## 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

# **Current Events Around The Globe Demonstrate Danger To Our Affiliates** In Kenya, The Philippines and Nigeria.

TALISAY SAWSAWAN added as new mission ground to feed and evangelize by

Cebu Island **Dumpsight** Church of Hilario Alfeche

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# ONE OF MANY LETTERS WE RECEIVE







People here are willing to listen the word of God. Willing to attend church activities. I am so glad for this and I know that God is so happy that's why my whole family will continue to work in this vineyard of God even in the neighboring barangays.

Pastora Marilyn Labadisos Bohoi, Mindanao

## **CELEBRATION TABERNACLE HOLDS YOUTH BAPTISMS**

Pastor Sesenio D. Almeñe of Cebu holds the youth with ambitious programs and teachings!



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## **VIOLENCE ESCALATES ACROSS THE GLOBE**

As a rule, Caleb tries to emphasize the positive events but this last month has been extraordinary. Two weeks ago, the home of Pastor Swita, a Caleb church since 2015, was attacked violently in Tanzania, robbed of all contents, and Pastor Switas



wife left near death from machete attack. We chose to show the picture in grayscale for obvious reasons. She now is in Kenya being treated for life-threatening injuries. We incurred many obstacles in getting funds to Kenya for her treatment and enlisted the help of Bishop Ongega. Linda Patrick advises one of her homes was attacked as well recently in the same area. On the other side of the African continent, Breibart

News reports an estimated 2,295 teachers and 19,000 peoples killed or displaced by the Boko Haran since the insurgency started in 2009. The area is considered by Jihadists a safe haven for terrorsts. Kenya and Nigeria are the foundational homes for Caleb networking in Africa to preserve and advance The Gospel. Please Pray for our workers!

#### **HILARIO ALFECHE SLUM CHURCH REACHES OUT!**

The church founded on the slums of Cebu has extended its reach to a new group of needy children at Talisay Sawsawan. Pictures say it all!













## **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, medicatons 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 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, and peas.canned fruits and other items.

#### WE GET LETTERS.....

Dear Friend Jerry Brian,

We as a family thank our God through Jesus Christ for you, and we want to thank you for being part of our lives and ministry. It is a joy for us to know you and remember you in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share about the wonderful things God does and the joy we experience when we declare the Good News to the lost. It is a great encouragement for us to know that we have you alongside us.



Ediand Bona Demo from Albania

Hallelujah! How great is our God...

I am so thankful to Him that the ministry here in our new area which is located in Purok 5, San Isidro, Mabini, Bohol is still going on and fruitful. People here are willing to listen the word of God. Willing to attend church activities. I am so glad for this and I know that God is so happy that's why my whole family will continue to work in this vineyard of God even in the neighboring barangays. My dear brother in the Lord I would like to thank you for your ministry that is helping us. Here are pictures of our activity the other day that we met new group of people in the mountain that are so needy. We will continue to visit them. Thank you so much  $\Re \operatorname{Astora} \operatorname{Marilyn} \operatorname{Labadisos}$  Bohoi, Mindanao

# PASTOR ALMENE REACHES YOUTH IN PHILIPPINES







Thank you so much and may the Lord bless you as well as the Caleb Ministry. The church now are having Cell Meetings in every group. We have Cell meeting for the Young Teeners Saturday afternoon. Young People for Girls -Saturday afternoon, Young People for Boys only -Saturday afternoon, and also the Women have their meetings every friday night. We are now extending our help to others by giving and sharing with them the Love of Christ. We are equipping them through the word of God. We include you too in our PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday evening at 7 -9pm. Thank you for sharing and partnering to us here in our community.

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#### **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 "Simple".

Thursday Morning Bible Study at Sandy Hassler Bakers led by Sandy Hassler at 9:30 am. Present Study is Robert Morris book "Truly Free".

Packing parties are July 28th, August 30th and September 27th, each starting at 10 am, at Caleb House.

Caleb Outreach Movies are 6 PM on Sunday, September 8th, showing "Kings Faith". ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

## **Letter from the Director:**

These are days of change for many Christian Ministries, not just Caleb. The recent urgent need for sending One Thousand U.S. dollars to Kenya to help with hospital expenses for the wife of Pastor Swita, served as a healthy reminder. Christine Rioba, the wife of Pastor Samson Swita, and their entire family, were most helpful when I was injured in Kenya in 2015. Since then, they named their new son after me as a sign of affection. They took in many tribesmen last winter who were fleeing genocide. Suddenly this ugly attack upon their household and persons happens and we need to get \$1,000.00 to Kenya for her entry into the hospital. Homeland Security has barred Caleb from using Moneygram, Western Union and Bank Transfers to send fundsd overseas since 2016, claiming we are "aiding drug trafficking or financing terrorists". We have submitted much proof to the contrary but to date they have not relented. We called upon our well known ministry partners only to find none have avenues in place in either Kenya, Tanzania or Nigeria. Miraculously, The Lord provided the means and the funds arrived in time. Christine is recovering and now has been removed from intensive care. She is scheduled to be released home in two weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.

I am not at liberty to say the means employed, lest it be denied us next time. Suffice it to say, I am most grateful and as aware as ever, of His care for Each of Us who serve in His Name.

Jerry Brian Riess