



# Caleb Good News Ministries Newsletter

And whoever gives one of these little ones only **a cup of cold water** in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."

Matthew 10:42

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## CALEB GROWTH CONTINUES GLOBALLY

The First Quarter of 2019 found Caleb Ministries Adding Four New Church Affiliates

**In Albania** Story of Edi and Bona Demo family and Four churches

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ALBANIA IN GREEN

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## ONE OF MANY LETTERS WE RECEIVE WEEKLY

Good day, Ptr Jerry Riess. The box (1 large box and 1 small atlas box) was delivered yesterday morning. Thank you so much and please extend our thanks to all who donated. We received 15 used sweaters, 1 jacket, 1 comforter, 2 blankets, 14 pieces avocado green tshirts (summer day camp), 3 packs of pin-to beans-pappy's pantry, 11 pcs bonnets & some sticky note pads. Thank you so much, and GOD BLESS US ALL.

Mila Roda , pasturing new church on Mindinao, receiving her first Caleb Boxes.

## Disciples Church In Albania

## NIGERIAN CALEB TEAM RECOVER FROM DEADLY TERRORIST ATTACK

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## CELEBRATION TABERNACLE CHURCH RECEIVES CALEB BOXES



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## 5,000 Candy Packs planned for This New Years' 2019



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# CALEB WELCOMES ALBANIA AFFILIATES



Four churches situated in Albania have chosen to join Caleb Ministries, the first from that communism suppressed country since its release from its dictatorship. In 1991, the Socialist Party of Albania, with specific social democratic ideology took control of the country through democratic elections. One year later the Democratic Party of Albania won the new elections. After 1990, Albania has been seeking a closer relationship with the

West. It has been rocked by pyramid schemes, inexperience with democracy or capitalism, or healthy western investment. The Christian church went underground in 1931. The Republic of Albania is a country in South-east Europe on the Adriatic and Ionian Sea within the Mediterranean Sea. It shares land borders with Montenegro to the northwest, Kosovo to the northeast, North Macedonia to the east, Greece to the south and a maritime border with Italy to the west. The Christian Church was driven underground during WWII and now is re-emerging thanks to the Illyricum Movement of Albanian Christians. Emanuel Fresku church has but 7 members. Eklesia Church is reaching young Muslims for Christ. Disciples Church has mostly University students. Sun Hill Church is the nurturing body for the others. Edi and Bona Demo and their family have moved to Albania to bring up the church much as Ken and Linda Stapleton of Chechmate Ministries have done in the Chech Republic.



## Frequently Asked for Items:

Caleb Ministry has been asked for the following items by churches and/or villages in the Philippines:

**Medications**—over-the-counter medications/half used medicines (call Jerry Riess at 206 242 4264 to verify usefulness. (by law, medications we send now must not be expired)

**Clothing**—Linens, cloth, light weight summer clothing, shoes (especially flip-flops), winter clothing, & larger sized clothing. Romania is seeking heavier clothing and donations of food items to minister to the poor in south Serbia.

**Baby blankets & quilts**

**Food**—rice, beans, Spam, canned meats of any kind.

Velveeta cheese, canned cocoa, and powdered milk

**Musical Instruments (small)**—accordions, harmonicas, violins, keyboards, etc. **Hygiene**

**items**=tooth-brushes, travel-sized scented soaps, shampoo .toothpaste, and bandages

**Bibles**— books on scripture, study Bibles and Biblical texts.

**Biblical Text Books** and Teaching Materials –any good treatises or devotions, studies and learned materials are welcome.

## FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

With the addition of the 2 ft.<sup>3</sup> buddy boxes shipped free for us by Atlas Shipping, we have the privilege of providing food items to people in the more remote mountain villages. Because of donations of sacks of white rice, beans, tea, and canned meats, we are complementing the other goods and giving pastors the opportunity to help the more needy families within their small churches. We use about 60 clean coffee tins each month in repackaging these items. Food banks recently have supplied their surplus resources to us including beans, peas, canned fruits and other items.

## CALEB NIGERIA TEAM RECOVERS FROM ATTACK

On December 30, 2018, Caleb director of west Africa Chibuzor Eze and his companion pastor Gabriel were attacked by Muslim terrorists God both men have recovered from their injuries and are back to doing their work helping the victims of terrorist attacks by the Boko Haran army. We are very grateful



for their work and for the hand of the Lord protecting them from this vicious onslaught.



Both men have gone on countless journeys for Caleb ministry in helping villages and towns in Nigeria, Gabon, the Cameroons , Ivory Coast, Benin, Congo, Togo and countless other countries in West Africa. We are very grateful for their quick and full recovery and return to their families and the work of the Lord!

## Celebration church Tabernacle added to Caleb Recipients



Pastor Sesenio Almeñe from Minglanilla , a village on the northern end of Cebu Island in central Philippines has written with great



enthusiasm to show us how happy they are to have received gift boxes from the United States for their forgotten church. Church members show with pride some of the items they received from Caleb.





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Check out our new web site ,  
assembled by Noreen Hoban and  
Mike Phillips! Thank you both for  
your service.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study resumes each Friday night potluck at 7 pm at Caleb House and at 6 am at Burien Denny's. Light meal provided. Video is teachings from "That The World May Know" and Andy Stanleys teaching "Meantime".

Thursday Morning Bible Study at Sandy Hassler Bakers led by Sandy Hassler at 9:30 am. Present Study is Joyce Meyers book "Unshakable Trust" , to be followed by Robert Morris' book "Truly Free".

Packing parties are Friday April 26th, May 31st, and June 28th, each starting at 10 am., at Caleb House,

Caleb Outreach Movies are 7 PM on Sunday April 7th, showing "Unbroken, The Path of Revenge", and June 9th the comedy "Live Refreshed" by Dennis Swanberg,

Spaghetti Feed is 5 pm on Saturday, June 8th, as a saying goodbye to Sandy & Jim Schell who are moving to New Jersey. Bob Snyder is making his great Spaghetti and Jim Schell will provide his special Lasagna. Please bring side dishes, salads or desserts. ALL ARE WELCOME!

## Letter from the Director:

As many of you know, Caleb pays a licensing fee of over \$100 for each movie we screen for the public in churches. The license permits us to show the feature in churches for one year so long as we do not charge admission. Recently we were given a copy of Dennis Swanberg's standup comedy routine "live refreshed". We contacted his organization to obtain an event license and after they reviewed Caleb ministries websites and newsletters, they gave us permission to show any and all of their DVDs without charge! We feel very blessed by this gift.

For many reasons, we are of necessity cutting back on many of our activities for reasons of health, absence of young volunteers, and mounting expenses in our work. An inventory of supplies on hand indicates it would be prudent to make 5000 candy packs this year rather than the customary 6000. This means each recipient church would receive a box of 200 candy packs rather than 250. As most of the churches are very small and the villages we serve similarly small, we have decided this is a reasonable road to take. Praise the Lord for His provision.

*Jerry Brian Riess*