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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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*Friday 6 a.m. Bible Study group has been meeting faithfully since 1962!
Story page 2, pictured below.*



Above, Cherill Zabala using her new sewing machine in Omron, Leyte Island, to teach and train others to sew and make clothes.

Story page 2



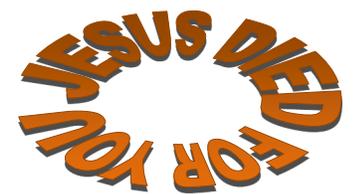
Food distribution in Nigeria



Feeding Children in The Philippines



Alfeche Hilario Church



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Beyond the Prison: A Generation of Change

On March 3rd, 2017, Brother Tionge Msiska reported that 52 inmates from Mzuzu Prison graduated the first class of their prison Bible Study outreach in Malawi as their first endeavor in a Caleb Ministry outreach to overlooked people. Affiliates of Caleb Ministries agree to undertake an outreach program at least every six months, serving people who have previously been overlooked, in bringing them to Christ. This is undertaken solely in the Name of Jesus and without expectation of personal gain or reward to their church.

As a consequence of their success in this new prison ministry, Bishop Msiska notes the prison chaplain involved has promised to open more doors for similar programs in Northern Malawi.

Caleb Ministry encourages affiliates to reach out to the prisons as well as the poor, widows, orphans and other overlooked groups so that hidden people groups can become part of the army of God where they live, expanding the Gospel across the globe. Well done, brothers and sisters in Christ in East Africa!

"I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

Matthew 25:36



PHILIPPINES CHURCHES CELEBRATE CALEB GIFTS OF FOOD



The church of Normi Garcia in Banay Banay, Cabuyao, Laguna, The Philippines, celebrates the gifts of rice, beans and teas sent in Atlas Buddy Boxes along with clothing, household goods, shoes and school supplies shipped to them in January, along with candy packs and bibles. Their small church is typical of many receiving Caleb distributions in remote regions of the vast Island nation. They are now seeking help in getting chairs and tables to furnish their new church home.

CALEB MINISTRY OUTREACH IN PARIS, FRANCE!

Thanks to the video reporting of Alexandra Courjaud-Siarri, Bordeaux, France, we learned on the Caleb Ministry Facebook page recently of just how far reaching our modest influence has become. Maintained by Caleb volunteer Linda Roney, the web page contains a video done by Alexandra Courjaud-Siarri shown on public television in Paris, France. The Reportage France episode features a half hour program on a project much like Light Under The Bridge, the Caleb subsidiary serving the homeless population in Seattle.

The Paris ministry is attributed to David & Joseph Foundation, a non-profit started by Caleb Ministries in Braila, Romania in 1994 to serve needs of the Romanian poor who were not traditionally helped in the 48 years of communist domination. David & Joseph was incorporated by the Braila Church so we could lawfully operate within Eastern Europe through local Romanian personnel and not be restricted as a foreign influence.

One of the original officers was a young man Daniel Baleanu, now one of the heads of “David & Joseph” operating in Paris to feed, house and assist the homeless there by helping building housing, obtaining medical care, and providing meals!

In the video, you can see volunteers constructing sheds for the gypsies and poor, serving hot meals, counselling the forgotten, and spreading the Love of Jesus, just as Light Under The Bridge does in Seattle!

Anyone with access to Facebook, I urge you to watch this video and marvel how the Lord continues to multiply those seeds planted years ago by Caleb Ministry! It is remarkable to see how the Seattle ministry to the homeless has been mirrored across the world by Romanians now serving gypsies and other homeless in Western Europe.



Paris Homelessness Photo Taken from the Internet



Seattle Light Under The Bridge Photo

Friday Morning Caleb Men's Bible Study

It began as prayer preparation for "The Seattle Worlds Fair" in 1962 as Businessmen's International to lay a foundation of prayer for their booth. The hearty group of men meeting at 5:30 am each Friday has held a number of titles and sponsorships. Meeting at "The Barb", "Huckleberry Square", "Jim Moores", "Germaines" and presently Burien "Denny's". In 1990 Caleb Ministry assumed sponsorship and meetings were moved to 6:00 am. The non-denominational group represents many local churches. The longest continuous members are pictured on the right, Jerry Riess, age 77, and Dean Klingman, age 95. The group studies books of the bible verse-by-verse, presently concluding 1 & 2 Samuel, and next going to the Book of Acts. The group serves as a "sounding board" or "Kitchen Cabinet" to Caleb Ministries director Jerry Riess.



Members of The Friday Morning Bible Study

Caleb Donations Serve Many Villages Across The Philippines

Just as we did in the early 1990s' in Eastern Europe, Caleb is now assisting many villages and towns in The Philippines by providing the tools for cottage industry and home production. A number of sewing machines have been sent, including patterns, materials and threads, as pictured right by Cherill Zapala. Similar machines and materials have been sent to Abra, Cainta, Rizal, and Manila.

Other projects have included home canning supplies, Shoe repair kits, and handyman tools for home projects.



Frequently Asked for Items:

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

Medications—over-the-counter medications/half used medicines (call Jerry Riess at 206 242 4264 to verify usefulness.

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—and books on scripture, study Bibles.

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. We use about 45 coffee tins each month in repackaging these items.

FOUR P's PROGRAM IN ANTIPOLIO

Pastor Fernando Rodjel writes that in Antipolio he has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Federal Government to assist the very poor to better themselves in coming years. Named Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program, the project of the new federal government comes through the DSWD or department of social welfare.

4P's is one of the programs reaching the poorest of the poor in the country. Caleb has targeted Antipolio as the most needy area of metropolitan Manila. This is where we formed "One Goat Church" five years ago and out of which we feed over 300 children five hot meals a week.

Pastor Fernando Rodjel is now the chief coordinator of CSO (Civil Society Org.) Facilitator, conducting Family Development Session reaching 3,337 families in the City of Antipolo and municipality of Taytay Rizal.

The government has a teaching module aiming to alleviate the families situation from survival to self sufficiency. During the conduct of FDS Pastor Rodjel is permitted and even encouraged to insert the Word of God in the teachings so all of these families can receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Besides teaching them his team conducts the FDS inside the Church. In essence they are a captured audience because they are required to attend for them to receive a conditional cash transfer from the government. Along with the Caleb donation of hot meals and clothing and books, the families are provided a path out of poverty and into the middle-class of society they deserve.



CEBU RELIEF PROGRAM

We have stepped up shipments of food, rice and vitamins to Pastor Alfeche Hilaro in Cebu because of the great need for the approximately 900 children living in the slums there. Many tales arrive weekly of people being touched by Caleb in this desolate place. One fourth of our gift boxes reach his church monthly.



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Letter from the Director:

Disappointing news arrived this week. Marchiano Ministries has decided not to go forward at this time with making a movie of our book "The Chorba Trail". Their resources have poured into their present release "Alison's Choice". Their interest and preparations to date have drawn others into considering the project. Our only concern is that the book be used as Jesus intends and not by worldly desires. You can see more about this production company at their website www.marchianoministries.com and understand why we were excited about their interest in making the movie.

Letters and e-mails continue coming in expressing appreciation for the clothing, food and school supplies being sent to the Philippines.

New affiliates continue joining Caleb from African countries, The Philippines and from India. Your continued help in donations of funds, food and clothing, and attending work parties is deeply appreciated. Funding is critical to our shipping overseas to The Philippines, Nigeria, Romania, and Malawi.

Thank you all for purchasing Plush Pippin Pies from Caleb. New spring fruit flavors are now available. Call Sandy at 206 650 2086!

Jerry Brian Riess

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Director, Caleb Good News Ministries

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study resumes each Friday night at 7 pm at Caleb House and at 6 am at Denny's.. Light meal provided. Subject is teachings from "That The World May Know" and "Crazy Love".

Packing parties are Friday April 28th, May 26th and June 30th, 10 am.

Light Under The Bridge is feeding the homeless on Saturdays at 10 am .

A free Caleb Movie Night is scheduled for 7 pm April 23rd at Westside Foursquare Church. "Monumental" will be shown.

Free popcorn and juice provided. The following Friday evening we will start Bible Study on "Monumental" led by Kirk Cameron. All are welcome.

