

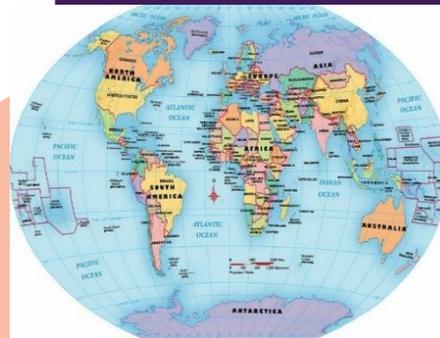
Calvary Mission Team Newsletter

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Missions Ministry Update -

These past couple of months went really fast! We are already looking towards the end of February! Last December, we were blessed with the presence of Mitch Glaser of Chosen People Ministries who shared an uplifting message and updated us about the work the Lord is doing in the Jewish community. In January, we celebrated the New Year and met as a team to plan the work year with the goal of pleasing and honoring God with all that we do. We want to remain faithful in our desire and commitment to see the nations of the earth impacted by the gospel of Christ. More than ever, the Missions Ministry is very active with our weekly telephone prayer conference. Every Tuesday evening, we connect and pray for Calvary Chapel's leadership and membership, the various ministries that we support, the worldwide needs related to world events such as the earthquakes in Puerto Rico, fires in Australia and volcanic eruptions in the Philippines, to name a few, and for each other's needs. We are very thankful to the Calvary Chapel family who came together and helped to bless Tent NYC ministries with a financial gift last month, as they minister to people in Puerto Rico displaced by the earthquakes. At this time, we are actively preparing for our next mission trip to Mulgoba, Cuba this coming April. We are planning a Food Sale on March 1 to help reduce the cost of the trip and are seeking everyone's support with this fundraiser. The Missions Ministry team is looking forward to an active year serving Christ and serving each other in love...



President Chosen People Ministries Dr. Mitch Glaser Was our special guest speaker on 12/1/19.



Bible Verse of the Month

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

Philippians 2 :1-2 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Ministering to Cuba



Pastor Dave & Rudy Ramirez



Towards the later part of January, Pastor Dave Watson and Rudy Ramirez took a short trip down to Cuba to visit our brothers in Church of God Mulgoba. This trip was mainly to assess the situation with regards to the crisis Cuba had been facing for the past 6 months. We also thought it be a good opportunity to meet with the church leadership to plan our April missions' trip and speak about what the future plans are for the Church in Mulgoba, Sierra Maestra and Bejucal. As with any trip we make, we always look for opportunities to minister, so Rudy and Pastor Dave conducted six training sessions, four in Mulgoba and two in San Miguel. They also preached at Mulgoba, San Miguel and Marianao. It is so gratifying to see God's work play out right before your eyes. The Cuban church is growing both in faith and in size, the brothers and—sisters in Christ in Cuba are working the harvest.

What Missions means to me...

Missions is one of those words we toss around a lot when conversing, but it is not always clear what is meant by it. Allow me to elaborate. The purpose of Missions is to train and equip ordinary people to go and do extraordinary things in the name of Jesus. It means following Christ's call, sharing the gospel with those that are lost. It means obeying Christ in his command for us to spread the gospel, the message of love and his redemption. It means allowing God's Mission to go forward. In addition, most importantly, it means relying on Christ to complete the job from start to finish. I have had the privilege and the honor to take part in two of Calvary Chapel's Missions Trip in the past few years. I have gone to Cuba and Puerto Rico with a great group of like-minded, heart-minded, brothers and sisters -- (both young and old). At both locations, we were able to accomplish God's will in helping in specific areas of need. Our Mission consisted of sharing, cleaning, distributing, teaching, and praying, as God opened doors. Whether at a baseball field, a church, or someone's home we were able to share God's good news. Whether in a future home for girls, or a missionary encampment, we were able to break a sweat and pitch in to clean, paint, etc. Whether in someone's home, or makeshift school or an established school we were able to distribute medications, books and NY souvenirs. However, most importantly, throughout it all, we were able to pray with those who needed prayer, as well as praise and lift our voices in song with those who love the Lord – all in one accord. I cannot stress enough, how the people I met during both Missions trips touched my heart. Their warmth, their love and their capability to share the little they have is a lesson that I carry with me to this day. I returned a little wiser, and more grateful for all that, I have. In conclusion, Missions is part of the word Missionary, which comes from a Latin word that means to send. "As the father has sent me, so I send you". I am thankful that the Lord saw it fit to send me.

Linda Medina-Rosario

Travel Trivia

4 Places Where It's Always Sunny

- Málaga, Spain
- Larnaca, Cyprus
- Santa Barbara, California
- Perth, Australia

4 Countries With Aesthetically Pleasing Currency

- Switzerland
- New Zealand
- Kazakhstan
- Canada

4 Countries Besides the U.S. That Use Fahrenheit

- The Bahamas
- Belize
- Palau
- The Cayman Islands