

# 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

## MATTERS OF THE HEART MEN'S CONFERENCE WATCHED WORLDWIDE

Grown men fought back tears at the Anaheim Convention Center in Southern California this past fall. Eight thousand men gave a thunderous standing ovation when Pastor Ken Graves, CC Bangor, ME, introduced his stepson, Micah Haggerty, who was on leave from the Army after being in Iraq. Micah received a bronze medal for his attempt to rescue a comrade while under fire. Sadly, the fellow soldier died in his arms.

made his way to the prayer room. There he was paired with a counselor who ended up being his long estranged father. The young man's dad had been diligently praying for his son's deliverance. Tears, hugs, and encouragement flooded the room.

Speakers Chuck Smith, Brian Brodersen, Greg Laurie, David Rosales, Raul Ries, Pancho Juarez, Jon Courson, and Skip Heitzig encouraged the men to examine their lives in light of Matthew 6:21, with the central theme being, "Matters of the Heart."

Men from all over the United States were able to watch the conference live on the Internet, while others logged on to the Calvary Chapel website for the "streamed" live version. Pastors and program coordinators are praying about the 2005 conference, scheduled for November 12, and are going to promote streaming early enough so churches can hold conferences simultane-

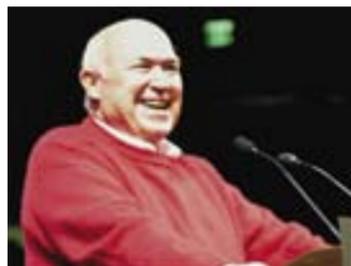
Hundreds accepted Christ that day. And one special young man, prompted by Pastor Mike MacIntosh's invitation to receive Jesus,

ously. They are hoping to stream the webcast in both English and Spanish.

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The Anaheim Convention Center was the site of a men's conference with 8,000 in attendance.



Pastor Chuck Smith, CC Costa Mesa, teaches at the conference.



The conference was streamed live on the Internet.



Thousands of men attended the conference for a time of teaching, fellowship, and encouragement. Others were able to watch online with live streaming.

## GRACE ABOUNDS ON THE JERSEY SHORE

Good News

When four hundred men from Calvary Chapels in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and Connecticut began singing "More of You in My Life," it was clear the Lord was going to do amazing things at a men's conference on the New Jersey shore this past October. It was originally planned for just New Jersey Calvary Chapels.

"After Jon Courson committed to coming, things began to take off, and before we knew it, over 30 churches from 4 states joined," said Gregg Downs, an elder at Calvary Chapel of Mercer County—New Jersey's capital county. "It was exciting." Rob Paoletti, associate pastor and worship leader at Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia, agreed to lead the worship.

Jon Courson used humorous stories to share his message. Included was a turquoise turtle, surf shirts, skipping school, barfing on a surfboard, sin-sniffers, and pasture patties to focus his listeners on God's grace. All were impacted from Jeremiah 29:11 as Jon shared his personal testimony about the deaths of his first wife and oldest daughter. "Jon's unique way of focusing on the work of Jesus at the cross is truly powerful," said Pastor Claude Stauffer, CC Hope in Amityville, NY.

"Whenever you get together with that many men—all passionate for Jesus—you find yourself refreshed and renewed," Jon concluded. With that spirit in mind, plans for next year's conference are already underway.



Pastor Jon Courson and men at the conference enjoy fellowship.



The men attending sing songs of worship at the conference.

## AROMA OF CHRIST

### CC Eastside's Ministry to the Chemically Sensitive

*For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.*

Psalm 9:18



Fragrance Free room enables those with chemical sensitivities to attend services.

Calvary Chapel Eastside in Bellevue, WA, is ministering to a group of people who often feel like outcasts—the chemically sensitive. People with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) become ill when exposed to products such as fresh paint, new carpeting, and perfume. A few of the symptoms these people may experience include migraines, seizures, or asthma attacks.

CC Eastside has welcomed those with MCS into their church by providing a room next to the main auditorium referred to as a "Fragrance Free Zone." Only those who abide by a strict fragrance free policy are allowed to enter. People who sit in this room can view the service through glass panels or

on a TV monitor. This option has been a blessing to people who haven't been able to attend church in years due to their illness. Janine Ridings, the director of "Aroma of Christ," said, "I pray that many other churches will recognize the need for this outreach and become equipped to accommodate the needs of these individuals." [www.aromaofchrist.com](http://www.aromaofchrist.com)

*"Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."*

Matthew 25:40

# THE CALVARY CHAPEL CONFERENCE CENTER AND BIBLE COLLEGE BRAZIL

A beautiful landscape filled with trees and a river outside of downtown Campo Mourco will be the site for CCBC and Conference Center, Brazil. The 200-acre property belonged to longtime friends of Pastor Chuck Smith, Les and Irene Dickerson, who have served as missionaries in Brazil for close to 50 years. The missionary couple asked if Calvary Chapel would take over the ownership of the property and existing buildings. The site is 20 miles outside a town of 80,000 people, which lies 6 hours northwest from Curitiba.

The vision and purpose for the new property is to establish a new Calvary Chapel Conference Center and Bible College and, in time, a radio station that can cover the Brazilian airwaves with the teaching of God's Word. Construction is currently underway with the retreat facility scheduled as the first stage, followed by the Bible College.

John Hwang and his wife, Flavia, will be moving up to the Bible College and have purchased a small piece of land in Campo Mourco for a house. The church they began in Curitiba is preparing for their departure.

The couple will be traveling every weekend to continue teaching on Sunday nights until God raises up a new pastor.

*Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, ... that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.* Colossians 4:2-4



Missionaries and board members accompanied Pastor Chuck Smith as he surveyed the property.



The 200-acre property included a river with a waterfall.

# CALVARY COASTLANDS DEDICATION AND RADIO RALLY

In December 2004, Calvary Chapel Coastlands in Corpus Christi, TX, dedicated their first building. The four-day event was held in conjunction with a radio rally for a Calvary Satellite Network affiliate. Pastors from various Calvary Chapels in California were on hand to teach. These included: Lance Cook, La Habra; Pancho Juarez, Montebello; John Milhouse, Moreno Valley; and David Rosales, Chino Valley. Music from Dave Morrow, CC Lake Elsinore, was featured.

a new work in south Texas. Rod had been the youth pastor at CC Chino Valley under David Rosales. The church began in the Carver's living room and later moved to other rented buildings.

The church acquired 12 acres of real estate to build their own facilities. The sanctuary and classrooms are in the larger building while a smaller one contains church offices, a coffee shop/bookstore, and the radio station. Plans are already underway for a third

building to provide for much needed classroom space.

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A time of praise at CC Coastlands dedication.

# BRINGING PASTOR CHUCK'S SERIES 5000 SERMONS TO THE CHINESE

Pastor Chuck's 5000 Series on the New Testament is now available in Chinese. This 7-CD set contains MP3 files of his sermons delivered in Mandarin. Complete Chinese texts are displayed in traditional fonts (used in Taiwan and other overseas Chinese communities) and in simplified fonts (used in mainland China and Singapore). A message from Pastor Chuck on the importance of teaching the Word is included, as well as two evangelistic messages on the Gospel of John, and an invitation to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, all in Chinese.

These messages are broadcast throughout China on a Christian radio station, and the CDs, targeting the 1.3 billion souls in China, have also found their way into Chinese speaking communities around the world, including Eastern Europe, where there are a number of Chinese students. The translations for the Old Testament messages are underway.

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# EMMANUEL: WOMEN'S SHELTER FOR ABUSED AND BATTERED WOMEN

Starting as a prayerful petition to the Lord, the vision of CC Montebello's missionaries, Sonia and Victor Mayoral, was to house and minister to abused women in Mexico. Local police would bring battered wives to the doorstep of La Posada, a CC missionary base in Rosarito. Their prayer was answered by the building of the women's facility called Emmanuel. CC Montebello and other Calvary Chapels supported the project in the physical construction as well as financially.

The shelter, scheduled to be finished in March 2005, will be an oasis to many ladies who have no source of income or housing. The two-story building will have ten spacious rooms that will accommodate up to fifteen families, complete with restrooms and showers. The lower story will house the kitchen, complete with walk-in refrigerator, a dining room, a study room for mothers, a computer room for children, a devotional room, a wash room, and two fully-equipped living quarters for missionaries.

The ultimate desire and goal of Emmanuel is twofold: to provide a safe haven for women and to share the Gospel with those families who have been abused, battered, and emotionally scarred.

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Emmanuel Women's Shelter, a ministry of CC Montebello.



Many people have dedicated their time to assist with the construction.

# BESLAN TERROR VICTIMS VISIT ISRAEL



Children from Beslan enjoying the festivities provided by For Zion's Sake.

Eighteen children, victims of terror in Beslan, and their families disembarked at Haifa after a three-day voyage on an Israeli-owned luxury liner. Israeli charities had provided the funding to pluck these precious ones from the darkness of Beslan School #1 for hospital treatment by specialists and then to enjoy three weeks of relaxation. Terror-weary Israelis read and watched this bright news story.

Thanks to an outpouring of support, *For Zion's Sake* (FZS) ministries was able to charter a tour bus with a Russian-speaking guide in Jerusalem. The FZS staff and CC Jerusalem family were excited to meet those for whom they had been praying and collecting aid. Some children still bore the physical wounds they had received in the attack. As they exited the bus, the bandages and scars were evident. It was the children's sad, searching eyes that communicated that they had experienced things no child should ever see.

After an American lunch, the entertainment was decidedly Russian—a colorful mini-circus replete with musical antics, clowns, jugglers, a contortionist, a trained dog, and



Clowns and a trained dog were part of the mini-circus entertainment for the children from Beslan.

a dancing bear—a girl who danced in a bear suit. Pastor Bradley spoke of the love of Jesus before the tour continued. They were given Russian Bibles and literature and Jerusalem Miniatures reproductions. The church was blessed to help the children and their families see the place where Jesus lived and died for their salvation.

# RETURN TO BESLAN

*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”*  
John 12:24 KJV

“It had been over two months since the Beslan School # 1 massacre, but the memories were as fresh as yesterday,” said Pastor Brad Antolovich. “Everyone wanted to talk, explaining where they were when the horrible ordeal unfolded. Several expressed disappointment that the truth was not reported accurately in the Western press.” Pastors Kostia Kretov, CC 1905, Moscow, and Brad, CC Jerusalem, felt called to return to Beslan, Russia, to minister to the community. The town was still mourning the terrorist murder of their school children.

A meeting had been scheduled with the mayor of Beslan, who had a reputation for

foul moods and outbursts. Brad was confident that the Lord was leading them to share the Gospel with the city official. “After a tense few minutes, we quickly learned that the mayor had lost his only grandson in the tragedy,” remembered Brad. “Then this big, powerful man began to weep as we shared the Word of God with him.” The mayor finally spoke through his tears, “We do not need your money, we need your spiritual help, and whatever you require here in Beslan, just ask me.” They left him with a Bible, and the mayor gave them an open door to the city.

New stories of heroism surfaced as they followed up with the families they had visited during their first trip. Pastor Taymuraz Totiev and his wife, Raya, had lost four of their five children in the siege. Their one surviving child, Magina, described how one of her sisters wrote out the sinner's prayer on a piece of paper. It was then passed from

hand to hand to many children. The terrorists looked on but did not react.

His brother, Pastor Sergey Totiev, and his wife also lost two children. Both preachers are grieving over the loss of their children but are able to shepherd their congregation in the grace of Jesus Christ. Like the location of the church, both families live several hundred yards away from the gutted remains of Beslan School # 1 where their little ones perished.

On their last Sunday morning there, Brad shared the Word of God with the congregation. He had brought a \$9,000 offering from caring people, mostly from Calvary Chapels, that had been impacted by the tragedy. The money has been set aside to build a Sunday school in memory of the 18 children who died from the congregation.

# THE CASTLE IN AUSTRIA: A VISION FOR LIFE

The Castle in Austria will be offering a discipleship-training program this coming spring and fall. As a ministry of CC Costa Mesa, the course is designed to help Christians seek the Lord and His plan for their lives. A Vision For Life will include classes taught by pastors and missionaries, outreach trips to ministries

in Europe, and participation in practical areas of service. Located on a lake in the spectacular Alps, the Castle has been home to conferences and retreats while hosting the CC European Missions Conference each August.

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Schloss Heroldeck, located in Austria, is the site of conferences and retreats.



Spectacular view from the Castle.

# SHIELD OF FAITH



A California Highway Patrol officer enjoys the meal with his family.

For the third year in a row, the Shield of Faith Ministry of Harvest Christian Fellowship, Riverside, CA, partnered with Kountry Folks Homestyle Restaurant to feed police officers and firefighters working on Christmas Day. For eight hours, the restaurant closed its doors to the public in order to serve 130 first responders and their families. City police, county sheriffs, local fire departments, California Highway Patrol, and dispatchers received a Christmas package from the Shield of Faith Ministry.



Steve Ballinger greets emergency service personnel.

“Serving these men and women in uniform is a small way to show our love and appreciation for the work they do,” said Pastor Steve Ballinger, founder of the ministry. “What an honor to provide a place for first responders to meet with their loved ones and enjoy a Christmas meal together.”