



# CALEB GOOD NEWS MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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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*The Anhadra Pradesh East  
Mission Church*

Sea Coast Ministries headed up by John Namavarapu reports in this quarter it now has 102 assistant pastors !

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## CELEBRATION CHURCH FEEDING PROGRAM GROWS

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### Terrorist Attacks Increase In Caleb Localities Around Globe



Caleb activities in India, The Philippines, and Africa is being impacted by terrorism. Please pray daily for the safety and security of our partners and affiliates around the world. See page 3.

## SEA COAST MINISTRIES ACCELERATES

In the face of great adversity, Caleb's longest partner affiliate in India continues to shine in these troublesome days. According to The Guardian, "The persecution of Christians in India has risen over the past year, pushing it up into a league of countries where the practice of the faith is a high-risk activity, according to a monitoring organization. The world's second most populous country has risen to No 15 on the 2017 World Watch List, up from 31 four years ago. The list, compiled by Open Doors, is headed by North Korea for the 16th year in a row."



Harriett Sherwood, The Guardian's Religion Editor, reports online that "a church was burnt down or a cleric beaten on average 10 times a week in India in the year to 31 October 2016, a threefold increase on the previous year."

The reason for this violence, in part, is the installation of an ultra conservative Hindu government, which represents the 80% Hindu population, and shows little regard for the 60 million Christians which represent less than 2% of the population.

Sea Coast Mission, headed by Pastor John Namavarapu, became affiliated with Caleb in 2007, after being introduced to us by then African Caleb Director Jeff Eze. At that time, Sea Coast had 44 associate pastors, dwarfed by the present day team of 102! The present government has barred U.S. pastors, including Caleb's director, from obtaining a visa or travel documents. Yet, Sea Coast and the 19 other affiliated ministries we serve, press on building the Kingdom without fear.



### Celebration Church



Much of the rice and other foodstuffs donated to Caleb in the last six months has been sent to partner churches like Celebration Church, located on the island of Cebu at Sitio Mabolo and pastored by Sensio Almene. Providing a nourishing meal for these children each day helps them to pay better attention to their school assignments and spiritual teachings. The young church is growing fast. Nearly monthly, we send six or seven coffee tins filled with long grain rice together with canned chicken or sardines.



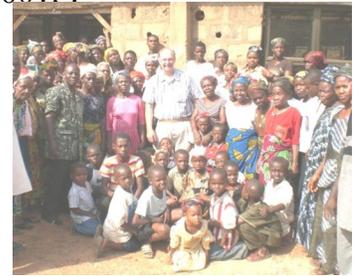
This helps provide good meals as the area where they live is challenging and food supplies are very expensive.

# Terrorist Attacks Among Caleb Fields of Harvest

Sadly, we live in a world where terrorism has become an all too-frequent event.

Because Caleb is called to the mission fields most needing workers, we find ourselves among some of the toughest hotbeds of violence on the planet. In 2007, I

visited Albyan Nigeria in Lagos State, the home village of our then African Director, Jeff Eze and his family. Last month, this quiet Nigerian northern village was savagely attacked by Fulani



*Albyan Village in 2007*

Herdsmen. Over one-third of the village was burned and many of the friends I stayed with were killed. The survivors have contacted Caleb Nigeria for assistance and we have sent \$1200.00 to buy supplies along with what our Nigerian counterparts were able to supply. Their immediate needs were 5 bags of rice—\$300, 2 bags of beans—\$240, 30 tubers of yam—\$120, 12 mattress—\$320, and anti-malaria drugs. The Nigerian Caleb team added many items and have gone to restore the village. The herdsmen are encouraged by the Boko Haran Terrorists to take by force what they identify as their former cattle herd trails, long abandoned and resettled as farm lands.

In India where we have 19 Christian mission churches, believers suffer escalating discrimination and violent persecution in line with the rise of Hindutva (Hindu nationalism) and where the northern state of Jharkhand was considering enacting an anti-conversion law. The law had been approved by the cabinet of the Chief Minister on 1 August but had yet to come before the Legislative Assembly. It mandates three years imprisonment and \$50,000 fine for leading any Hindu to convert from their belief.

In The Philippines 50 to 60 local and foreign Islamic militants were holding 46 civilians hostage in Marawi's Grand Mosque on Mindanao. The Armed Forces closed in but found only dead soldiers as the occupants fled with their victims. Jihadists across Asia are encouraging youth to join their battle in The Philippines.

China, Kenya, Nepal, Malaysia and Pakistan have similar events going on. *We are called to pray daily for the missionaries and peacemakers in these dangerous lands.*

## FREQUENTLY REQUESTED 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.

For Feeding The Homeless: boxes of cereal, bathroom tissue, handiwipes, heavy clothing, coats, jackets, shoes, hats, gloves.

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The attack in Nigeria on the village of Albyan where I stayed three days with Jeff Eze and his family came as a blow this month. Memories of the people and their quiet lifestyle ran through my head over and over. The eldest man, 102 then, a gentle spirit who posed with me for a picture, brought up anger that he of all people would be killed. But then I realize there are certainly many unconscionable deaths among the jihadists in their minds. I applaud the work Bill Flansburg and the Action International teams have been doing the last year in negotiating peace among the Fulani and Nigerian Christians in that very area. Oh, that they had only reached Albyan earlier! Pray for peace, understanding and love to penetrate the war zones of our world.

*Jerry Brian Riess*

Jerry Brian Riess, Director,  
Caleb Good News Ministry

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study resumes each Friday night at 7 pm at Caleb House and no host at 6 am at Denny's. Light meal provided Friday night. Subject is teachings from "That The World May Know" new lessons on "Clash Of Empires" and "Christian" study by Andy Stanley on Friday nights and the book of Acts on Friday am.

Thursday mornings at 9:30 am Sandy Hassler is leading a study on Ephesians.

Packing parties are 10 am, Fridays, October 27th, November 24th, and in December the New Year's Eve Candy Packing at Westside Church at 6 pm. Helpers needed!

Light Under The Bridge is feeding the homeless on Saturdays at 10 am at camp "Second Chance".

A free Caleb Movie Night is scheduled for 7 pm November 12th at Westside Foursquare Church. An Encore showing of "The Shack". Free popcorn and juice provided. Every other Sunday at 7 pm at Caleb House is a showing of a Christian Movie. Popcorn and juice is provided.

December 11th at 7 pm is Caleb Christmas Carol Party and White Elephant Exchange.

