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An important part of Candy Packs, hand made wooden cars donated from Toys for God's Kids



Annual Candy Packing Party, see page 3



Volunteer Neta Hernandez, boxing up medicines for the Philippians.



Handing out sanitation kits, see page 3



Refugee Camp line at Caleb for relief supplies, see page 4



Nigerian Christmas Program 2011

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Fundraising update

Thank you for trying and using Goodsearch--Caleb receives funds every time you use this search on the computer. The number of people using Goodsearch with Caleb benefiting has *doubled!* If you have not had a chance to sign up, you still can.

Download Goodsearch to your computer and select Caleb Ministries (Seahurst, WA) as the beneficiary. Presently there are only four subscribers which brings about \$45 twice a year. It is free...check it out and download at: www.goodsearch.com

OurGV--is an online shopping marketplace. It has stores like Walmart, Barnes & Noble, even Ebay! Caleb gets about 10% of purchases made online through: www.ourgvmall.com/calebgoodnews (Caleb Good News should be in the banner).

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 Connie Phillips at 206.200.7893 to verify usability).

Clothing—Linens, cloths, light weight summer clothing, shoes (especially flip-flops), winter clothing, & larger sized clothing.

School supplies—pencils, papers, booklets, erasers, pens.

Food—rice, beans, Spam, canned meats of any kind, Velveeta cheese, and powdered milk.

Baby blankets & quilts

Musical instruments (small)—accordions, harmonicas, violins, etc.

Hygiene items—toothbrushes, scented soap, travel-sized shampoo and toothpaste, and bandages.

Bibles— and books on scripture.

Cell phones, ink cartridges, and computer ribbon are also accepted and the money received from recycling these items helps pay for shipping costs.

No Longer Accepting: Computers and bicycles (due to shipping changes).

If you would like to receive email updates on Caleb Ministries events and news please email:

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Photos from Caleb team at Refugee Camp Areas



Candy Packing, A New Year's Update!

Inspired by a trip to Romania in 1990, "candy packs" usually include: a toy car, several crayons, two coloring pages, a few pieces of candy and other small items such as handmade bracelets (popular with girls and gypsies!) and button pins that can fit into a small Ziplock bag. In the 21 years that Caleb has been distributing candy packs, they have been well received by children and even the adults like them, especially the buttons! Sometimes the candy packs are the only gifts these children receive. Even years after the packs have been sent, some homes in Romania and the Philippines have the coloring pages decorating the walls.

On New Year's Eve the annual candy packing party took place at Westside Foursquare Church. It was the most candy packs Caleb has ever put together at one time. Over 70 volunteers made packing over **6000 packs** possible! **32 boxes were shipped** to the Philippines to be sent to mountain villages, cities, schools, orphanages, hospitals and everywhere in between.

Special thanks to coordinators Nancy Smith, Anita Mitsui, and Susan Graham, Jon Meer, Jim Pitts, Bill Bent, and Jan Egger.

Sanitation Kits—A forgotten Issue

Caleb Ministries is proud to partner with a number of ministries and non-profit organizations. One such group is Days For Girls, a non-profit based out of Lynden, Washington. During a trip to Kenya, Celeste Mergens from Days for Girls, realized that there was no feminine hygiene provided for the school girls, and when they were menstruating they had to stay sequestered in their rooms, unable to attend school. This also meant that it was financially not feasible to send girls to school if they were going to miss three months out of the year. It would be better to send a boy. Out of that realization, and the knowledge that disposable products were not financially sustainable, the concept of reusable sanitation kits was born.

For ten dollars, Days For Girls is able to provide a kit that includes: 10 liners, a wash cloth, a bar of soap, 2 zip lock bags, a pair of underwear, two safety pins, a picture explaining how to use the products, and a cloth bag to keep everything in. Along with this, the girls also receive education on a variety of topics including the reproductive system, hygiene, health, safety, and preventing disease. This not only has allowed girls to stay in school, but the organization has also seen a decrease in female mutilation, and women putting a stop to sexual abuse as well as being able to take care of themselves.

Recently the vice-president of Zimbabwe asked Celeste to come over to talk about a plan of action for the nation since health and government officials are trying to meet this desperate need. The problem is that in most places feminine hygiene is a taboo subject, and the women suffer in silence. Education paired with the kits has been effective in beginning the changes needed.

Approximately 50,000 kits have been sent to 22 countries on five continents (Caleb has also sent kits to the Philippines). If you would like more information on Days For Girls or are interested in how to help make kits, check out their website at www.daysforgirls.org



Teaching feminine hygiene in a Kenyan school

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Our mission is:

To be the hands and feet of Christ to those less fortunate in developing nations and in our own neighborhoods. To this end, we provide food, clothing, medical care, vitamins, household goods, and an encouraging word of love to all those we encounter, wherever He leads us—in prisons, in hospitals, in villages, in tenements....wherever. The World is our mission field and Christ is our only source.

Letter from the Executive Director

I am reluctant to share the many requests we receive from Caleb partners around the world each day. We know our volunteers are doing everything they can to help and so much more than most. However, this call for help from Caleb Director Chibuzu Eze in Nigeria is beyond the usual.

" Hello dad, early on Saturday (21st Jan), I got a save our soul call from a christian friend in kano that the muslim sect boko haram are going from house dragging out christians from their homes and either shooting or matcheting them to death. He requested that we find a way to come and bring them back to the east. But our hands are already full. We have cleaned Caleb Good News Ministries written on both sides of our bus so that they will not attack us. One of our challenges is we need to buy four new tyres and money to buy fuel. If it is possible, we need to hire another bus as our bus can only take 14 passengers. We also need money to pay the soldiers for protection. Dad, Nigerian govt is not telling the world the truth about what is happening in Nigeria. Igbo Christians are being killed in their hundreds every day. Some don't even feed again because they are afraid of coming out from their homes. Dad, as we are doing the little we can here, we are pleading for your urgent help before they kill all this people. Dad, we need least 1500 to 2000 dollars now. Thanks, dad, for your understanding. What is now in northern Nigeria is ethnic and religious cleansing. Thanks, dad. Your son, Pastor Chibuzor."

To clarify, Caleb in Nigeria has been operating medical missions and bringing supplies of food and clothes to the Jos Plains District and Niger Districts where the Talaman group, Boko Haram terrorists have been trying to frighten out the Christian minority. This is the same area where I was assaulted at gunpoint in 2009 with Jeff Eze, Chibuzu's brother. Since the first of the year we know of over 178 killed in Nigeria by the Boko Haram. They are now targeting police stations with bombs to scare away what little law enforcement there is. If you Google Boko Haram you will find many reports of their violence.

We want to send \$2,000 to supply tires, petro and a leased second bus for bringing out the widows, victims and children from this war zone to our safe houses in Egunu but we are low on funds at this time. If you can help by funds or prayer, it will be greatly appreciated.

Jerry Riess