

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

AFTER FOUR YEARS IN A TENT

After meeting in a tent for four years, believers at Calvary Chapel Sun City in El Paso, TX, are praising God that they will have a new sanctuary building this summer.

According to Pastor Terry Gray, "God was all over this from the beginning ... from the incredibly timely donation of a new tent after the first one was destroyed by a fierce windstorm to the miraculous funding of the new facilities."

Since it began in 1996, the fellowship met in other locations until it outgrew those facilities and acquired a few acres of land that contained an old cotton gin. Now the cotton gin houses smaller ministries, and a steel building holds children's classrooms. There are more than 350 adults and children in regular attendance.

"I know people came here to meet God. It sure wasn't for the facilities," Pastor Terry

joked. "God put Moses and the nation of Israel through the wilderness experience to humble and test His people, and I feel we have been humbled and tested by this experience. Through mud, sweltering heat and shivering cold, the people consistently filled the seats every Sunday."

Church member Melody Lefeber commented, "When we first started coming ... the church had the people and fellowship we were looking for. I like meeting in the tent. It makes it feel like the outdoors." Her husband Steve described worship services as "unpretentious." Believers there credit God for providing.

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CC Sun City will soon have a new sanctuary building.



Believers worship under a tent.

TRANSFORMATION ON THE GULF

God continues to transform lives long after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. After dozens of Calvary Chapel groups nationwide traveled to the ravaged Bay St. Louis community, Calvary Chapel Bay St. Louis was planted to continue sharing God's Word and the love of Christ.

As the local members of the fellowship have grown in Christ, they have ministered to their neighbors. In addition to restoring homes, the young church has helped distribute Christmas gifts to children, hand

out cases of drinking water, helped single moms and widows with car problems, and landscaped homes and businesses. Visiting CC teams have continued to come alongside them to rebuild area homes.

Recovery work is far from over. Full recovery is estimated to take as long as 10 years or more. Pastor Frank Griffin of CC Bay St. Louis related that depression among area residents is on the rise, and many homes still need repair. The fellowship is coordinating CC relief teams to come help

rebuild. Frank and his wife, Terri, came from Louisiana to shepherd the Bay St. Louis fellowship last August after CC leaders confirmed Frank's call and laid hands on him. The pastor asked for continued prayer for those whose lives are still devastated. He encouraged CC teams to pray about coming to assist or send needed resources, like water and gift cards.

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SERVING WIDOWS IN DARFUR

Good News



Pastor Ken Robillard of CC Roseville, CA, helps distribute food in Darfur.

With a burden for Darfur, believers at CC Roseville, CA, sought the Lord for an open door to go and minister in practical and spiritual ways to the war-torn region in Northern Africa. They did not know that roughly 8,000 miles away, a church of mostly widows in Darfur was praying that God would send them food for their children. Last September, Roseville believers traveled to Darfur—an answer to the widows' prayers—bringing medicine and 50 tons of food, enough to feed 1,200 people for a month.

"At the Widows Church ... months before, they had been praying for food," said Ken Robillard, pastor of CC Roseville. "At that time, we didn't know them, and they didn't know us, but God began using both of us to accomplish His good." Believers from both countries rejoiced together at God's sovereignty and goodness.

The team traveled through copper-colored deserts where white-robed brothers in Christ often travel on camelback. Besides bringing food and medicine, the team helped start a well for a village. "We ministered in an Arab village in the north," he said. "They told us that if we hadn't brought the food or started the well ... that if we had just visited, that would have been enough." The believers were able to share the Gospel with about 25 village elders in a village of 1,200 people.



Believers from California and Darfur fellowship together as Tony Heindl of Safe Harbor International plays the violin.

In some of the camps believers listened to stories of tragedy and hardship in the ravaged land. "Just having someone to tell their stories to helps people," said Pastor Ken. "Our presence seemed to give them hope to go on, to hold on, and that more help would be coming."

Above all, Ken said, "We were able to share the Lord ... and bring hope to the hopeless." He added, "Though we [were] in a desert, the Lord poured out His Living Water ... Praise the Lord!"

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1:27

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Calvary Christian Academy—Vajta, Hungary

Missionary teachers and assistants are needed for the missionary kids school at the Calvary Chapel Bible College Europe in Vajta, Hungary. Credentials for K-10 are required along with a calling to make disciples of Jesus Christ in a biblical school environment.

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CC AURORA OPENS NEW FACILITY

“The Lord has brought us a long way since the days when I used to answer the church phone in my basement,” recalled Pastor Ed Taylor of CC Aurora, CO, with a chuckle. The fellowship east of Denver opened its first building this past January.

Ed and Marie were sent out by CC Downey, CA, in the summer of 1999. Starting as a local outreach of Horizon Christian Fellowship Denver, Ed took over the weekly Bible studies in Aurora from Pastor Dave Love. In December of that year, they began meeting on Sunday mornings in a school. This location lasted until this year.

Located in the third largest city in Colorado, the church has grown to nearly 1,600 adults in the past seven years. The community is largely made up of those connected to the nearby Buckley Air Force Base. “After people here get saved, they have been radical about going out to share the Gospel,” Ed said. The church has grown by word of mouth and also through the daily radio teaching ministry, *Abounding Grace*. “There is a tremendous hunger here for the teaching of God’s Word.”



Pastor Ed Taylor

Jesus, not man, grows the church, Ed added: “Jesus Himself said, ‘I will build My church’ (in Matthew 16:18).”

The pastor also emphasizes Proverbs 3:5-6. “None of us can lean on our own understanding. We all need to trust Him more: Look to Him in everything, acknowledge Him,” he said. “It’s been a tremendous blessing to see what God’s been doing here.” Though still relatively new, the growing church has sent missionaries to Turkey, Russia, and Canada. Ed hopes to one day open a CC Bible College

“We just keep it simple—simple worship, simple teaching of God’s Word verse by verse. Above all, we try to keep the focus on Jesus as pre-eminent.” One of the church’s theme verses is “We wish to see Jesus” (John 12:21b).

extension campus and a local Christian elementary school to reach children and teens. “We need a place for the young people so they can be raised up to serve.”

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Believers fellowship after service.



After meeting in a school for seven years, CC Aurora is thankful to have its own facility.

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