



# 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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**THE USA JOINS THE WORLD IN OPEN PUBLIC ATTACKS UPON THE CHURCH. WE NOW ARE EXPERIENCING EVENTS AND ATTITUDES COMMON TO BELIEVERS IN KENYA, INDIA, THE PHILIPPINES , AND NIGERIA.**

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## CALEB MINISTRY ASSISTS OVERSEAS IN TIME OF NEED

OVER \$14,000.00 IN GRANTS IN USA AND OVERSEAS BY CALEB MINISTRY IN 2020 . TO THE RIGHT IS FLOODED CHURCH OF PASTOR K. RAMESCH IN INDIA



## FLOODS HIT MANY CHURCHES

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# ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANITY ACROSS THE GLOBE

It is a time of testing for Christians as we daily experience destruction and defamation of those institutions we know to be honorable and true. Churches and statues are being vandalized. Desecration and burnings have never been higher. The World Media reports over 24,500 Nigerian Christians have been murdered since 2012 but we hear no outcry. In Kenya and Tanzania many are attacked including the family of Bishop Benard as they return from burying their Aunt. Three more in the family perished and three more hospitalized yet the authorities refuse to investigate. Now the mayhem has reached our shores that has troubled the world for years. The Lord has placed Caleb Ministry in the thick of it with our major centers of mission being Nigeria, Kenya, East India, and the Philippines, Except India, these areas are the central places where open armed attacks are made on Christian Edifices and believers. In the USA we see open dialogue in the media proposing defunding or even disbanding of police forces.

The answer is to keep our eyes on Jesus and read His word. Peace comes through showing love to others; not by resorting to violence or revenge.

## Nigerian Caleb Ministry Shows Us The Way

Established in 2008 by Jeff Eze, the Nigerian Caleb Ministry has reached over 17 Countries in mission and evangelism trips. When Jeff was martyred in 2010, his brother Chibuzor stepped forward to lead. Responding to Jihad attacks by Boko Haran warriors, Caleb visits the battlefield, providing medical assistance to **all** who were harmed, rebuilding homes, providing food and clothing, and bringing those who wish to safer refuge. On Christmas Day they took the two buses, two nurses, two doctors and other team members into the Camarrons. They raised nearly \$3,000.00 in Nigeria to finance this mission!

## Frequently Asked for Items:

Items requested by churches and/or villages in the Philip-pines:

**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.

## 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 other canned goods.

## **GRANTS GIVEN IN 2020.....**

Last year was no different in most respects with many affiliates asking funds for buildings or repairs, medical and household supplies, financing evangelism trips, and developing youth programs and educational programs. We generally reject most such requests because our mission is to have churches utilize the resources they have available in their community and to not rely upon others. We want them to become independent and self-supporting. The requests for Bibles are granted when financially feasible for newer churches because these are not always available locally. For example, in Rwanda, they needed braille and audio bibles for the blind and deaf not readily available locally. In special cases, we do respond when we can.

In USA: \$1500.00 was granted to Christians In Recovery for programs reaching prisoners and inmates. \$80.00 was granted for publication of writings by a graduate of Light Under The Bridge of Christian Tracts.

In Africa: \$2,000 to Kenya to assist three victims of terrorist attack where four family members were killed and three severely injured. \$4,400.00 to Nigeria for medical aid, bus repairs and tires, and missionary trips to aid victims of attacks. In Tanzania \$700.00 was sent for rice to feed orphans.

In The Philippines \$900 was provided to Abra for rice and \$500 to Pastor Alfeche for rice when covid19 restrictions left them without food.

### ***. UPCOMING EVENTS***

Bible Study will resume each Friday night with potluck at 7 pm at Caleb House and at 6 am at Burien Denny's. when covid19 restrictions are lifted. Video 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 will resume as well.



Packing parties are January 29th, February 26th and March 26th, each at Caleb House 16514 4th Ave South, Burien, Washington, 98148, starting at 10 am.

Caleb Outreach Movies will resume when covid19 restrictions are lifted, at Westside Church or Caleb House.

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Check out our new web site , assembled by Noreen Hoban and Mike Phillips! Thank you

## Letter from the Director:

These are days of change for many Christian Ministries, not just Caleb. We have been blessed to keep Caleb House open in these troubling times, limiting the number of visitors at any set time . Because people call ahead, I still can provide counsel but extend privacy to those who wish it.

The donations to Caleb were impacted by Covet19 restrictiions in March and April but in May we acquired new donors and consequently have shipped more boxes to The Phillipines this year than in each of the last five years. Equally pleasing is that rather than falling, monetaery contributions last year exceeded the last three years, permitting us to respond in grants were needed.

Jesus has continued to bless Caleb Ministry, has opened new doors where others closed, and give us the privilege of having an impact in the world one would not have expected during a pandemic!

My suggestion to all for the New Year is keep your sights on Jesus, draw closer to Him than ever before, and proceed with confidence in this fallen world. He still reigns. The pandemic is a temporary blimp in history. Christ is forever!

*Jerry Brian Riess*