



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

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CALEB MINISTRY TURNS THIRTY YEARS OLD

FOUNDED THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1990 BY JERRY RIESS WHILE ON MISSION TO ROMANIA, ALONG WITH PASTOR GARY VAN HORN AND ROMANIAN MISSIONARY-PASTOR VLADIMIR CARAVAN, CALEB WAS BIRTHED OUT OF PROMPTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, VISITS TO SHEPHERDS IN THEIR IMPOVERISHED VILLAGES, AND A CLEAR DIRECTIVE FROM THE LORD. [Story page 3](#)

Candy Packs

In March, 1990, at St Elizabeths Episcopal Church in Burien, a group of Cursillo members meeting at Ultreya (Reunion and Encouragement) , assembled the first "candy packs" to distribute on the second missionary journey of Caleb Ministry to Romania, which occurred in May of that year. The packs contained coloring sheets, crayons, small toys, and hard candy, and were conveyed to Romania in duffel bags! [Story "history" page 2](#)



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NEW YEARS EVE SPENT BY MANY ASSEMBLING THE TRADITIONAL CANDY AND TOY PACKS

As has been the case the last 30 years, ever since our Director visited the village of Marghenia in rural Romania, Caleb volunteers spent their New Years Eve assembling colorful Christian toy packs to give to the less fortunate. They have journeyed all over the globe!



THE NIGERIAN CALEB SPONSORS OUTREACH TO NEIGHBORS

Because finances were limited here and in Africa, the Nigerian Caleb workers raised their own support to handle year end outreach to the poor, raising their own funds and gifts.



NIGERIAN CALEB TEAM SHARING MEAL

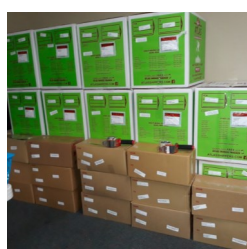
CALEB MINISTRY TOY & CANDY PACKS



Frequently containing a wood car or matchbox car, the Caleb Candy Packs have been distributed all over the globe. In China, the authorities required us to remove “USA” from the license plates. In Afghanistan, they insisted we obliterate the word “God” from the cars. Still, the message was clear by the printed materials. We also have shipped the packs to Mexico, Australia, Belize, Hungary, Russia, Nepal, Peru, Nigeria, and many other countries around the world!



NEW YEARS EVE CANDY PACKING PARTY



On December 31st, 2019, over 60 people assembled at Westside Foursquare Church to fill the 6,000 toy packs which will reach 24 villages in remote areas of the Philippines in time for Easter Distribution. Each pack has four or five new crayons, a colorful kazoo, a 6 page small coloring book, plastic ornate



with pieces separately and added in The Philippines, and a toy, bracelets, stuffed animal, or other gift item, plus three sheets containing the Truth of Jesus, John 3:16, and two coloring sheets. Each year an assembling party was held each New Years Eve and frequently also in Chehalis or Vancouver on occasion.



Frequently Asked for Items:

Caleb 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

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED



With the addition of the 2 ft.³ 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. 546 coffee cans filled with rice has been sent this year

CALEB CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

We are honored by how much Jesus has permitted this modest ministry to do in 30 years. It is a true miracle that we have been privileged to successfully ship 135 40-foot high-cube cargo containers to Romania, delivered to villages, churches, gypsy gatherings, Danube refuges and hospital centers,



and another 35 40-foot high-cube cargo containers to other countries, including Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, South Africa, Australia, The Philippines, Hungary, and Thailand! Our missionary teams visiting the frontiers and presenting Jesus to new audiences have included Ina Aust, Steven Inkleberger, Phil Duborg, Paul Eklund, Michael Phillips, Pastor Dan Johnson and Jerry Riess. We have helped establish new churches or revitalize underground ministries in Ghana, Benin, Togo, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Thailand, Indonesia, Australia, and many throughout The Philippines. That Jesus would honor us and use us is astounding and truly miraculous. Visit our web site at www.calebgoodnews.org for photos of many of these events, all done to His Glory and not of ourselves!



NIGERIAN CALEB GROUP SPONSORS ITS OWN YEAR-END MISSION

When the Nigerian Caleb Ministry sought funds for an outreach, we had to say no for shortage of funds. They took it upon themselves to make it happen. Through local



port for which we are most grateful!

Matt 19:26
"But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

contributions, they were able to give food items including yams, beans, rice, and clothes. They also fed them with cooked rice and gave 25 of them the sum of 3500 naira (\$10 each family).

Since the Nigerian Caleb Ministry was formed by Jeff Eze and Jerry Riess in 2007, we have encouraged their self-sufficiency each year. They and Romanian and Australian Caleb groups have reached a high degree of local support



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you both for your service.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study resumes each Friday night at 7 pm at Caleb House and at 6 am at Denny's in Burien. Light meal provided Friday nights. Subject is teachings from "That The World May Know" and Andy Stanley teachings on "My Big Mouth", to be followed by "Go Fish" and "Your Move".

Packing parties are Friday , January 31st, February 28th, and March 27th , each starting at 10 am, at Caleb House

March 14th at 5 pm will be first Spaghetti Feed, held at Caleb House at 5 pm.

DVD Movie nights will be held at Caleb House on Sunday Evenings at 7 pm to alternate with Worship Nights on Sundays at Westside Church, once they are scheduled.



Letter from the Director:

At the annual Board Meeting on January 3rd, 2020, one recurring agenda item is the future direction of Caleb Ministry. The Lord has taken us in many diverse directions in the past 30 years, giving us entry into unexpected venues and honoring us with new acquaintances from all over the globe. We will continue to seek His Direction and His Plan for us as the years go on. His Plan and His Purpose to fulfill are our only desire!

Taking account of our resources and abilities, it is obvious we have outgrown the ability to keep pace with the past years, absent more miracles and divine provision. For myself, the Doctors have made it clear I can no longer fly or even cross mountain passes, given my head injuries. To that end, should the board consent, I will continue serving as best I can the ongoing programs of movie nights, packing Atlas Boxes to ship to The Philippines, collecting rice in coffee cans, and hosting bible studies in my home. The Monday teachings are being revised to be distributed through our Web Page rather than by Skype Broadcasts, in order to reach a wider audience and permit the teachings to be available to all at home as well as above. (Thank you, Noreen Hoban, Michael Phillips and Daniel F. for making this possible.) May Jesus continue to Bless this unique and special ministry! It is our privilege to serve Him and Him alone!

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