



# 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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Rainbow over Caleb House photo by Maureen Sabourin



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## CALEB CHURCHES HOLD CONFERENCES FOR YOUTH WORKERS IN INDIA



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Several India churches are reporting concentration of

bringing youth into their programs. Barma Boss and John N. , combined

702 Christian Caleb Churches, each are reporting Growth from their pro-

grams. The India churches are praying for not only The Ukraine but as well for the strong spiritual battles taking place in the Heavens!



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## VISITORS TO CALEB HOUSE

We welcome and encourage visitors to Caleb House . Any whom want to come work in packing and sorting boxes in the week, please let us know. We can always use extra help!



ALWAYS NEEDED!

# MIRACLE RECOVERY FOR CALEB

## MINISTRY DIRECTOR

January 1st, 2001, my legs both gave out at once, causing me to fall. Having fallen about two or three times a year, I did not find this that crucial. But as the year progressed, it was clear the legs were giving out at age 81, By May, I had fallen 17 times, causing painful injuries and sapping my strength. After a fall in August in which I was pinned against a corner in my living room, I had the paramedics take me to St Anne Hospital with painful injuries to my head, neck, right hip, shoulder and right leg. They declined to admit me. A few days later I confined my movements to a wheelchair. My bodily functions became unpredictable, resulting in painful dry heaves such that Paramedics, ambulance attendants, gathered family and friends and my assigned rehabilitation specialist all insisted I go into the hospital. I selected Valley Medical Center and was admitted for treatment. The result was a finding that three spinal fusions I had conducted in the 60s' had been corrupted or otherwise were deformed. Surgery was done on September 8th to correct them in hopes this would restore my ability to walk. At night, Valley nurses placed me in a padded bed on my left side to sleep, because I take seizure medication, and my right side still hurt at the shoulder, hip and knees. On September 11th I was transferred to a rehabilitation skilled nursing facility to recover and have therapy for walking.

The nursing center placed me in a metal bed which was too small, holding me in on the left side all night to protect the back and right side, but with no cushioning as Valley had provided for seizures. The staff promised a larger bed but it was on fourth day when it arrived. By then welts appeared indicating bed sores which turned into wounds. The biggest was 6 and one-half inches by 4 and one-half inches and spiraling into my hip over five inches deep. Doctor specialists in wound care from Puyallup treated me weekly, Harborview Wound Surgeon's twice did consults as did Valley Hospital. Treatment was ordered twice daily in cleaning and medicating the wound but in fact was not always done.

The conclusion I was told was that E-coli was eating into the flesh. Four other wounds appeared on my back and I was advised chance of recovery had declined to 40 percent, and, on December 27th my medicare hospitalization would run out and I would be sent home. Tuesday, December 14th my wound began bleeding like a faucet and continued all day. By evening, the nursing center decided to send me to Valley Hospital and contacted my family to let them know. There, the miracles recounted in January, 2022 newsletter Directors Letter occurred, and I was returned to the Rehabilitation Center to stay until Medicare expired. My wound care was reduced to once daily with particular observation of spontaneous bleeding. Hospice and Adult Care homes were recommended at great expense but I respectfully declined, wanting to return home where I could work for Our Lord as long as possible. On December 27th I was sent home. The Nursing Center promised arrangements had been made for daily and weekend wound care but neither turned out to be true.



The second day I was home again, the Lord brought me two brothers from Fiji who do wound care. They were moved to hear I have been to Fiji twice ministering and giving The Word. They immediately did a complete washing of me and then dressing of the wounds which had been on a downward spiral for 7 months. They then completely sterilized the bed, linens and room.

## MIRACLE RECOVERY FOR CALEB DIRECTOR (continued)

They asked what I could pay comfortably. I offered \$25/hr. They come daily at 5 am and treat me completely, charging just 2 hours but staying 4! At about 5:30 they place me in my wheelchair in my office to work on Caleb. Around 9:30 they get me back to bed. While I work they recite bible lessons, sing hymns and play guitar with my helper Jon Meer in the next room. My wounds immediately began healing and strength is coming back to arms and legs! The wounds are nearly gone! The nurses sent by medicare to dress my wounds decided after two visits to leave me be. They instead are engaging in rehab only. Jesus truly blessed me. My friends and family are excited and very surprised at the turnaround. It is a miracle that for seven months I was declining, and in just 2 months I am getting well! This is one of many miracles over the last year in my life!

## ROMANIA CALEB SERVES REFUGEES

Located just 56 kilometers from Ukranian border, The Caleb Ministry in East Romania is serving the Ukranian Refugees. They have made nourishing stews using their Turkey crop, baked hot loaves of bread, and greet them at border with clothes and hot meals. They have made maps showing church families in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Hungary, ready to help. They tell of one mother giving birth the next day and then preparing a funeral for the next when her husband died. Caleb Romania in East Romania has 21 churches. In central Romania there are 49 Caleb churches. To the west in Transvania, Romania, are Philadelphia Church which we helped build in 1993, plus 14 offshoot churches, a Christian school, seminary and Medical-Dental free clinic, started from Caleb containers shipped from Seattle.

### 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.

### 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.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study resumes each Friday night at 7 pm at Caleb House as soon as the Doctors release me.. No meal but beverages are served.

The Video is teachings from “That The World May Know” and Andy Stanleys teaching “Go Fish”.

Packing parties are April 29th, May 27th and June 24th. each starting at 10 am, at Caleb House.

We need Rice and clean Coffee Cans and canned meats. Dollar Store 2 quart plastic cannisters are excellent for rice packing.

The movie “God Isn’t Dead –Out of the Darkness” is available to be shown when requested. Please notify us when you wish to see it.

**NIGERIAN CALEB NEWS:** Caleb Nigeria continues to provide help to victims of terrorist attacks throughout their area. Chibuzor writes as follows: “Hello dad, I send you greetings in Jesus Christ name amen. Dad, these are the materials we want to go to the mission where their houses were burnt and materials destroyed. 2 bales of used clothes for children, 2 bales of used clothes for men,1 bale of used clothes for women. Anti malaria drugs, analgesics drugs, deworming drugs, bp drugs and anti-hypertensive drugs. We will buy milk, crayfish and soybean products for the malnourished children. We are liaising with an NGO called Tender Total Care Organization for this program. We need help from you dad. I know that things are difficult everywhere, but we are pleading for 470,000 naira (\$1000).Thanks dad, I remain your son.”

*Funds were sent from Seattle.*

## DIRECTORS LETTER

These are trying times for mankind in so many ways. I pray and weep for the elderly, children, and illness afflicting Eastern Europe. So much hardship, mostly man made, affects the entire earth. The suffering in The Ukraine reminds me so much of my early visits to Romania in 1990-1994. Dictator Ceaucesceau was assassinated and the country in civil war. Tanks and army vehicles flooded Bucharest. Many farms had only outdoor plumbing and no electricity. Many large families were Pentacostal, having few extras like TV or cars. They attended church each evening and twice on Sunday. This simple lifestyle was common in East Romania, Moldova, The Ukraine and Bulgaria, where we witnessed and preached. The scenes from the war bring memories of a farmers’ wife giving us rolls and a jar of homemade jam from their cupboard, for our journey! This left her just six jars.

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