



# 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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Pastor Vincent Israel Mbarjkiwa

Pastor Vincent Israel Mbarjkiwa brings his Tanzania Ministry into Caleb Ministry on New Year's Eve, adding yet another country from the African continent to the Caleb family, yet another fruit of the Kenya Evangelism Mission trip of June 4-July 13th 2015. Story page 3

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Latest new born named  
Jerry Riess in Kenya

# CALEB MINISTRY NEW YEAR'S CANDY PACKING PARTY

A special **THANK YOU** to friends of

Caleb Good News Ministries

Who helped us produce a record 7,000+ candy packs

Since 1990 and our first mission trip to Romania, Caleb Ministry has been assembling zip-lock bags containing candy, crayons, coloring sheets, toys and tracts to hand out in third world countries for the children. Initially in St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Burien, and on New Year's Eve at Westside Foursquare Church in Shorewood since 1998, the traditional work party to bring in the New Year has each year increased production.

On December 31st, 2015, a record 7,000 plus candy packs were assembled and shipped to 41 villages in The Philippines. Previous recipients have been in Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Bosnia, Belize, Hong Kong, China, Russia, Nepal, and Afghanistan.

Under the direction of Flo Boynton, the program went better than ever, resulting in our shipping a total of 66 boxes full of food, clothing, gifts, and toys to hundreds of children across the ocean. Our thanks to so many who made this possible!



## Ways you can help Caleb Ministries

Besides donations of funds, Caleb Ministries appreciates receipt of empty coffee cans, medicine containers, used cell phones and computer ink jets and laser printer cartridges, warm clothes, socks, caps, gloves and shoes for the homeless, food useful for our Saturday Light Under The Bridge breakfasts and the homeless, good clothing and cooking utensils, and being designated as your charity on Amazon Prime membership and at Boeing or your employer.



## 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, 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, scented soap, travel-sized shampoo and toothpaste, and bandages

**Bibles**—and books on Scripture, study Bibles.

**All forms of School Supplies.**



# TANZANIA MINISTRY AFFILIATES 54 CHURCHES WITH CALEB MINISTRIES

The new year brought wonderful news to the Caleb Family as Pastor Vincent Israel Mbarikiwa of Tanzania affiliated his 54 churches with Caleb Ministries and has petitioned the 7000 members of the entire 125 Seed of Abraham family located in Eastern and Central Africa to follow suit. In his petition, Pastor Mbarikiwa expresses his understanding and appreciation for Caleb through the following precious words:

**Greetings to you in the matchless and precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray all is well with you.**

**Dear Pastor, my main interest of writing to you is to seek working together with you in Tanzania as an extensional branch and sister Church of Caleb Good News Ministries Tanzania. I would like to request you to be my spiritual father and covering in ministry. I would like to work together with you under your spiritual covering (umbrella), under your leadership here in Tanzania.**

**Dear Pastor, I am serving God to unreached people who are living in rural village areas planting churches, where many people die without knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives because of HIV and malaria.**

**Dear Pastor, please give me some light toward my request and also pray for me. I would love to be part of Caleb Good News Ministries family in Tanzania. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon concerning my request. Thank you Sir!**

**May God richly bless you.**

**Shalom! Shalom!!**

**Yours sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Vincent Israel Mbarikiwa**

We were unable to visit in Tanzania itself on my recent journey but many fine pastors from surrounding countries came to meet with us in Kenya, such as Frazer Kane's church, pictured right, and many joined and others are in the process. We never promise funds, supplies or goods in return for joining Caleb. We simply ask that they pledge to follow the Word of God, Honor the Trinity, and recognize Jesus as son of God, Savior, Healer, and soon returning King. They are required to perform twice each year a substantial act of charity for the poor, prisoners, widows and orphans, or other often overlooked people, solely in the name of Christ, and giving Jesus alone the Glory. In part, our requirement is to pledge the Apostles' Creed, and agree in part as follows:



**Frazer Kane Services**

**THEREBY all such believers are called upon by Covenant Relationship , without expectation of reward, recognition, or remuneration of any kind, to provide personal service to those of lesser means, in the form of providing food, medical care, counsel, companionship, or sustenance, on a continuing basis. To this end, it is our Hope and Expectation to have others "Be As Christ" to widows, orphans, prisoners, street people, the infirm, the sick, the lonely, the destitute, or the misdirected, in their community! Such programs should be on-going, meaningful, and done solely in the Name Of Christ, as HIS GIFT, without expectation of reward or recognition of any manner or any kind.**

**We gladly welcome The Seed of Abraham to our Caleb Family.**

**Caleb Good News Ministries agrees to provide periodic suggestions of such programs, counsel in pursuit thereof, and prayer support for those providing same, In the Name of Christ.**

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## Letter from the Director

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study resumes each Friday night at 7 pm at Caleb House. Light meal provided. Subject is Day of Discovery programs on "Promise of Messiah" & Focus On The Family videos. "That The World May Know."

Packing parties are Fridays: January 29th, February 26th, and March 25th (Good Friday).

Volunteers are needed to help with the inventory of Candy Packing supplies. Contact Jerry Riess.

Light Under The Bridge is feeding the homeless on Saturdays at 10 am and in the summer on Wednesdays at 5 pm.

A free Caleb Movie Night has been scheduled for 7 pm February 21st at Westside Foursquare Church. The feature presentation is "THE WAR ROOM." Popcorn and juice boxes will be supplied. All are welcome to come and enjoy this fine feature.

March 19th (Saturday) we will have a Spaghetti Feed at Caleb House at 5 pm.

Special events of 2015 included visits from Pastor Danny & Cito Montes of The Philippines, Kuhio & Pia from Maui, and others, and the expansion of Light Under The Bridge within Caleb Ministries. We received grant distributions from Vitameal (NuSkin cosmetics) of 48 bags of VitaMeal infused meals for malnourished children from Feeding The Children, a nine-month supply of rice delivered to Manila sufficient to feed 300 children three meals each week for nine months, and from Mannatech sufficient yearly medicines for 2400 Downs Children, delivered to Bucharest.

Caleb Ministries of Africa held six medical missions and conducted four rescue trips to the battlefront, giving medical aid to victims of Boko Haran attacks and resettling refugees in safe areas, receiving commendation from the Government of Nigeria. They conducted monthly relief programs in several countries including serving the blind and the deaf. In Kenya, the East Africa Caleb Ministries under Bishop Benard Onganga started a Christian school, an orphanage of over 200, and made preparations for the visit of Director Jerry Riess in June-July.

Light Under The Bridge fed and clothed the homeless nearly every Saturday morning and during summer months conducted Bible studies and dinner programs on Wednesday evenings. Each month Caleb Ministries shipped an average of 50 boxes of relief supplies, medicines, clothing and food to the Philippines, serving over 126 villages, including 41 boxes of Candy Packs in December.

On March 10, 2015, the last 40-foot cargo container shipped from the Caleb warehouse in 2008 was released by Romanian customs and arrived at Braila, Romania, with the contents intact and undisturbed, with custom fees and penalties waived, occasioned when the shipping brokerage Borderless Logistics disappeared with the documentation.

Caleb was given the privilege of conducting memorial services in Daveo, The Philippines, for 42 policemen slaughtered by terrorists on February 11, on Mindanao Island. In Seattle, Caleb hosted a baby shower for Samantha Rose, a newborn whose parents had few resources. The parents were gifted with a stroller, a car seat, linens, toys, clothes and diapers.

The June-July mission trip to Kenya resulted in nearly 60 newly affiliated churches in Kenya, Tanzania The Congo and Ghana, strengthening our mission churches to 22 of the 33 countries on African continent. In November, we were asked for 550 Bibles for a conference in Ghana for graduating seminarians, in partnership with YWAM, and LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN BOOKSTORES.

The Lord blessed us mightily in 2015. Thank you Jesus!

*Jerry Brian Riess*