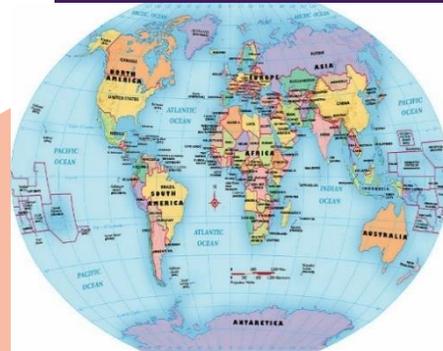


Calvary Mission Team Newsletter

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This month our church is participating in Operation Christmas Child as we have done for over 25 years. From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Samaritan's Purse year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country. Churches and groups of all sizes collect boxes from their communities. Some churches also serve as drop-off locations for shoeboxes the third week of November every year. Thousands of volunteers serve annually inspecting and preparing shoeboxes for international shipping. Every hour work stops for a few minutes to pray for the children who will receive the boxes. Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children.

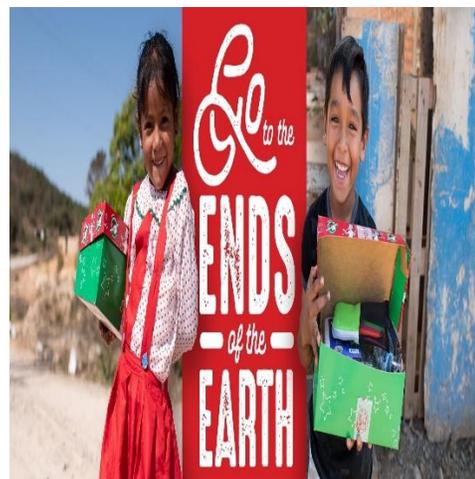


Bible Verse of the Month

Marcos 8:36 "¿De qué sirve ganar el mundo entero si se pierde la vida?."

Marc 8:36 "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?"

The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program. Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him. Other churches use the boxes as resources for outreach in orphanages and other at-risk areas. In many places, they also offer The Greatest Gift, a Gospel story booklet Samaritan's Purse developed for shoebox recipients. As a result of what they learn in The Greatest Journey, boys and girls grow in Christ and share with friends and family.



Ministering to Cuba

Walk Through the Bible & the Church
on the Hill Visits Cuba.



Our Calvary Chapel friends, Frank and Judi Padilla recently returned from a weeklong missionary trip to Cuba on the first week of November. The Padillas ministered in the church of Mulgoba and in Bejucal through various children and youth programs. One of the highlights of the trip was several Walk thru the Bible (WTB) seminars arranged by Pastor Dave where Tim Blyker and Dr. Alejandro Oviedo of WTB shared with 4 different churches and over 200 people through their exciting walk through the books of the bible. It was a great pleasure meeting with Frank and Judi this past week, as they recounted the great work accomplished during that visit and indicating that there is so much more that needs to be done as we continue to support our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in Cuba.

Reflections of the Mission's Ministry...by Denise Cruz

Mission Ministry is a great catalyst for faith development. Jesus told us "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit," (Matthew 28:18-19). He also told the disciples "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). As a member of Calvary's Mission Ministry, my path for serving God has grown deeper and stronger. My domestic and world views have widened. We help those less fortunate than ourselves with various supplies. We share the Gospel, pray, share testimony, help build, rebuild homes and home churches, and help spread a bit of joy and happiness. It's a privilege to support our missionaries Willie & Nancy Alfonso- Athletes in Action-, Rick & Becky Martin - Church Planter- Iloilo City, Philippines, Lewis & Leah Nelms - Gospelink-National Pastors, Josiah and Josie Maddox - Child Evangelism Fellowship NYC, Ken & Ruthann Wells - who recently returned from their mission field in Udine, Italy, the Pregnancy Care Center, Pastor Ariel Martinez & Gustavo Sauri Garces - Mulgoba, Cuba, Operation Christmas Child, which collects shoe boxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children in need around the world). Every shoebox gift is an opportunity for the Gospel. In the hands of the local churches, it is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship. I'm grateful to serve in this ministry from sharing the gospel to assisting with fundraising and presentations. It's made a tremendous impact in my life serving Christ in a magnificent way. Blessings

Gwendolyn Denise Cruz

TRAVEL TRIVIA CHALLENGE

In Which States Where the Most Presidents Born in?

- Virginia - 8
- New York - 5
- Ohio - 7

In which royal palace would you find the Hall of Mirrors?

- The Palace of Versailles.
- Cesar Palace
- Buckingham Palace

Who are the only two mission's team members to have gone on every international mission trip?

- Wanda & Carli
- Carli & Rudy
- Rose & Carli