



Calvary Bible Fellowship



APRIL 2022

NEWSLETTER

Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship began distributing Christmas Shoe Boxes to overseas ministries in 2001. The idea was birthed from Operation Christmas Shoe Box with Samaritans Purse. Rather than having generic boxes created for a boy or girl in a certain age range - instead they worked with local ministries to create Boxes for specific children. Those local ministries could then follow up with the kids encouraging them to grow in Jesus.

The first ministry that the church worked with was Toledo Christians Academy in Punta Gorda, Belize. The ministry there was staffed by the former Children's ministry pastor of CCBF. Then in 2004 the church began to support an 150 kids at an orphanage in Bacolod. As the

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

outreach began to blossom, the decision was made to begin reaching out to Colina da Luz orphanage in Mexico and Simbahan sa Bukid. When typhoon Yolanda devastated the eastern Philippine islands in 2014 the church in Himamaylan became the base of operations to reach out to some of the effected communities. As part of that outreach CCBF began to send Christmas Shoe Boxes to the city of Ormoc on the island of Leyte as well.

Then in 2016 the outreach expanded again to include a local public school that was connected to the ministry in Himamaylan.

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"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." - **Matthew 19:14**

Sunday Service
Online @ 9am
Elisha Center @ 10am



GOOD TO LAUGH

In the last several years we have been through a lot of challenges events. From worldwide pandemics to the prospect of world wars - there has been no shortage of things that can weight the heart down.

Sometimes it is good to remember - we just need to LAUGH. Get out and play with the kids - be silly - remember God has it all in control and there is nothing we need to worry about. The best medicine for a heavy heart - put a smile on someone else's face!

Proverbs 17:22 - "A cheerful heart is good medicine..."

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Upcoming Events

In as much as you did *it* to one of the least of these... you did *it* to Me.
- Matthew 25:40

In 2019 for the first time the Christmas Shoe Boxes outreach was expanded to include additional Calvary Chapels. Calvary Chapel Dickinson, ND - Calvary Chapel Iwakuni, Japan - and Grace Bible Fellowship in Franklin, NH joined in to give Christmas Shoe Boxes to even more children. As a result the total number of shoe boxes distributed has grown to nearly 1000!

As part of distributing the boxes we also make sure to tell the kids about the greatest gift of all! We had a number of volunteers come up and try to jump a short distance - all of them were able to make it and given a prize. Then we offered one final BIG prize to any kid who could jump clear across the stage. Of course no one could make the jump - but the last kid who tried - we had some one come up behind and pick them up and carry them across the stage! The picture was powerful. We cannot get to heaven and get the prize of salvation on our own - but Jesus can carry us if we are willing to put our faith in Him!



GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE!

There is nothing impossible for our God. Apparently that also includes having a number of youth from a small mountain church be the backup dancers for a Christian recording artist!

Jana Alayra contacted us to have the youth of Simbahan sa Bukid be in her latest music video. It should be edited in the next month and posted on YouTube!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15 @6pm - Good Friday: We will have a special service together to remember the crucifixion of our Lord.

April 17 @10am - Resurrection Sunday: There will be a special service at Town and Country. We will have a baptism and lunch together after the service!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: Book of Psalms - We will be begin a new study through the Book of Psalms on Tuesday April 19 @ 5pm [Elisha Center] and Wednesdays April 20 @ 6:30pm [Keto Mom].

Friday: Mens Study - Ricky Ledesma is hosting a weekly Men's Bible Study online. They are going through a variety of topics encouraging men in their Faith in Jesus!

Second Friday - We will be meeting every month the SECOND Friday for a night of Fellowship and Prayer. All the details will be posted on the church Messenger page!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 9am - Book of James Online
- Sunday 10am - Book of James at Elisha Center
- Tuesday 4:30pm - Women's study in Revelation
- Tuesday 5pm - Book of Psalms at Elisha Center
- Wednesday 6pm - Book of Psalms at Upper Room
- Friday 8:30pm - Mens Bible Study [online]
- First Friday 6pm - Youth Bible Study
- Second Friday 6pm - Fellowship and Prayer Night

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

The church has a YouTube channel. You can search for it under "Bible Fellowship Bacolod". Both the Old and New Testament weekly teachings are posted there along with an archive of previous content.



CHURCH INFORMATION

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