

# GOING 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

## OUTREACH IN THE ANDES

Wearing bright red t-shirts that proclaimed “Jesus Loves You, Cajamarca,” 116 Bible College students from nine countries ministered to the people of Cajamarca in the Andes Mountains of northern Peru.

Mayor Emilio Horna and the Cajamarca City Council warmly welcomed the team from Calvary Chapel Bible College in Lima, Peru—inviting them to the “Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast.” They invited the team to participate in a press conference broadcast on several radio stations and TV.

The group split into four teams and visited dozens of schools, orphanages, colleges, a hospital, and a local jail. Reluctant teachers became grateful as biblical values were taught to the children. Doctors and nurses prayed with team members to invite Jesus into their lives. Prison inmates requested Bibles.

For three evenings, Christian films and music from two worship bands played in Cajamarca’s “Heroes de San Ramon Stadium.” The nightly concerts were fun events, and children were ministered to by clowns doing balloon sculpting and face painters. Evangelist Fausto Pflucker, pastor of CC Pomona Gardens, CA, shared the evening messages, and more than 100 people made decisions to follow Jesus.

Pastor Diego Recarte remained behind to plant a church in Cajamarca, along with his wife Patty and their two daughters. Also



*Pastor Leo Maestre shares the Gospel with a mountain woman in Peru.*

staying to help plant the church are two Peruvian missionaries, Miluska Panduro and Jose Luis Soto.

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*CCBC Peru students, in red, entertain youth in the Andes Mountains.*

## CC NEW ORLEANS



*Believers at CC New Orleans worship in their new sanctuary. More than 80 CC teams have helped residents clean and repair their homes. Healing and rebuilding are still taking place more than a year after Hurricane Katrina.*  
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# BLUE LETTER BIBLE

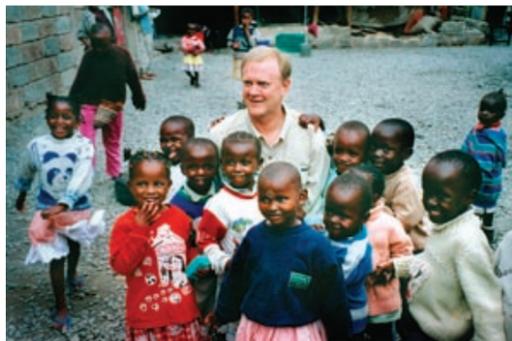
More than 80,000 viewers access the Bible resource daily.

After a decade on the Internet, the Blue Letter Bible web site is still expanding and enriching thousands of believers every day. Chock-full of biblical commentaries and in-depth study resources, the ministry also partners with those on the field—including Safe Harbor International Relief, Far Reaching Ministries, and Gospel For Asia.

“We get about 80,000 to 85,000 users a day accessing between 400,000 to 500,000 (web) pages of biblical content per day,” said Jim Milligan, executive director and co-founder of Blue Letter Bible (BLB).

The BLB theme verse is Psalm 138:2b: “You have magnified Your Word above all Your name.” Jim explained, “If God so honors His written Word, we desire to have people study His written word to come closer to the Living Word, His Son.”

“We are heavily involved out on the mission field as well,” said Jim. He and other BLB staff members travel abroad several times a year. “With Safe Harbor, we do more relief work and Gospel presentations. With Far Reaching and GFA, we do more teaching—especially to pastors.” BLB supports approximately 60 overseas missionaries—including more than 40 chaplains in southern Sudan.



Jim Milligan, director of Blue Letter Bible, is heavily involved in missions.

While global outreach may seem strange extracurricular activity for web site developers, it lines up with their vision to strengthen God's church worldwide through biblical

resources. “Most of the areas we go, the Blue Letter Bible is not available on the Internet,” Jim said. His team developed a CD program with the entire Bible and study tools for use without Internet access. “It's an ideal resource for the pastors—especially in places like India and Africa.”

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### From Idea to Internet

“It all started with a meeting during Thanksgiving of 1995,” explained Jim. “People from Harvest Crusade, The Word For Today, Koinonia House, and CC Costa Mesa met to discuss, ‘How can we use technology for the glory of God? How can we use this Internet?’ In 1995, the Net was still rather new.” A small group dedicated themselves to building the BLB site under Chuck Missler's ministry, Koinonia House. “Koinonia House came alongside Frank (Rabinovich) and myself, and we spent six to seven months developing the site that went public in 1996.” The two men later formed Sowing Circle, a non-profit entity supported by donations through which free resources are funneled to Christian ministries around the world. “Six years ago, BLB was brought totally under Sowing Circle.”

For many years, Jim and Frank were the core staff of BLB—developing web pages and uploading content from Bible teachers who donated their messages for free. “Pastor Chuck (Smith) was a huge supporter [by letting us] use his messages ... as well as (teachers) Chuck Missler and David Guzik.” Now the site features written works from more than 22 Bible commentators (from Martin Luther

to contemporary pastors and authors) as well as audio and video messages from 25 men—including Brian Brodersen, Jon Courson, Greg Laurie, Mike MacIntosh, Kent Hovind, Raul Ries, Bob Hoekstra, and Damian Kyle. The BLB staff has also grown to 10—with 8 people in Southern California and two in other states.

Jim has a background in computer programming and finances, with CPA and MBA degrees. Frank holds two master's degrees in Statistics and Operations Research. “We're just two geeks—and one of us a bean counter,” said Jim Milligan with a chuckle. After Jim became executive director, Steve Greenberg of CC Irvine joined the staff and helped link the ministry to Firefighters for Christ, a teaching tape ministry.

While the BLB's small staff is intentionally invisible, the ministry has impacted thousands around the globe. “We want the glory to go to Jesus. That's why you don't see any of our pictures or our names on the web site,” Jim said. “God has put on our hearts to glorify Him.” Dozens of men and women volunteer to help transcribe and organize tapes and resources.

### Bible Classes Abroad

All of the resources on BLB are offered for free. At [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org), viewers can enjoy the Bible verse search engine, online commentaries, in-depth definitions of the original Hebrew or Greek words, and *Strong's Concordance* search tools.

Nearly 30,000 users from 170 countries have registered for free classes from the Blue Letter Bible Institute ([www.blbi.org](http://www.blbi.org)), which they take at their own pace—for a certificate or just for personal growth.

“One of the more exciting things for me personally was trying to make Bible college-level classes available to laymen who might not be able to attend Bible college for reasons like time, family commitments, or living in a faraway area,” said Jim. The staff began development of the BLB Institute in 2003. “Now we have more than 29,000

registered students and nine classes.” Many homeschoolers enjoy the new creation class based on Roger Oakland's work on origins.

### Including Women's Ministry

Soon, a new Women's Resource section will feature audio messages from missionary/author Elisabeth Elliot—exclusively through Blue Letter Bible (BLB)—as well as teachings from Kay Smith and Nancy Missler. “We're creating a women's ministry section as well,” Jim added.

“You pray for the Lord's leading and guidance, and things like Elisabeth Elliot (as a contributing author) just kind of happen,” Jim said. “Earlier this year, Thru the Bible

Radio provided the entire five-year audio series by J. Vernon McGee. We all had the same heart, the same philosophy of ministry: To make good teaching available to people for free.”

### Various Helpers

Since Sowing Circle is one of the largest distributors of free teaching tapes from Firefighters for Christ, dozens of volunteers have made possible Sowing Circle's expansion and global impact.

Headquartered in south Orange County, CA, Sowing Circle sends out nearly 20,000 tapes and CDs per month. “We have a Wednesday night dinner, feed people, and

they come help duplicate tapes and CDs,” Jim said. BLB is also seeking people to help listen to the new messages and write down what scriptural references are used—necessary to link to the commentaries and messages to the appropriate verses online. There is also a need for transcribing audio messages to typewritten format, which makes it possible to search the text online.

Jim is also an assistant pastor at a fellowship in Orange County. Steve Greenberg is an assistant pastor at CC Irvine; Frank Rabinovich is a chaplain with Safe Harbor and serves at CC Rancho Santa Margarita.

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## GREATER SILICON VALLEY HARVEST CRUSADE



### More Than 4,000 People Dedicate Their Lives to Christ in San Jose

From Latino teens keeping time to the music to Chinese families listening to the program translated into Mandarin on headsets, the diversity of California's South Bay area was well represented at the Greater Silicon Valley Harvest Crusade at San Jose's HP Pavilion the weekend of October 13-15. Although the crowd was diverse, more than 38,000 people, young and old, gathered for a singular message—God's love and free gift of salvation.

More than 4,000 walked onto the stadium floor to indicate their faith in Christ after an invitation from Pastor Greg Laurie of Harvest Christian Fellowship. During the Saturday evening youth event, so many people got up from their seats to pray with volunteer counselors that the aisles became spontaneous meeting spots for those who couldn't make it down the stairs.

“Something happened in San Jose this weekend that was so powerful it can only be attributed to God,” said key speaker



Pastor Greg. “In 17 years of crusade ministry, we have never seen such an overwhelming response to the salvation message presented—it was off the charts.”

Hosted by more than 270 local churches, the crusade marks Harvest's first visit to San Jose—and its second visit to Northern California. It also represents the largest full-scale evangelistic crusade in the Silicon Valley since Billy Graham's visit in 1997.

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