



The magnificence of His purpose, the simplicity of the plan

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Freedom through dependence on Christ!

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They shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins - Matt 1:21

Dealing with homeless people can be a real challenge. Meeting people like the homeless man from Argentina (pictured below) are a constant part of our ministry all around the world as we reach out with GTC. When I see them I am always challenged. What do I do? How to react? What would Jesus do?



A solitary innkeeper faced that same decision over 2,000 years ago. The whole world remembers him as the terrible

person who left the Son of God to be born in a barn. But you know, he may not have been such a bad guy.

Business was good, the hotel was packed, everything was full of promise. Now as he paused to enjoy the bounty of these blessings, his quiet solitude was jarred by the pounding of a young pregnant couple at the door. No time, no rooms, don't bother me. Grudgingly, he answers the door and the rest is history.

So why do we disparage the innkeeper? He did not ignore them, he just didn't give his best.

Why? Was it greed? Was it rebellion? Or was it just carelessness?

He left the greatest opportunity of his life standing at the door. He did not turn them away, he relegated them to the back of

the property.

Before I judge him too harshly, I must ask myself, "How many times have I done the same thing?" This night could have changed his life. I'm not convinced that he *ignored* the opportunity, the truth is— he didn't even *see* it.

How many times has God sent *opportunity* to knock and I did not answer? I did not see that the magnificence of His purpose is revealed in the simplicity of daily acts of obedience, kindness and prayer.

During this Holiday season I am grateful on behalf of the thousands *you have touched by standing with us* through this year. Let us not get so busy during Christmas to miss the knock of opportunity to share **His** love in simple ways again

We completed our 12th trip to the British Isles in October. The "Faith and Freedom" Tour covered Scotland, England and Wales. It was an exciting time of music and ministry. In addition, we helped start a new choir in London and had wonderful times of staff training and street ministry with the Teen Challenge and the outreach busses there.



With the London outreach bus, we fed the homeless & ministered to spiritual needs.



Whitechapel, where William Booth birthed the Salvation Army



CATHY'S CORNER

In just a few days, the old and new members of the Gillott family will be gathered in Pennsylvania to celebrate the birthday of the One who has **blessed** every part of our lives. My eyes fill up with tears of joy, even now, as I look forward to that time. It will be **great** fun and if time allows, there will undoubtedly be a viewing of one of our favorite holiday videos, **White Christmas**.

It's a great flick with a wholesome storyline, terrific dance routines, lots of songs to sing along with, and of course, a happy ending. One of the classic tunes from that 50 year old movie has a great theme that finds a parallel message in Philippians 4:8. Check it for yourself. The song is "Count Your Blessings" and that is what I plan to do for the rest of this "corner".

First, God has **blessed** me with a wonderful husband. His love for Jesus and his family and his

wild and crazy sense of humor have brought much joy to the years that we have spent together. And we are **blessed** to have had 4, and now 6 **great** kids—ask me, I'll tell you! And if you have **time**—I've got pictures! (Better yet—check out our website!) There is no doubt—**we are SO blessed**.

Among the many blessings that we count this year, we count YOU!

We are **blessed** to call the US home, a free country where we have the liberty to worship our Lord without fear of punishment or persecution.

We are **blessed** with food on our table, so much that even the *poor* of our nation are counted *rich* when compared with

most of the world's population. We are **blessed** to be part of a ministry that is helping to change lives and bring *hope* all around the world. And we are so **blessed** to have **dear friends** who are *helping* us to make this a reality for so many.

Thank you for your love, encouragement, prayers and support. Have a **Blessed** Christmas! **CG**

Ministry Calendar

The Lord has opened an exciting series of doors for us. The first quarter of 2005 holds tremendous promise spiritually and exciting challenge financially as we travel on 5 continents in the first quarter. Though there are wonderful ministry opportunities, since I will be overseas, your prayers and monthly support will be more important than ever. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Scheduled Mission Trips

JANUARY — AFRICA

Swaziland

Dedication of the new Hawane Farm



FEBRUARY— INDIA

Bombay and Bangalore



In India, 62.5 million use alcohol, 8.75 m cannabis, 2 m opiates, 0.8 m sedatives. National Survey of Alcohol & Drug Abuse)

FEB 23- MARCH 7

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

MARCH 10-24

Dominican Republic



Facilitating Life Transformation

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GTC coordinates our travel and points us to strategic hot spots around the world as part of the Teen Challenge Global initiative. We are responsible to cover our own support and expenses. It is your monthly support, gifts, prayers, and intercession, that keep us at the cutting edge.

We need and appreciate you!

Phil 1: 3-5: Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message... *(The Message)*



*Merry Christmas
with Love
Bernie & Cathy*

DECIDIENDO TU VIDA-BOOK OF HOPE ARGENTINA

We received this request from Terry Craig of Book of Hope.

Dear Bernie,
 We need help with a new video presentation of Choose Life. In speaking to the National Director in Argentina, we think this project is the key to open the doors to the public schools in this country. We also think it will open doors in Paraguay, Uruguay and other countries. If it works the way I think it will, maybe we can do it in China, Japan and other countries that are difficult to get into. You saw first hand how effective the presentation was in Barbados.

In November, I flew to Buenos Aires to minister and film the video presentation of the Spanish language Argentina version of **Choose Hope**, the BOH interactive multimedia presentation that confronts key issues facing students in high schools worldwide. From "should I brush my teeth" to drugs, the English version has been extremely successful and re-shooting it with an "Argentinean" face, and culturally relevant Argentinean issues will put us at the cutting edge to meet these students right where they are.

complete vehicles to address this new requirement, **Book of Hope and Teen Challenge** have teams on the ground, a presentation in place, and a dynamic vision to use this opportunity to distribute the word of God.



"Thank You for helping us to create this spectacular outreach tool. It is undoubtedly the best tool that Book of Hope has in all of Latin America for opening the doors to secular schools to help us to distribute God's word." Terry Craig

Upon completion, we learned that Argentina's Presidenté Néstor Kirchner ("el Señor K", as he's often called) has ordered that all secondary school sex education must be accompanied by morals-based abstinence instruction. Even before this was announced nationally, **Decidiena Tu Vida** was poised to be launched into the vacuum created by this unfunded mandate. As other organizations are scrambling to

Over 500,000 Books of Hope (Vida Xtrema harmonized New Testaments) have been distributed to date in Argentina and 500,000 are staged in Buenos Aires for distribution through the end of this year and early 2005. An additional one million copies are being printed now.



The DECISION The CONSEQUENCES



The videos dealt with 8 KEY teen issues from DRUGS to SEX

FAMILY CORNER

Pete and Jessica's wedding in September was very beautiful. He is Youth Pastor at First Assembly of God in Wilmington, DE.

Chris continues with the church plant, Real Church, in Hamtramck, MI and is teaching in the Detroit School District.

Rebecca is concluding her junior year at Valley Forge Christian College majoring in early childhood education.

Bernie and Sara are in their third year at First Assembly of God in Harrisburg, PA, where he is Youth Pastor and she is Children's Pastor. In an exciting development, they have been invited to minister at a missionary kids' retreat in Poland in Spring 2005.



Pete & Jessica, Chris, Becky, Sara & Bernie

Running Free Home-July 2004

HAWANE FARM-AFRICA



\$10,000

Along side the existing facility, the first 2 purpose built facilities for children

have been completed on the site. Each home will provide care for a house-mother and 4-6 children.

Two additional children's homes are under construction as well as an academic wing, pack house and retail store, where crafts created by the children will be available to tourists. There are 12 buildings on site being constructed and renovated as we prepare for the dedication of the farm on February 5, 2005.

Senior Teen Challenge personnel will occupy the main building and operate the small business raising plants. Existing

"tunnels" (greenhouses) will provide an exciting opportunity to train Teen Challenge students in a valuable vocation. At the same time we are able to augment the income of the center and increase sustainability of the work while minimizing the needs for significant outside contributions. Children will participate in simple tasks and experience the rewards and satisfaction of seeing the plants grow.

With the 12 buildings in construction or renovation, workers from around the world who came to work on this new and exciting project will attend the dedication.

In July, we rescued the child on the right from



Running Free Home, December 2004

I return to Africa in January for the dedication of the Hawane Farm. It is the newest addition to the Swaziland Teen Challenge arsenal of strategic care facilities. Addressing Swaziland's most urgent "at risk" population, the farm will provide care for AIDS affected and infected children. It will provide care for up to 60 children in the next 18 months.

Below, I present a check from the Running Free team at North Central to Kevin and the children for the buildings above as reported in Pentecostal Evangel.

They raised



LITC SPIRITUAL IMPACT



that Cathy was a featured **Spiritual Impact** speaker for the week. She ministers with such tenderness and compassion. It was truly transforming.

We imparted honest insights from raising our four children as we have ministered

We had a wonderful time at the **Fall Spiritual Impact** with staff and students of Long Island TC, pictured above. Though we both ministered, the most exciting part of this retreat, was

over the last 28 years with Teen Challenge. We love sharing the faithfulness of God in our lives and family with young Teen Challenge staff and students.



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