

# GOOD 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

## CC HANFORD CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP



Gene Pensiero

As the 20th anniversary of CC Hanford, CA, approached, Pastor Gene Pensiero felt led to do something special. "God has been so good to us over the years," he remarked. "It just seemed right to celebrate."

encouragement to expect the Lord to continue His good work in Hanford."

Another video came from the CC Bible College in Vajta, Hungary. "We have a missionary we support at the college, Melodie Tucker. She enlisted the whole student body in Vajta to give us their greeting," said Gene.

A slide show from the past 20 years was a big hit. Gene taught from Psalm 126:2-3, "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad."

On Sunday, May 8th, the fellowship gathered for a special evening service they called H20. The event featured live performances by Dennis Agajanian, and Darrell Mansfield.

Several Calvary pastors sent their congratulations via video clips—Don McClure, CC Laguna; Dennis Davenport, CC High Desert; and John Miller, CC San Bernardino. "It was a bonus blessing to receive a video from Pastor Chuck," said Gene. "We ended the evening with his



Dennis Agajanian



Darrell Mansfield and Eric Turner lead worship.

## MOVES IN THE MINISTRY

CC Spring Valley (CCSV), located in Las Vegas, NV, will be forming a father and son team in upcoming months. Brian Michaels, previously senior pastor of CC Rocky Mountain, will transition into the senior pastor position being left by his father, John Michaels. John will separate CCSV's Send The Message ministry out from under the CCSV umbrella to make it a resource for the entire Calvary movement. John is excited to see these changes bring the best of two worlds to CCSV. As he emphasizes the growth of world missions and Brian focuses

his strong evangelistic gifts within the local church, each is working on what God has placed in their hearts. John anticipates more U.S. church plants and an expansion of overseas work, including the Philippines, Mexico, and North Africa. Four CCSV staffers will transition with John, who will be a full-time missions' facilitator. He shared that his heart has always been to stimulate the local church into developing a missions program whereby they can truly claim the Great Commission for themselves.



Brian Michaels



John Michaels

## D.O.G. OUTREACH IN THE SNOW



Dog sled was the mode of transportation to the men's retreat this winter in northern Minnesota.

Depend on God (D.O.G.) utilizes the outdoors of northern Minnesota as a tool to make strong disciples in Jesus Christ. Pastor Chris Hess felt the Lord's leading to develop a year-round outdoor discipleship program, centered on group outings and camping trips. Winter outings include traveling to the "site" by dog sled, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, and learning winter survival skills. Summer outings include canoeing, fishing, and hiking. Bible studies, sharing, and prayer are the center of the activities.

John and Patti Dean lead this ministry. This past winter D.O.G. began with several camping and ice fishing trips, ministering to families and small groups of troubled youth from CC Bemidji. John made several presentations of dog sledding in the public schools. Currently there are 16 dogs and a litter of puppies. Dog sled rides were a favorite at the men's retreat in February as well as at the annual Winter Fun Day.

Chris began CC Bemidji in 2002 after he and his wife, Morgan, were missionaries in Moscow, Russia. Wade and Connie Freshour, two other missionaries from Russia, came to assist. Recently the Freshours moved to Grand Rapids, MN, 1 hour away, to begin another Calvary Chapel work. These missionaries had originally been sent out from Calvary Fellowship Seattle, led by Wayne Taylor.

[www.calvarychapel.com/bemidji](http://www.calvarychapel.com/bemidji)

## CC CHINO VALLEY MEN'S CONFERENCE



CC Chino Valley Men's conference had 3,000 in attendance this past June.

### Men are encouraged to share their faith.

Three thousand men were in attendance at the 9th annual CC Chino Valley Men's Conference on June 4, 2005. These conferences have become a tradition and are a time to hear from some of the best Bible teachers in the area. This year's conference teachers were Pastors Chuck Smith, CC Costa Mesa; Mike MacIntosh, Horizon Christian Fellowship; Pancho Juarez, CC Montebello; Raul Ries, CC Golden Springs; and David Rosales, CC Chino Valley. Other participants included: Dr. K.P. Yohannan, founder of Gospel for Asia; Christian comedian, Nazareth; the Christian rock group, One Nation; and the CC Chino Valley Men's Praise Team. This year's scriptural foundation was Matthew 28—The Great Commission. "My prayer was for the men to leave the conference understanding more deeply the importance of reaching the world for Jesus ... in their neighborhood, workplace, and at home with their family," said Pastor David Rosales.

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# MISSION: RODEO



Photo by Luke Courtright

Mark Courtright shares the Word of God with cowboys at the M Bar M Arena in Santa Fe, TX, at their annual summer series rodeo last year.

Mission: Rodeo is the non-profit ministry of Mark and Melody Courtright from CC Houston. Under Pastor Ron Hindt, they minister to cowboys and those influenced by rodeo culture. Since 1988, Mark, a former bull rider, has ministered at rodeos, rodeo

Bible camps, and churches. He encourages cowboys to live a Christian life and to glorify God through their sport. Rodeo people seldom are able to attend church since rodeos occur year-round and compete on weekends. Melody manages the resource



Photo by John Mincks

Mission: Rodeo was allowed to hold a church service as well as sermonettes and prayer services behind the chutes each night at the 2004 Cowboys Professional Rodeo Finals in Kinder, LA.

table where Cowboy Bibles, tracts, study guides, and bumper stickers are distributed. She ministers to the women associated with the sport. Mark hopes to expand to full-time ministry and be able to speak wherever God opens doors. His heart is to reach those involved in rodeos with the Gospel.

[www.missionrodeo.org](http://www.missionrodeo.org)

# PHILIPPINES YOUTH CAMP



Pastor David Matthews, (white shirt), and conference attendees leave by boat.

Construction of a Christian campsite recently began on San Miguel, an island 350 miles south of Manila. Pastor David Matthews explained, "We started the project to use a little spare budget to give work to men who were unemployed in the church. Yet God had bigger plans, and the moment we started, God began providing in ways we never expected."

The campsite was able to host a camp for 49 youth from three Philippine Calvary Chapel churches. After this, a follow-up family camp attracted 200. The camps were so successful that David and others are now seeking if God might want to expand this into a larger ministry for Calvary Chapel in the northern Philippines. "It's so exciting to watch what God can do if we simply step out. Big results start with small steps of faith."

In 1997, David had led a missionary group from CC Manila to take the Gospel to San Miguel. Like so many islands in the Philippine archipelago, the poverty, remoteness, and difficulty of life had previously prevented Christian outreach on the island. "I really thought that trip would be our first and last," he recalled. David returned with a small team and planted churches on San Miguel, (which he pastors), and the neighboring island of Cagraray.

Though David had spent time in CC Redlands while in the U.S., it was at CC Manila that the Lord connected him to work closely with the movement. David began a ministry called "Faith in Action Mission Outreach" as an affiliated ministry of Calvary Chapel in the Philippines in 2000.

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# EXTREME MAKEOVER

## CC Port Loyola, Belize City

Joel and Denise Meyer minister at CC Port Loyola, Belize City, in the South American country of Belize. They led the first worship service in a new building on May 1, 2005. Port Loyola is in a densely populated area of Belize City, with approximately 30,000 people, few of whom have a relationship with God. Services needed to be moved from the Meyer's home to a larger facility. God provided an abandoned church building in a good location, but extensive repairs were necessary because of vandalism.

CC Eastside, their home church in Bellevue, WA, provided special offerings to help purchase and restore the church. They also sent a construction team, which spent 9 days installing new plumb-



Many came to the first service at Port Loyola Calvary Chapel.



Children are ushered to their Sunday school rooms.



Men raise a wall of the educational wing at Port Loyola Calvary Chapel.

ing, electrical systems, doors, and windows. The facility was cleaned, re-modeled, and re-roofed. A Sunday school building was built and a fence erected around the property. Area residents expressed excitement at the starting of a new church. The team had opportunities to share the Gospel and invite people to the first service, with 100 in attendance.

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# CC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Calvary Chapel Educators Association (CCEA) has formed to serve the Lord through Christian education. Christian Schools are a tool to evangelize and disciple the next generation of children with a foundation on Christ. CCEA will come alongside Christian schools to help with vision, mission, management, mentoring, money and budgeting issues, strategic planning, and academic excellence.

God, with all your heart, mind, and soul," CCEA has developed a ministry focus that seeks to minister to the various components within each student—spiritually, academically, bodily, and socially. CCEA will serve Calvary Chapel Schools worldwide.

Second annual CCEA conference  
August 3-5, 2005  
Calvary Chapel Downey, CA.

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The philosophy of CCEA is upon the development of the "whole" student. Taking Jesus' words in Matthew 22:37 as the starting point, "You shall love the Lord, thy



Christian schools instruct children with a foundation on Christ.

# CC BIBLE COLLEGE BRAZIL

Laborers enjoyed a Churrascada, a Brazilian barbeque, at the new CC Bible College in southern Brazil to celebrate the work accomplished on the property. Before lunch, CC missionaries shared the Gospel with the men and their families. Two Brazilians stood to receive Christ and many asked for healing from the Lord. A communion service preceded the feast.



*A barbeque is enjoyed by laborers.*



*The new CC Bible College in southern Brazil.*

The next day the crews were back at work preparing the property for the fall semester. Junior, the project director, is a believer. He leads morning devotions for 30 of the workers, many of whom have given their lives to the Lord.

John Hwang and his wife Flavia moved from CC Curitiba to guide the college. Tim

and TaLisa Rogers recently left their church plant in Sao Vicente to join the effort at the new Bible College. Pastor Celso, a national, took over CC Sao Vicente.

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# THE BIBLE IN THEIR LANGUAGE

Nearly 3,000 people groups still lack the Bible in their native language. However, as of January of this year, one tribe in Panama has been subtracted from this list.

For over 30 years, a variety of missions groups have been involved in getting the Guaymi tribe the New Testament. Over 200,000 Guaymi live in Panama and nearby Costa Rica and Colombia. Many

obstacles were overcome in bringing this project to completion. "It's intense spiritual warfare anytime an attempt is made to provide the Word of God to a new people," said Bill Bivin, Wycliffe translator from Panama City.



*The Guaymi are South American Indians.*

One Guaymi pastor from the northern mountain region of Panama reported that even though he had read and taught from the Spanish Bible, seeing God's Word in his own language revealed concepts about God that had been previously concealed from him. Wycliffe, New Tribes Missions, and Calvary Chapel of Albuquerque were among the organizations cooperating in the translation work.

"The Western church has an abundance of biblical materials available to them. We need to be concerned with providing God's Word to those who still don't have it," said Pastor Skip Heitzig of Ocean Hills. He was pastor of Calvary Chapel of Albuquerque when the decision was made to partner with Wycliffe in this effort.

"Every Christian can contribute to efforts like this," Skip continued, "There is more to life than making a living; we can make a difference."

[www.wycliffe.org](http://www.wycliffe.org)



*The Guaymi tribe of Panama now have the New Testament in their native language.*

# HARVEST CRUSADE IN GEORGIA

Good News



*Greg Laurie talks with Ashley Smith about her experience of being held hostage for seven hours by Atlanta murder suspect Brian Nichols.*

The Greater Augusta Harvest Crusade in Augusta, Georgia, brought Christian music and a powerful message of faith to 27,000 people in attendance over four nights, April 17–20. Working together to host the event were 135 area churches.

Onstage with Pastor Greg Laurie, Augusta native and nationally known ex-hostage, Ashley Smith, spoke about her 7 hour standoff with Atlanta murder suspect, Brian Nichols. Greg emphasized the choice she made to rely on God to be her strength in the midst of her need. Speaking about how her faith grew during the ordeal, Ashley said, "I surrendered completely and let God

work in the situation. I would not be here if it were not for Jesus."

Quoting entertainers Dave Matthews and Angelina Jolie, Greg spoke about the emptiness and loneliness experienced by all people, including celebrities who have every imaginable blessing—wealth, fame, and success. "Nothing this world offers you can fit the hole in your heart that only God can fill," said Greg. "But God can transform you and give you a new start, no matter what you've done."

In addition to the crowds packing the Civic Center, more than 13,000 people from 73



*Harvest Crusade in Augusta, Georgia.*



*Worship during the Crusade.*

countries watched the crusade live over the Internet. Throughout the 4 night crusade, more than 1,400 people came forward to profess their faith in Jesus Christ.

*Upcoming Harvest Events:*

Anaheim, CA, July 15–17

Newcastle, Australia, Sept. 8–11

[www.harvest.org](http://www.harvest.org)

# STREAMING LIVE

## 16th Annual Calvary Chapel Men's Conference will be Online

On November 12, 2005, thousands of men from all around the globe will join a live broadcast of the Calvary Chapel Men's Conference at the Anaheim Convention Center. This year it will stream on the Internet in both English and Spanish. Men in various time zones can watch live or download the conference for viewing later. Pastors are encouraged to gather men together and host a mini-conference at their own church, where they can project the conference onto a screen and join those in California. It will start at 7:00 a.m., PST.

"Give me some men who are Christ-centered men, who will stand for the Christ they adore. Start me with 10 who are Christ-centered men, I'll soon give you 10,000 more," was the call from Pastor Chuck Smith in 2004.

Speakers Chuck Smith, Brian Brodersen, Mike MacIntosh, Steve Mays, David Rosales, Raul Ries, Pancho Juarez, Jon Courson, Skip Heitzig, Jack Hibbs, Jeff Johnson, and Ricky Ryan will challenge the men to seek, trust, and run "The Race" with patience (Hebrews 12:1-2), as they are encouraged to be men who finish well.

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*The CCMen's Conference was streamed live via the Internet.*