th Annual East Coast Pastors' Wives' Retreat on the Chesapeake Bay in North East, MD.

Geared toward encouraging pastors' wives and women in ministry, the conference theme was taken from Ephesians 3:14-21: "that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Speakers exhorted women to be "rooted and grounded in the love of Christ"—nourished and stabilized by God's love.

"To be able to come together and worship and fellowship and share with each other is so needed," said Tara Plantholt, from CC Baltimore. "Many women at the retreat I spoke with were so weary from the battle. But each one left refreshed with joy in their

hearts and assurance that God was with them and they could go on."

Reina Dalton, whose husband pastors CC Treasure Coast in Port St. Lucie, FL, said, "The whole retreat was about being emptied of ourselves and being filled up with Him." During the worship and teaching, she felt filled afresh with the Holy Spirit. "I realized I don't have to muster up that agape love for others or pretend it's there. I just have to confess my need to God, and He's going to fill me with His genuine, agape love. That has renewed my desire to be in the ministry and has freed me from feeling guilty." After returning home, she shared: "There is joy! You don't feel so burdened when you know in faith that God is able to do 'exceedingly abundantly.' He is able; there's nothing too hard for Him."

Each woman was also given MP3s of Kay Smith's teachings, which Reina said have been a continued blessing. At the retreat, main speakers were Sandy McIntosh, Cheryl Brodersen, Carol Wild, June Hesterly, and Jean McClure. Those leading workshops were Rosemary Gallatin, Isel Vasquez, Debbi Bryson, Sharon Reis, Diane Coy, Karyn Johnson, Gail Mays, Marie Rosales, and Jeanette Graves. Mary Barrett of CC Merritt Island, FL, led worship. The gathering is a joint effort of Calvary Chapels on the West Coast and East Coast.

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HAWAII RELIEF WORK

Calvary Chapel Kauai Serves Community After Flood

After a dam break unleashed a massive wall of water that destroyed homes and left several people dead in Kauai's north shore community, believers at Calvary Chapel Kauai extended help and comfort to devastated neighbors. They ministered to several whose homes were damaged; they also built relationships with others who needed a helping hand.

When the Kaloko Reservoir's earthen dam gave way in mid-March after heavy rains, 300 million gallons of water surged into the valley below, peaking as a 50-foot wave that traveled three miles before it reached the Pacific Ocean. A handful of houses and buildings were cleanly swept away, while many other residences sustained

damage and debris. Three bodies were recovered; four remained missing but were presumed dead.

"It was almost like a reverse tsunami," said Bruce Baumgartner, associate pastor of CC Kauai. "Damage and debris left behind showed the water had flowed nearly 300 feet across and 30 feet deep on its way down to the ocean." The water cut off access to and from thousands of rural houses and luxury condominiums along Kauai's north shore, and large sections of the island's main highway were washed out.

"As we were hearing about different situations, we immediately wanted to do something to help," Bruce said. "Pastor Bob (Hallman) called the local radio station. We made our church available to people on the island, to those helping others, and to anyone who needed help."



Pastor Bob Hallman and youth pray with flood victims.

They got several calls—some relating to the flood and some for other needs—including an elderly couple who needed debris cleaned from their yard, a woman who had a leaky roof, and a man whose home was damaged and whose neighbors died in the flood. "He wasn't a believer, but we were able to circle around him and pray for him and his family," Bruce said. "He



Flood waters left muddy piles of debris.

called the radio station praising us for our help and our true witness of God's love."

Responding to needs in their community, the CC Kauai fellowship felt the continued call to show God's love through servanthood and formed the Kauai Missions Relief Team.

"Before, if you had knocked on someone's door to ask if they'd like help with anything, they would have felt uneasy," Bruce explained. "But now because of the tragedy here and the radio station spreading the word about our efforts, people feel more comfortable to call and ask us for help."

He added, "It's been a great opportunity for the people in our fellowship to be out in the community serving, to be Jesus' hands and feet."

<http://kauai.calvarychapel.com/>

PLANNING A MISSIONS TRIP?

Calvary Chapel of Central Bucks, PA, is offering children's clothing and medical supplies for any Calvary Chapel to use in sharing the Gospel or ministering. They have new summer and winter children's clothing (Infant to youth sizes 18-20). Also available are various medical supplies and diagnostic equipment used in primary health care clinics—including cardiac monitors and infusion pumps. They also have a large amount of new toys. Call or email the church to let them equip your ministry to "the least of these."

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Girls wearing donated new clothes.

CC WILMINGTON BUILDS CHURCH



CC Wilmington youngsters help spread fresh concrete.



Believers worship the Lord in their new facility in Wilmington, NC.

In early 2006, Calvary Chapel of Wilmington opened doors to its new building in the North Carolina community. At standing-room-only after ten years of growth, the church needed more space. Pastor Clay Ritter led his flock in a step of faith, and they spent many weeks and months praying for a facility that the Lord would use to grow His kingdom.

The entire close-knit church family worked side by side to build God's house. People of all ages participated—from youngsters to experienced carpenters—pouring concrete,

raising walls, and painting the warehouse-style building.

Although the budget was small, the project abounded in many blessings, including new and deeper friendships, said church leaders. After a year of prayerful building and teamwork, their vision came to fruition—a new building open to a new generation of brothers and sisters.

CC Wilmington's vision is to preach the Gospel and equip the saints through the teaching of God's Word. "God is rebuilding broken lives and growing the church

daily. I am blessed beyond measure at seeing what God has done," Pastor Clay said. "People are excited about serving the Lord and getting involved in ministry. But perhaps even more important is that we are growing in the knowledge and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ!"

CC Wilmington has several ongoing ministries and outreaches—including ministries for youth, children, men and women—and supports several overseas missionaries.

www.calvaryofwilmington.org

ARMOR OF LIGHT EASTER OUTREACH



A dunking machine provided entertainment for families.

At the 29 Palms Marine Corps Base on the Saturday before Easter, the outreach enjoyed beautiful weather while much of the rest of Southern California experienced severe rain. About 35 volunteers from different Calvary Chapels fed between 850-1,000 people. While the event was planned for 500, said Chaplain Steve Brown, "Amazingly, God provided and caused an increase so that everyone was fed."

Nearly 1,000 people came to the Easter outreach hosted by Armor of Light, the Calvary Chapel-based ministry to Marines and their families who are stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA.

They handed out 500 Resurrection Day gift bags and gave the children salvation bracelets, animal balloons, and Easter coloring books.

God opened the door for the event to be held on base. "The base asked us to help out with this Easter event because the Marine Corps Community Service—who normally would do some of what we did—refused to be involved with a 'religious holiday event,'" Steve said. "It opened the door for us—a 'religious group'—to come alongside the base and share the love of Christ. Isn't God amazing how He opens doors?"

Volunteers have been following up with Marines and the families they met and have provided hundreds of Bibles for the base. Steve added, "Ooh-Rah for Jesus!"

<http://armoroflight.calvarychapel.com>

TONGA WHEELCHAIR OUTREACH



Patio chairs and bike wheels are used.

Missionaries in Tonga for the past ten years, James and Mele Baxley from CC Costa Mesa recently distributed 550 wheelchairs while sharing the love of Jesus with the people of Tonga. The non-profit Free Wheelchair Mission helped supply the chairs—made from sturdy metal frames, plastic patio chairs, and mountain bike wheels. The first 100 chairs were distrib-

uted during a ceremony that was televised throughout Tonga. The disabled poor were overjoyed to have a wheelchair; many prayed to receive Christ. James said, "The most wonderful thing is how the Lord has put this all together. What a great opportunity to share the Gospel." A group of 169 islands, Tonga is a former British protectorate between Hawaii and New Zealand and has nearly 115,000 inhabitants. The culture keeps strict religious rules, but few have been born again, James shared. "A problem is that there is a lot of 'religion,'" he said, citing 2 Timothy 3:5, "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (KJV).

The Free Wheelchair Mission, a Christian organization based in Costa Mesa, CA, has

provided over 120,000 free wheelchairs in Third World countries. Founder and engineer Don Schoendorfer discovered a critical need for the wheelchairs, which are low cost and easily assembled. The Baxleys plan to distribute another 550 wheelchairs and look to build storage facilities for food and clothing to be given to the poor. Their tract-publishing ministry is growing; they provide free literature about God, the Bible, salvation, and end-times issues. James also runs their non-profit video, book, and CD lending library, while Mele regularly evangelizes with a team from the local church.

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CC VAC PASTOR



Garrie Price, left, and Tibi, right, pray for CC Vac's new pastor, Tamás Gémes.

After serving in Hungary for seven years, American missionaries Garrie and Jackie Price have turned pastorship of their church plant over to a national believer, Tamas Gemes.

The Prices planted Calvary Chapel Vac in 2002. Garrie shared, "Our hearts ache to leave our 'spiritual' children, yet we rejoice in our obedience to the living God." The city of Vac, with a population of about 35,000, is a 1,000-year-old river port. After watching the church grow year after year, Garrie said, "Vac is a church that prays with great expectation and has seen God's faithfulness."

In May, CC Budapest Pastor Greg Opean thanked the Prices for their faithfulness and introduced Tamas as the new pastor of CC Vac, along with his wife Sara and baby Marko. "We pray this encouraged Hungarians," Garrie said, "especially those God is calling to take a step of faith into full-time ministry."

PASTORS' CONFERENCE



Pastor Chuck Smith sings with Walter Santos.

More than a dozen pastors shared personal testimonies of God's faithfulness throughout the years during the four-day Calvary Chapel Senior Pastors' Conference in Murrieta, CA. The next generation was heartened to hear of early ministry struggles and the numerous answers to prayer. Pastor Chuck Smith encouraged everyone to continue simply teaching God's Word, line upon

line, and not be distracted by attacks from the world. The theme of the conference was God's continuing work through His church.

Many were buoyed by the short phrase "But God" found in Ephesians 2:4a, reminded that—regardless of the past—God can work wonders when His children depend solely on Him.



Panel discussion—left to right, CC Pastors Bob Caldwell, Boise, ID; Bill Stonebraker, Honolulu, HI; Chuck Smith, Costa Mesa, CA; Sandy Adams, Stone Mountain, GA; Damian Kyle, Modesto, CA.