

Annual Report

CALVARY CHAPEL FORT LAUDERDALE



2022 ————— 2023

FOR THE ONE





“WHAT DO YOU
THINK? IF A MAN
OWNS A HUNDRED
SHEEP, AND ONE
OF THEM WANDERS
AWAY, WILL HE NOT
LEAVE THE NINETY-
NINE ON THE HILLS
AND GO TO LOOK
FOR THE ONE THAT
WANDERED OFF?

—Matthew 18:12 (NIV)





A LETTER FROM

PASTOR DOUG & SUZANNE SAUDER

AS WE LOOK BACK

on what God has done through Vision 2023, at the stories that have been shared and the countless ones we haven't even heard of yet, we stand in amazement! So many of you got in the story and were a crucial part of the vision to reach the next one! You prayed, gave, and served, and now we can celebrate together all that God has done to reach our community and change our world.

And while all numbers big and small that you'll find in this year's annual report are important, the truth is the most important number to celebrate is one. One story. One life. Each and every story is a real person whose life has been changed forever by Jesus. And with each testimony, Luke 15 tells us there's great joy and celebration in heaven. At Calvary, we get to echo

that celebration with each and every one who has discovered a relationship with Jesus.

We praise God for His faithfulness while looking with prayerful anticipation to the future. We're ready for the next chapter of Calvary's vision, where we believe God is calling us to focus. This focus includes advocacy for the vulnerable, raising up the next generation, and mobilizing missional leaders to transform their world in Jesus name.

As we begin a new season, we invite you to go all in on your discipleship journey. We pray as you grow in the grace and knowledge of God and His Word, your relationship with Him will compel you to find your place of connection in the story He's writing. We hope Calvary is a place where

you flourish in a healthy spiritual community and experience the joy of a generous life.

This collection of stories is a small testimony to what our great God has done through His church. Every ministry initiative, outreach, and global partnership comes down to one—one person God loves and desires to be a part of His family! If you're a follower of Jesus, at one point you were that one, and now you get to be part of God's call to go after the next one!

We're so grateful to begin this next chapter with you. Thanks for getting in the story!

For the One,

*Pastor Doug &
Suzanne Sauder*



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HOW THE STORY GREW



"Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written."

—John 21:25 (NIV)

Over the past five years, God has exceeded our expectations in every way. In 2018, inspired by the last verse of John's letter, Calvary began a five-year journey to reach the most vulnerable areas of our community. Just as Jesus went after the one, we set out to advocate for those who couldn't advocate for themselves, whether it was someone struggling with substance abuse addiction, a child in foster care, an elderly person who had been abandoned, a student who needed someone to believe in them, or a family that was in crisis looking for help.

Because of the unwavering generosity of our church, we're in awe of what God has done over the past five years. And here's the best part: The story isn't over yet—and your part is still unfolding! We're ready to continue to fight and share the hope of the gospel with the most hurting parts of our cities. 🌟

KINGDOM IMPACT SINCE 2018



Between 2018–2023 Calvary families partnered with 4KIDS to care for children in crisis.




4KIDS exists to bring hope, homes, and healing to kids and families in crisis across Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade counties, as well as the Treasure Coast and Southwest Florida.

4KIDS.US

188 children placed in a Christian home.

55 adoptions

55 children reunited with their families



“The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.”

—
Psalm 126:3



YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

This year, we've seen the Lord use every gift and act of generosity, no matter how big or small, to reach our community and change our world in new and unique ways. We'll never know all the stories, but we celebrate what God is doing as we focused on connecting people to God, people to people, and people to outreach in 2023.

IN THE LAST YEAR

LIVES CHANGED FOREVER

827

people started a relationship with Jesus.

560

people rededicated their lives to Jesus.

549

people publicly declared their faith through baptism.

15,586

people, on average, gathered weekly in person or online for a church service.

GROWING IN GROUPS

1,104

total groups

7,926

group participants

747

group leaders

SERVING IN COMMUNITY

4,800

volunteers faithfully serving across all campuses

620

volunteers, on average, serve per weekend.



Espanol Launch Service

Taking Ground GOD MULTIPLIES

CALVARY PARKLAND & ESPAÑOL

As a part of Vision 2023, planting new churches was a key goal and prayer focus. During this season, we've been a part of planting 18 churches globally, as well as launching Calvary Chapel North Miami, Calvary Chapel Parkland, and Calvary Chapel Español.

Since Calvary Chapel Espanol's launch last year, its growth has flourished. More and more South Florida Spanish speakers are attending services every week. As a result, Calvary Chapel Español has begun sharing a campus with Pastor Steve Diagle at Calvary Chapel Parkland. Both campuses

are currently in the process of expanding their space to the unit next door to them. Through this expansion, they'll be able to offer more seats during services and serve their community in a greater capacity. When we offer God a heart of obedience and generosity as displayed here, that's when we get to be part of **taking ground** with Him! 🌱



DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP IN ACTION

The world has changed so much over the last five years which is why Calvary has passionately pursued deeper ministry and outreach in online spaces. To expand His gospel digitally, we developed a spiritual resources website, created online devotionals, offered church services and groups through virtual reality, and hosted a prayer wall where anyone can share a request and be prayed for. And we're only just beginning!

Instagram

Followers
18,853

Engagement
(Likes, Comments, Shares)
97,385

Facebook

Followers
53,539

Engagement
508,996

YouTube

Subscribers
19,949

Views
487.9K

YouVersion

3,000,000+
Calvary Plan Total Subscribers

1,000,000+
New Subscribers This Year

1,500,000
Completions of Reading Plans

Top Plans

Married Couples:
Developing Healthy Spiritual Habits:
277,000 subscribers

New Year:
Fresh Perspective. Renewed Purpose:
117,000 subscribers

Made for This:
A Study on Identity, Belonging, and Purpose:
74,000 subscribers

Construyendo Su Vida en La Biblia:
17,000 subscribers

CALVARY CHAPEL ONLINE

56,913 sermons watched online
"on demand" on the website/app

10,391 Calvary VR visitors since January 2021

7,387 weekly online service views
including all social media, Roku, website, etc.

200 weekly Calvary VR attendees
across **10** sessions (services, classes, and groups)

138 Calvary VR salvations this year

5 VR groups, **40** online groups,
including **5** Freedom groups in the spring of 2023.

WEBSITE / APP / E-MAIL

3,347,670 online page views

434,502 online users

74,134 mobile app launches

4,418,459 ministry e-mails sent

DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP

6,629 people subscribe to the Calvary devotional.

Approximately **400,000** have been read.

336,000 people visited Resources.
CalvaryFTL.org from **170** different countries.

257 people reached and out and were ministered to through GLOO, a service that connects people searching for answers online with churches around the world!

2,748 prayer requests were shared on the Prayer Wall in the last 12 months.

I have been coming to Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale since 2010, but today I want to tell you how Calvary Chapel Online has helped me return to the Lord.

When the pandemic hit, I stopped attending church. It is an understatement to say that the pandemic changed the world; it surely affected my mental health, marriage, and everything. I was fortunate to be able to work from home, but it enabled fear to creep into my mind. During the lockdown and enforcing COVID distancing guidelines, I did not leave my house, and I barely touched my Bible. I would read the Bible verse of the day as soon as I opened my eyes on my smartphone, but a second later, I would jump on Facebook to check the COVID-19 cases.

My relationship with God was deteriorating. The news and fear inundated my thoughts. I often felt the Holy Spirit pressing on my heart, 'You know fear is not from the Lord; come back to the Word and return to the Lord your God. I will give you rest.'

Sometimes I would join the online service through Facebook, and tears would roll down my face from feeling the emptiness and missing fellowship with God. But the enemy kept me busy, and distractions kept coming on, which prevented me from joining online services.

One day, a close friend who served at Calvary Chapel Online asked me if I was interested in joining. I knew it was God reaching out to me. As I met each person online, I felt welcomed and loved. I could relate to each story. I did not feel alone or as an outside. I felt safe, and my walls were coming down. I started seeing God at work in my life and the lives of others.

Today, I can see how God used Calvary Chapel Online to rescue me and others in our city, from other states, and even other countries worldwide who are from from Him for whatever reason. This ministry reaches those seeking answers even those who do not know the Lord, who are hungry for truth, hope, and to connect. The online ministry is a lifeline to many sharing the gospel and answering difficult questions. Although we may not see the fruit of the seeds planted or prayed for, however, we occasionally get a praise report, which lifts our spirits and encouraging us to continue God's work seeing His incredible mercy towards us in His sovereignty and perfection.

-Ana

My wife and I are working through the 1 Corinthians reading plans and we just finished part two. I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for putting these together. They've really encouraged us to think and pray better and have given us daily reading that builds us up. We can't wait to start part three!

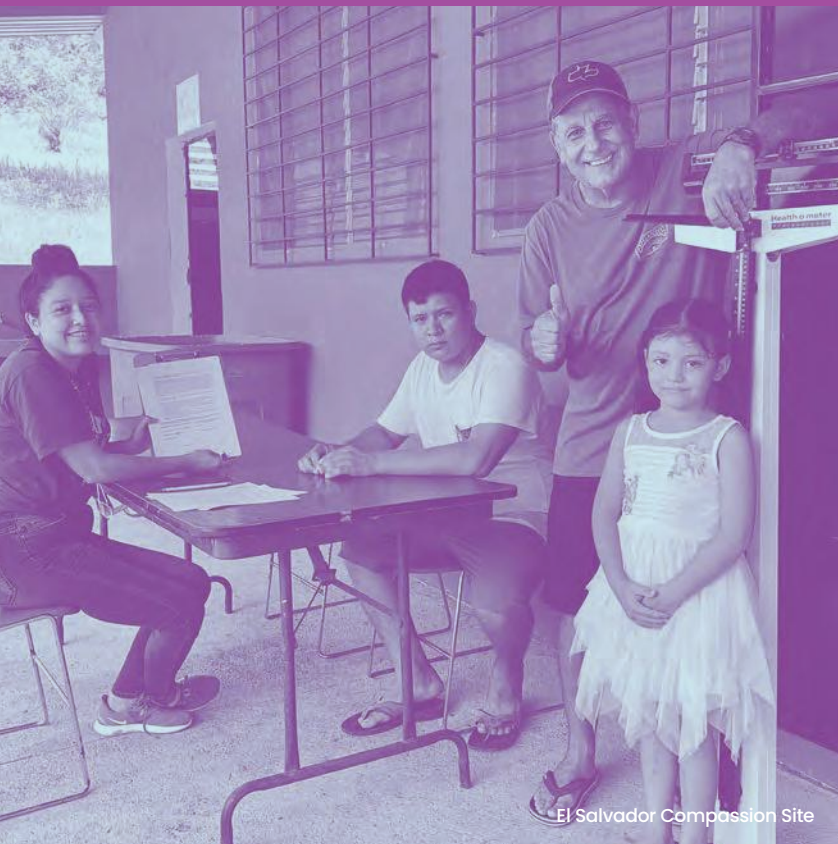
-Josh

'I just want to express my gratitude for the "Origins" devotional series (a Calvary study through Genesis from a few years back). it has truly changed my life and blessed me!

-Khanfiswa

ADVOCATE FOR THE VULNERABLE

An advocate is someone who speaks up on behalf of one who cannot speak for themselves. Jesus became our advocate by speaking and acting on our behalf to provide a way for us to be forgiven and restored to God. Now, we get to play a role in advocating for the vulnerable around us. We believe God has called us to speak and act for those who have encountered tragedy, crisis, brokenness, abuse, and abandonment. Through Christ, we become a voice for the voiceless and bring hope and healing through His gospel!



El Salvador Compassion Site



Defend the weak and the fatherless;

uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

—Psalm 82:3–4 (NIV)





LOCAL OUTREACH



Calvary partnered with local nonprofits to assist families in crisis, supporting those experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and providing essential items to at-risk mothers. Your giving helped meet the needs in our community in Jesus' name.

REACHING OUR COMMUNITY

BACK-TO-SCHOOL OUTREACH

Over 2,050+ backpacks were given to kids from vulnerable communities so they could start school with all the supplies they need!

Total Donated: **\$38,781**

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

36,000 pounds of food was donated.

1,068 meals were delivered to families in need.

300 volunteers helped pack, sort, and deliver the food!

Over 1,000 families were blessed with meals and invited to church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

15,198 shoeboxes were packed for a Samaritan's Purse outreach, whose mission is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.



Samaritan's Purse | Shoe Box



Backpack Outreach Distribution



SHARING **THE LOVE** **OF JESUS WITH** **THOSE IN CRISIS**

We serve a God who is all about bringing hope to the hopeless. With the crisis of Hurricane Ian and the flooding in Fort Lauderdale this past year, you shared the love of Jesus by generously providing emergency aid and temporary provision to people who needed relief.



Hurricane Ian Response

In the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Ian, Calvary began to assemble teams to respond to the destruction on the west coast. Through partnership with Samaritan's Purse and Church United, you made a difference amidst disaster, and hundreds of volunteers were able to help those hit hardest by the storm.

You generously gave **\$161,843** for hurricane relief efforts.

In the days after the storm, **1,303 volunteers** traveled to Fort Myers, serving **8,264 outreach hours**.

We helped **40 families** remove debris and damage from their homes.

55 volunteers delivered food to families in need with Convoy of Hope.

Fort Lauderdale Flood Response

After the record-breaking flooding in Fort Lauderdale this spring, many families in our communities felt helpless because their insurance wouldn't cover the cost of the damage. Calvary partnered with Samaritan's Purse and you jumped into action to help assist those in need through disaster relief work and clean-up. The Mobile Relief Unit was also deployed so over **100 first responders** could use restrooms and showers as they served our community.



I served through Calvary and Samaritan's Purse last year in Fort Myers. It was mind-blowing to see so many people without special construction skills volunteering and impacting people's lives because they were simply willing to serve the Lord with their time. A few months later, terrible flooding hit Fort Lauderdale, and God allowed me to help one of the friends I made on the spring Israel trip whose children and grandson were stuck in their house from the flooding. I continued to help serve the community with Calvary's efforts in the following days.

It's such a privilege and a joy to use whatever time, gifts, or resources God gives us to serve Him and love people. Everywhere there is someone vulnerable. If you have something to share or give, don't hold it back—even if it's only your time. God loves to use whatever you give Him, multiply it, work in the lives of others, and work in your life as well.

-Dani





PARTNERING WITH HOPE SOUTH FLORIDA

HOPE South Florida is empowering the homeless to walk with the dignity God has given them. They do this by offering physical, emotional, spiritual, and vocational assistance through the following:

Housing programs

Free health services

Daily meal services
at various locations

A shower trailer and washroom

A mailroom for people
to have an address

Job application assistance

Counseling services

Support services &
life-skills programs

Worship services +
chaplain care for families

HOPE
South Florida

The mission of HOPE South Florida is to be a HOPE-filled community, keeping families together, providing compassionate care, and guiding and equipping those we serve on a path to holistic life change. Learn more at [HopeSouthFlorida.org](https://www.HopeSouthFlorida.org).



IN 1995,

veterinarian Fred Scarbrough felt a calling to help those experiencing homelessness in Fort Lauderdale. Fred saw that there were many misconceptions about those experiencing homelessness. People may often assume those in need are unemployed, mentally ill, or on the street because of their own poor choices. In reality, Fred found that most of them are simply people living in vulnerable situations due to a crisis in their life that led them there. Whether it be the sudden loss of a job, death of a partner, major health issues, or other misfortunes, these harsh realities often bring a family or individual into a fight for survival that they didn't anticipate.

When Fred started The Shepherd's Way, he sought to provide housing and other opportunities for people in need such as meal services and job assistance. In 2010, he partnered with eight

local churches, including Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale, to establish a new name for the ministry, HOPE South Florida. Since then, HOPE South Florida has worked collectively with many businesses, community organizations, and churches in the area, such as Christ Church United Methodist, First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, First Baptist of Fort Lauderdale, Rio Vista Community Church, and many others, to provide holistic help to the homeless in Broward County. Under the guidance of the team at HOPE, these partnerships have served the working poor of our community, families facing a housing crisis, and moms and children sleeping in their cars.

After a series of challenges in recent years; however, the future of HOPE seemed uncertain. God opened the door through your generosity to allow Calvary and

a local foundation to renew partnership efforts with HOPE South Florida and revitalize the vision of serving families and individuals in crisis who are in need of a home in our community.

We believe God is calling Calvary into a more intentional mission of service and outreach through this focused partnership with HOPE South Florida. The story is just beginning . . . we can't wait to see what God does next! 🌞



CHANGING LIVES THROUGH

DISCIPLESHIP IN LOCAL JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

Because of your giving, and an amazing crew of volunteers, the gospel was shared and our mission to make disciples reached those who are incarcerated in our community. Through Bible study, training, and mentorship support, we saw the hope of Jesus make an eternal impact!



WHERE WE SERVED

- 3 local jails** in Broward County
- 2 male prisons** in Miami
- Broward Transitional Center (BTC)**

WHAT HAPPENED

- 166** salvations
- 30** rededications
- 2** baptisms
- 37** weekly volunteers

PROGRAMS

100+ people completed the step study at the jail, a weekly program that not only introduces them to Jesus but also allows them to prepare for rehabilitation after they transition into life after their sentence.

Calvary also helped launch an EMA pilot program in a jail focused on serving moms.



Each week, I get to watch Calvary's program change lives. I've learned that when we encounter problems in life, it's an opportunity for God to give us His grace. This program is important for these men and women because it gives them a fighting chance. They get to know that someone cares about them and that they have support when they're released. There's a man I watched walk through this

program, graduate, and get released, and allowed God to change his life. Now he comes back every week to minister to men in the same spot he was in. He's been an encouragement to those walking through the program because they get to see first hand that if God can change someone like him, God can change them too.

-Deputy Williard Williams,
one of Calvary's Broward Sherriff's Office partners



Learn more about how you can serve at CalvaryFTL.org/Volunteer. Simply select Outreach in the drop down and then "Jail and Prison Ministry."

Advocating for Moms

On average, 100,000 moms every year don't receive the support they need when they need it. Imagine a world where every mom in crisis was connected to advocacy and support.

This year, Calvary partnered with Broward County Sherriff's Office and Every Mother's Advocate (EMA) to launch a special program for incarcerated pregnant moms. EMA is a foster-care prevention organization

focused on eradicating the preventable causes of family separation. The 10-week program focuses on building community and providing essential resources and parenting support classes for these mothers as they fight to provide stability and safety for their children.

We're praying the hope of the gospel and the power of advocacy continues to transform families for generations to come! Will you advocate for her? Learn more at EveryMothersAdvocate.org.





MAXINE TURNS 100



One generous act shows the love of Jesus to the elderly care community.





Nearly every week, I visited my friend Maxine in her nursing home. As she approached the young age of 100, I decided to try and collect 100 cards to celebrate each year of her life. As our nursing home ministry volunteers started making birthday cards, I realized this would be much more work than I initially thought. I reached out to Pastor Paul Applegate, and he contacted Calvary Christian Academy about my idea. Tami Pettingell, one of the art teachers, delivered a box full of handmade cards from all of her

kindergarteners! Chrissy Wooddell's fourth grade class also contributed cards, and they were all amazing. I delivered them to Maxine and her two sons said that "Maxine was overjoyed with the outpouring of love." We all agree that seeing Maxine's face when she received the cards was just priceless! Maxine went home to be with the Lord a few months later, but she said that this was her best birthday ever. This will always be a precious memory to me of seeing God's love in action.

-Judi



Learn more about how you can serve at CalvaryFTL.org/Volunteer. Simply select Outreach in the drop down and then "Convalescence."



GLOBAL MISSIONS IMPACT

Through your giving, we're celebrating how the hope of Jesus impacted people all around the world!

WHAT WE GAVE

\$803,000

was sent worldwide to support Calvary missionaries and the global church.

\$283,000

was distributed to equip non-profit partners who are focused on long-term impact in a region.

\$25,000

was sent to Convoy of Hope for the earthquake relief efforts in Turkey.

\$30,000

was sent to Convoy of Hope for the Mississippi tornado relief efforts.

\$217,000

was received for the Birthday Gift for Jesus outreaches to reach different communities and cities, both here and around the world!

Local Partner: EMA

Your generosity was used to expand the work of EMA into two new cities in South Florida. These centers help prevent family separation by providing moms in crisis with support, education, and advocacy.

Global Partner: Agile

Your giving propelled the entrepreneurship program in Italy and Kenya. Agile helps impoverished youth learn about God's plan for their lives and how to develop businesses to support their families and break the cycle of poverty.



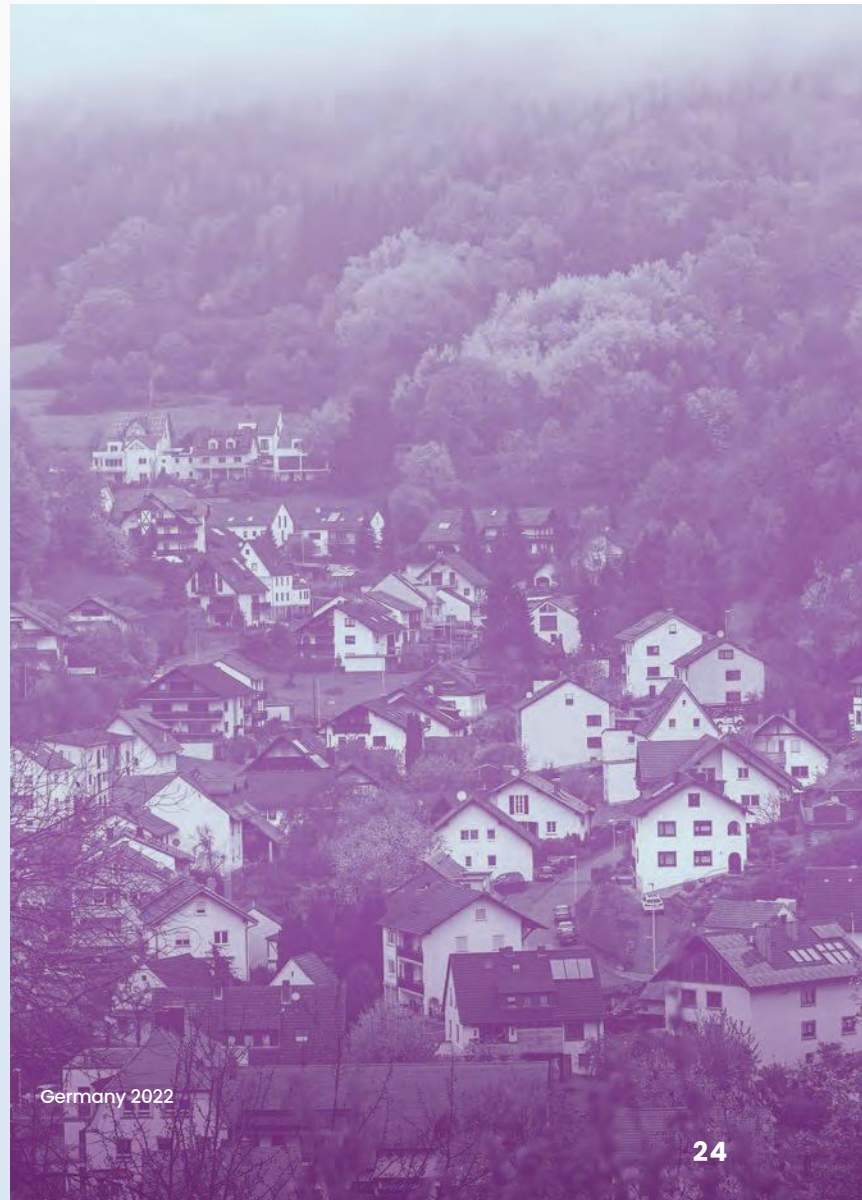
Germany 2022

HOW WE SERVED

82 missionary partners spread the gospel in **5** continents and **25** countries.

102 people went on **13** different mission trips across the globe.

1,033 people responded to crisis and assisted in **31** emergency relief trips totaling **8,264** volunteer hours.



Germany 2022



Returning Home to Obey God's Call



When it comes to calling, many love to romanticize the notion of God calling them to something greater than themselves—it's a beautiful part of following Jesus. But what would you do if God's calling for you was the opposite of what you wanted? That's exactly where Karen and Cornel found themselves

when God called them to serve in Cornel's home country of Romania. Seeing what God can turn a simple "yes" into is amazing! Often, it goes beyond what we could imagine on our own. Karen and Cornel learned this when they gave God their "yes" 20 years ago.



Karen serving with Romanian children





This summer marks the 20th year since Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale sent our family to serve in Romania.

It's been a long and beautiful journey as we've been able to work together to serve vulnerable populations through discipleship and church planting in the areas we serve.

I met my husband, Cornel, at Bible College. Our upbringing was very different. He grew up in Romania and was sent to serve in a labor camp for two years because of his religious activity, leading him to flee to the United States. When he left, he swore he would never return. Whereas I didn't grow up in the church, but came to Christ in a Christian summer camp where I heard the stories of many famous missionaries. As a young teen, I went on a few summer mission trips and, in that context, felt

God leading me into full-time missions. After we got married, God led us back to his home country of Romania to serve with our four children.

Our first church plant was in a rural village of Roma called Tinca, where God used us to serve a community of over 2,000 children and families living segregated from the rest of Roma. This church has continued to thrive and has planted an additional 23 churches throughout the country. Their main focus as a church is discipleship and church planting.

The longer we've been on mission in Romania, our ministry has expanded to help a generation of orphaned children who've grown up in state-run orphanages. We've had the opportunity to advocate for things like child sponsorships, feeding programs, orphan care, and Christian publishing.

As we look towards the future, God has given us a vision for an educational initiative on the property adjacent to the Tinca church where we've built a multipurpose community center. We hope to use the AGILE program through Calvary to invest in the academic success of the communities we serve. AGILE takes students ages 12-18 through a 10-unit program to help them build the framework of a small business. Considering how the impact of poverty can steal a lifetime of hope from a child growing up in an impoverished community, this program could offer a critical pathway to success for at-risk youth.

-Karen

If you'd like to learn more about how to support Calvary's missionary partners, please visit CalvaryFTL.org/Missions.



RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION

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We believe God has called us to make disciples—and that means investing in those who are a few steps behind us. God will use you to expand His kingdom if you join Him in walking alongside and building up the next generation.

Ramp 48 | Vertical Ramp Contest



We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.

—Psalm 78:4 (NIV)



Calvary Young Adults

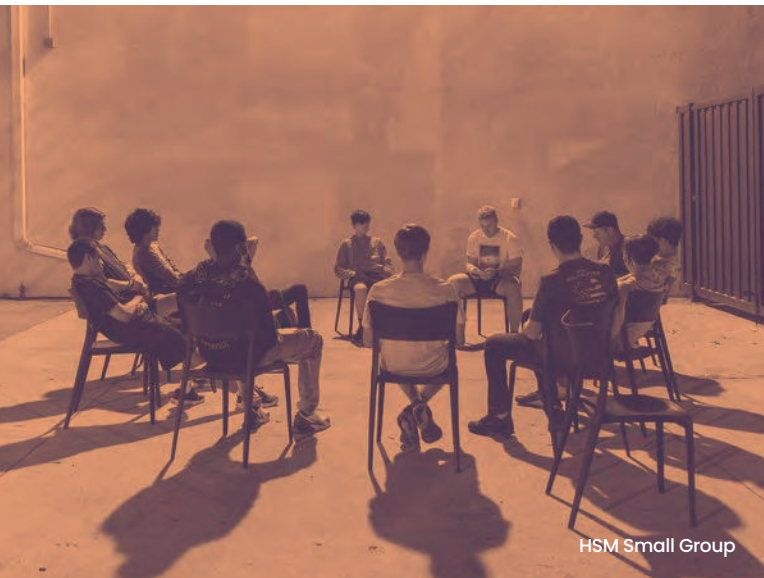


DEFINING MOMENTS DIRECT DESTINIES



DID YOU KNOW

studies show that 94% of people who make the decision to follow Jesus will do so by the time they turn 18? But once a person reaches adulthood that decision becomes increasingly rare, with 11% making the decision in their 20s and only 4% in their 30s. We're on a mission, together, to reach the heart of the next generation. Your faithful tithes directly impact the lives of so many kids and students at Calvary and around the world.



HSM Small Group

WHAT HAPPENED THIS YEAR

1,500 students attended Youth Encounter and **400** people volunteered to create **200** small groups during this event.

700 kids attended Kinds Conf where **275** people volunteered their time, **80** of which were student leaders.

2,401 first-time guests were seen in Calvary Kids, Six78, HSM, and CYA!

193 kids went through the Salvation and Baptism class.

177 kids and **109** young adults were baptized.

33 students went through a student leadership program.

379 students served across all campuses.

35 groups for young adults met throughout the year, with over **160+** in attendance.

Calvary Young Adults Sunday Hangs averaged **80** in attendance per week, and Calvary Young Adults Nights saw more than **260** in attendance (**475+** different people attended throughout the year).

Over **500** students and young adults participated in outreach initiatives and were empowered to reach their world with the gospel!

500+ families attended Parenting Talk and other parenting classes.

"I grew up in a Christian household. However, when I was in 8th grade, I started to question my faith.

I wrestled with whether I wanted to go all in with God. After a few months, I realized that my doubts had nothing to do with whether I thought He was real or not, but rather my not wanting to be wholly dependent on Him. From then on, I've been all in.

After that experience, I wanted to take my faith more seriously, so I became a student leader at HSM because I wanted to share my faith with other kids my age. This has helped shape how I connect

with my friends and has helped me to share my faith beyond the groups I lead at church. I'm friends with many kids in my school who believe differently than me, and it's important to me that I create meaningful relationships with them in a way that shows God's love. The first time I fully shared the gospel with one of my peers was during Ramadan, a Muslim holiday, and to my surprise, my friends seemed genuinely interested in God's story. Eventually, what I shared clicked

with one of my friends, which impacted me deeply. It made me realize how important it is to share how God has changed my life so He can change those around me.

I know I won't always have positive experiences when sharing Jesus, but God has shown me my faith is much more important than that. God has used this to help me grow in confidence and trust in Him, allowing me to know Him in a way I never imagined. So, to anyone nervous about sharing their faith, God can use anyone regardless of their age or knowledge."

-JP

"Growing up, I went to church and accepted Christ as my Savior at a young age, but as I got older, I drifted away from Him. I later entered into a relationship with my boyfriend, Sergio, who was a new believer when I met him. He wanted me to walk with Jesus just like he was! Throughout our relationship, he brought me to Calvary and introduced me to a new community of mentors that helped me return to Jesus.

During this time, God gave me a deep desire for Him.

In February of 2023, I rededicated my life to Him and got baptized.

Since reconnecting with God, He has shown me that part of servanthood to those around me is sharing my love for Him and how He changed my life. I noticed my younger brother started to fall away from Jesus as I had before, and I wanted him to know Jesus like I did! I began praying for him constantly and invited him to go to church with me. After a while, he started to ask questions and God used me to lead my brother back to Him. God can use anyone to do anything—He was even able to use me."

-Julie



STUDENTS MAKING DISCIPLES THROUGH MENTORING

The heartbeat of Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) is to invest in students as disciples. Not only do they do this in their own halls through activities like mission trips and small groups, but they also equip their students to invest in those around them as well! Through a mentorship initiative that started nearly five years ago, CCA students have been engaging with and encouraging students and faculty in nearby public schools.

Beginning in 2019, a small group of CCA students began visiting Markham Elementary School to start a mentorship program with their 4th and 5th grade girls. Pastor Steve Mayo, Director of Discipleship at the time, began the program as a request from Principal Dukes. After a year of running the program after school on Fridays for six-week sessions, the program expanded to serve boys and girls in upper elementary and middle school at three additional schools within a 10-minute radius of CCA. Pastor Steve Mayo explains that the program took on the name of Life Mentorship “because we wanted the program to offer a lasting source of hope and encouragement to kids, faculty, and their families.” This past fall of 2022, over 120 high school students

were involved at Markham Elementary, William Dandy Middle School, Innovation Charter School, and Purpose Academy.

Students are trained through the school counseling team before going to serve as mentors, and CCA teachers also serve as guest speakers. Usually, there is a time for games and snacks, a speaker who talks about a relevant life topic, and a time for small groups where students have the opportunity to connect with the kids and integrate their faith into their conversations. Not only do CCA students participate, but the church has also brought in volunteers to collaborate in the Life Mentorship Program. 🌟

This year, more schools will be added to the list and other schools are still waiting. Parents are also beginning to serve alongside their teenagers. The Life Mentorship Program is growing and we need more people to serve! If you want to make more disciples by investing in students of our local public schools, request more information at CalvaryFTL.org/Outreach.





Life Mentorship was a well-run program designed with our students in mind. The leaders created an atmosphere of love and acceptance while teaching lessons that will be remembered for many years. The students thoroughly enjoyed the companionship of the CCA high school students and staff. Many parents have expressed their gratitude for the impact that CCA has made in their children's lives. As a staff member of ICS, I am so grateful for my time with Life Mentorship and wholeheartedly look forward to next year.

-Jaleesa Livingston
teacher at Innovation Charter School



Some highlights from this year's student-led Life Mentoring Program include:

Multiple families attending Celebration of Peace, a Calvary Christmas outreach, due to invites sent out through the program.

The gospel and testimonies being shared on local public school campuses.

Faculty and staff being loved on and cared for through all the volunteers.

Three students receiving Christ as their Savior.

TAKING A STEP OF FAITH INTO FOSTER CARE

When we choose to follow Christ, He redefines our purpose, reorganizes our priorities, and renews our desires. Sometimes, this can be really scary. Letting God change our "life plan" is not easy, but it's always rewarding. God's plan is much bigger and better than ours and, sometimes, we just need to take a step of faith to let Him write our story instead of ourselves.

Mariano and Alicia would be the first to say they've seen God change their plans in the best way possible. In 2001, they began attending Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale. Mariano says, "My wife and I are passionate about seeing others come to Christ and be disciplined." Little did

they know, God would grow this passion and use it in ways they never expected.

In 2008, Mariano and Alicia were sitting in service during Foster Care Weekend when the Holy Spirit radically changed the trajectory of their lives. Despite not knowing anything about foster care, they felt a clear call to get involved in the ministry and become foster parents. Immediately after service ended, they signed up to take classes and begin the process of fostering. After they finished the classes, they received their first placement and continued fostering for nine years after that. **Through those nine years, they had over thirty children stay in their care.**

Not only did fostering impact their marriage, but it left a great impact on their children as well which allowed for a legacy of fostering to form! **"Fostering changed our lives and our own kids' lives. The Lord gave us compassion and love for every foster child we had. We loved them with a love that only came from the Lord! This love also overflowed into our children's lives as we have seen our middle son and his wife foster as well, and now they have adopted six children."**

Mariano and Alicia didn't have the intention of adopting a child; however, God even changed those plans! With all their children being grown up already, they initially thought they'd be too old to adopt a child until about



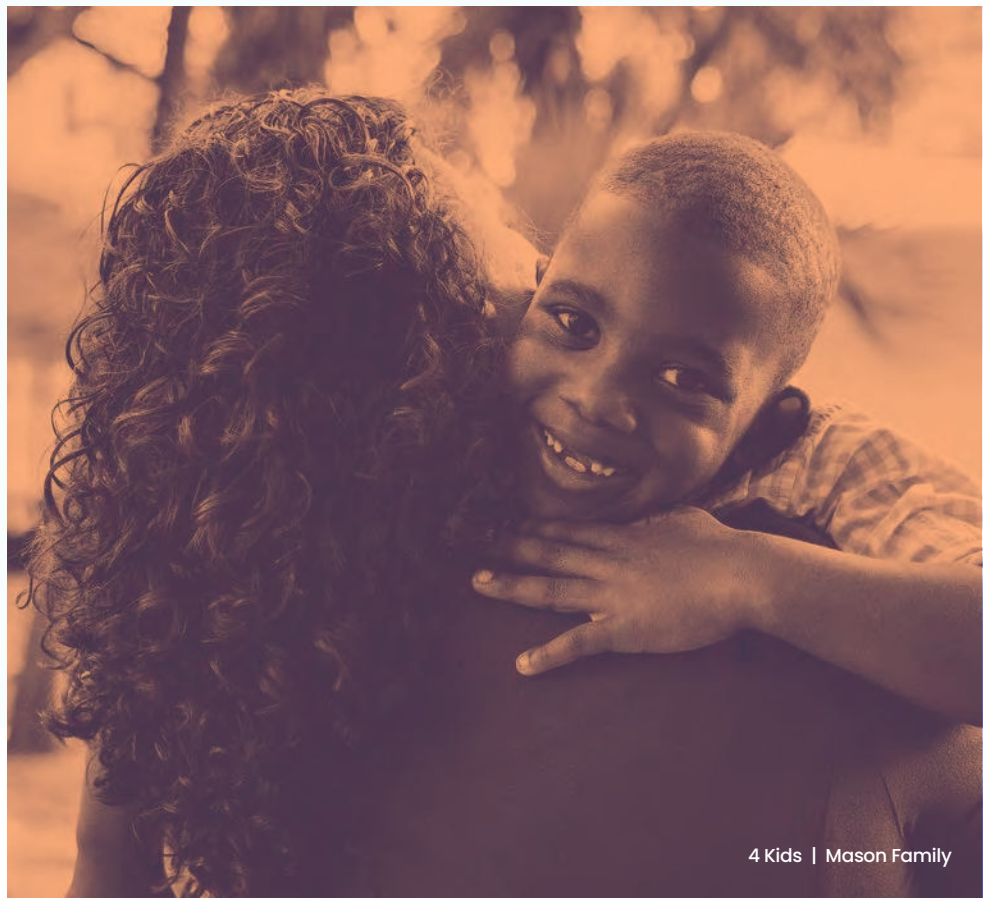
4 Kids | Dorvil Family

ten years ago when they were placed with a two-year-old girl, Destiny. "My wife and I prayed that the Lord would make it clear if any children we fostered were supposed to stay with us. When Destiny was five, her parents' rights were terminated, so we knew we wanted her to have a forever home with us. We adopted Destiny and stopped fostering in order to focus our attention on her. She is now 12 years old and keeping us very young! We love her so much and know that God planned for her to be our daughter long before we even knew it!"

When it comes to foster care, there are a lot of fears or obstacles that prevent people from even trying. Mariano and Alicia both admit that the difficulty of falling in love with a child and having to return them to their biological parents is very difficult. Adapting to the child's needs, feeling like strangers at times, or allowing the changes to disrupt your schedule are all sacrifices that must be made. Nonetheless, God shows up in those moments as you partner with Him to show the love of Jesus to a child in need. ☀️

He surrounded us with help from our church family at Calvary and the wonderful staff and therapists at 4KIDS through it all. This calling will stretch you and grow your heart like never before, but there is power in prayer and hope in Jesus. When the enemy tries to destroy

these kids' lives, God's love and redemption are greater. We have seen the transformation in the kids we have fostered, and you will also get to see God's transformative love in action with your own eyes in the life of those kids and yourself if you would simply take a step of faith.



4 Kids | Mason Family

There are still hundreds of children in foster care who need Christ's love and compassion. Like Mariano and Alicia, you can get involved with foster care and be a tangible expression of the gospel to children around South Florida. For more information, visit 4KIDS.us/FosterCare.



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

CCA USED BY GOD TO HELP HEAL A STUDENT'S BROKEN HEART

Have you ever found yourself asking God, "Why am I walking through this trial?" Daniel Cuesta, a recent graduate of Calvary Christian Academy (CCA), wrestled with this question when faced with the sudden death of his father. At the time, he couldn't comprehend why God would allow such a tragedy, but in hindsight, he recognizes God's presence in his pain and the redemption that came from his story.

As Jesus shares in the parable of the lost sheep, He relentlessly pursues "the one." Sometimes, that one is you, and at other times, He uses you in His pursuit of someone else. In Daniel's case, he was the one whom God sought after, and now he's able to comfort others with the comfort he received from the Lord (2 Corinthians 1:3-5).

God used Daniel's education at CCA to speak into his life on numerous occasions.

"Growing up at Calvary, I started attending church here when I was five, and then my parents sacrificed a lot to send me to school at CCA. My entire experience here has been nothing but a blessing."

However, it was during one of the darkest periods of his life that Daniel witnessed the unwavering support and care from his teachers, both inside and outside the classroom.

"The support and care I received from my school meant the world to me. My teachers not only worked to make sure I didn't fall behind, but also that I was

spiritually and emotionally okay. Teachers like Ms. Tara Fox and Pastor Bill Schott went above and beyond what an average teacher would do anywhere else. I could sense their genuine care for me. Such a deep level of connection and investment from teachers is rare."

When Daniel was invited to join a grief group with other students who had also lost parents, he experienced the healing power of connecting with those who understood his journey. Now, he can be there for others who find themselves walking in his shoes.

"I've learned the importance of cultivating friendships and exemplifying Christ's love. First, you have mentors and individuals pouring into you, those who are ahead of you. Then, you have friendships at your level, where you journey through life together, learning and growing alongside one another. Finally, there are friends you invest in yourself. These are the ones you focus on. So, I strived to put this into practice within my community, reaching out to younger students and saying, 'I know what you're going through; you'll be okay. Here's the roadmap of this season of life I walked through. Do you want to borrow it?'"

This past May, Daniel graduated from CCA, surrounded by friends and family, as the valedictorian of his class. He also received the honor of being the Miami Herald Silver Knight Award winner for his exemplary service to the local autism community. However, what matters most to him is to continue demonstrating and following Christ, a fact confirmed by his peers and teachers.

Like Daniel, thousands of students have been influenced by the exceptional teachers and fellow students at Calvary Christian Academy. The school serves not only as a place of academic growth, but also as a community where students find their spiritual identity and purpose. 🌟

To learn more about CCA, its campuses, and state scholarship opportunities that make private education more affordable, please visit

CCAEagles.org



CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The vision of CCA is to educate tomorrow's leaders to be world-changers for Christ. In the 2022-23 school year, CCA:

2,881 students educated through both CCA Fort Lauderdale and CCA Hollywood.

announced **2 NEW CAMPUSES** to be launched in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties Fall 2023: Calvary Christian Academy North Miami (K-8th) and Calvary Christian Academy Boynton Beach (Pre-K2-Pre-K4).

300+ middle and high school students served local communities in the Bahamas and Mexico on mission trips.

14 Spanish Immersion classes offered.

120+ students served as mentors to other students in local schools.

3 DISTRICT TITLES were secured by the varsity boys football, baseball, and volleyball teams.

1 OF ONLY 19 SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE to have earned Exemplary Accreditation from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). This designation recognizes the school's commitment to Christian education and improvement across all its campuses.





MOBILIZING MISSIONAL LEADERS

God can reach anyone in any way,
but He loves to invite us into the
story and use us to reach others.
Making disciples means we live on
mission to share the good news
with those who don't know it.
When we live on mission,
God's kingdom expands!



How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

—Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)



Samaritan's Purse
Fort Lauderdale Flood Relief



GLOBAL OUTREACH

CHANGING OUR WORLD

Jesus left us with this mission, to proclaim His good news to people everywhere “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8 NIV). Because of this beautiful picture, we seek to share the gospel and make disciples across the globe!



Guatemala Trip 2022



Going to El Salvador was truly an eye-opener. This trip helped me realize that God is at work even in the simple things and, although life might be hard, being the hands and feet of Jesus can actually be simple. I kept hearing the Holy Spirit encourage me, 'One foot in front of the other, take your time, and embrace what's going on here right now in front of you.' I wanted to give the people everything they needed, but I could not do that.

What they truly wanted was simply our love and time! This trip has changed my perspective on life because I learned that God is not in a rush, so why should I be? Abundance is also not about the amount of money or clothes you have, but it's about your community and being a part of God's family. The people of El Salvador are witnesses of that. I will forever be changed by my experience in El Salvador and look forward to another mission trip!

-Deborah



GLOBAL BRIEFING JANUARY 2023 | UPDATE

This past year, 44 missionaries and global partners from 26 countries came together to share how God is working across the globe and using them to advocate for the vulnerable. During this time, Calvary missionaries enjoyed spiritual refreshment, training, and collaboration with partners from all over the world. They shared in challenges and celebrations with each other, educated children at Calvary Christian Academy on missions ministry, and connected personally with the congregation supporting them.

Our youngest participant, an eight-year-old girl named Saara, said she wanted to serve in the Middle East when she grows up. She connected with many of our missionaries and took notes in Arabic, which she's currently learning in preparation for her future on the field!

At the Global Briefing, people also learned about the various opportunities in which they could give or volunteer with the crisis in Ukraine. Some attendees signed up to go on a short-term mission trip to Germany in April and served the Ukrainian refugees being housed in a castle there. The team witnessed one of the women accept Christ, and Oksana, an attendee who speaks Ukrainian, is now leading an online Bible study from the U.S. for the women at the castle!

EL SALVADOR UPDATE

Last year, we celebrated our first Calvary-sponsored Compassion International site and our international church plant in El Salvador where you helped sponsor hundreds of children. In November 2022, a group of women from Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale went on a short-term mission trip to work with Calvary Chapel El Sunzal and Compassion International in these existing efforts to serve the local community. Due to incarceration and gang activity, many households in the community are without men. Through the local church, the team provided support to mothers and grandmothers with house visits delivering goods, supplies, and building materials they could not afford or get on their own. Our team also hosted events for moms and kids where they were able to distribute meals to sponsored kids with Compassion, visit local schools, share the gospel, and point families back to the local church as a reminder that Jesus sees them and has a place for them to belong.

We're called to make disciples of all nations! Check out the different ways you can get involved with God's global church at CalvaryFTL.org/Missions.

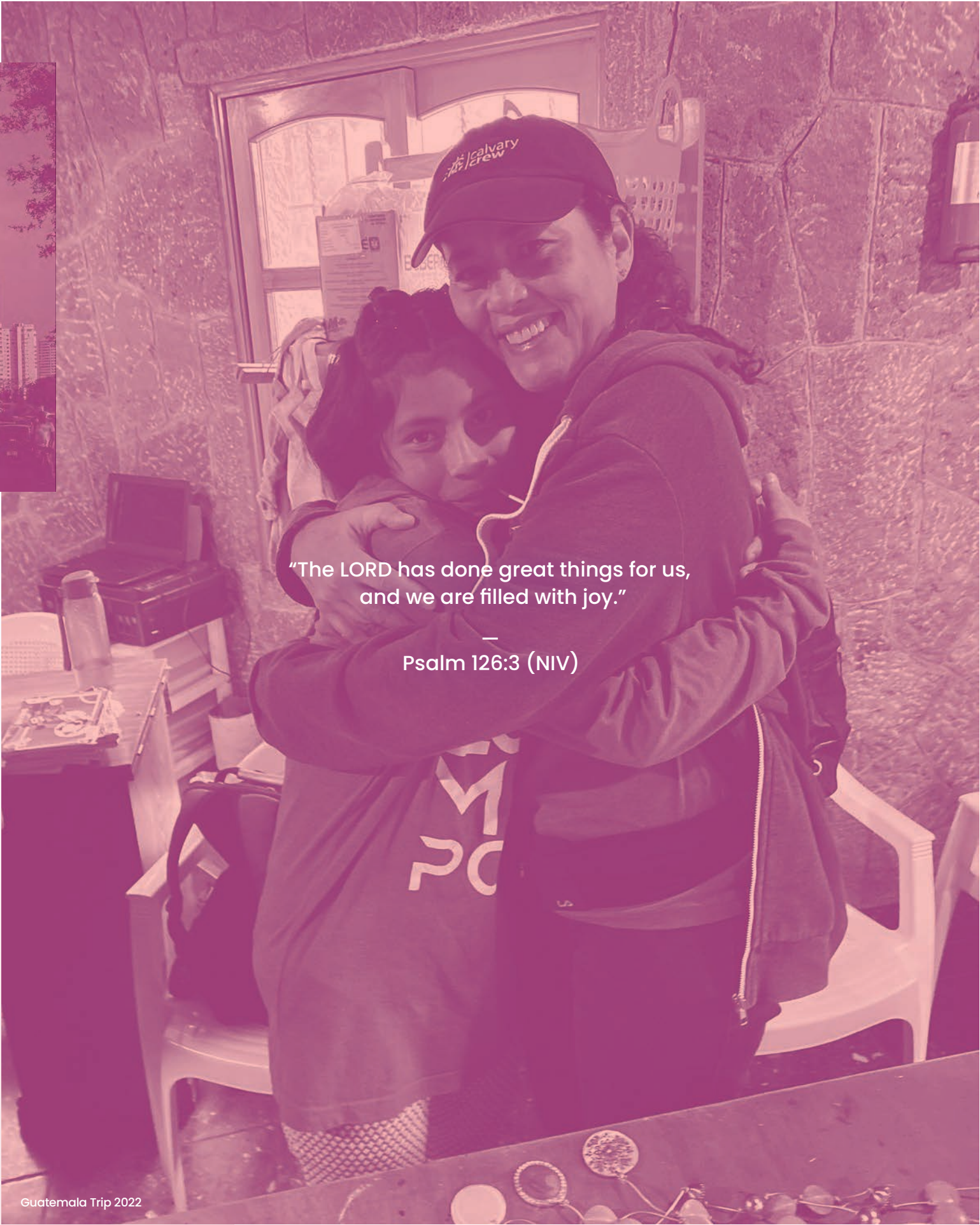


My family and I love to travel together, and we got to go on a mission trip to Cartagena this year. This was a new adventure for us to experience together! Since this trip's primary purpose was not relaxation and comfort but serving and sacrifice, we weren't sure how our teenage son would respond. It didn't take us long to see that he was comfortable in this unknown environment and thriving. We watched him as he joked and bonded with other team

members, participated in our daily team devotions, and asked to pray for a woman we visited while on an outreach. Serving as a family allowed us to step away from crowded calendars and day-to-day routines, allowing us just to be. We got to see firsthand how the global church is alive! God's Kingdom is advancing beyond the borders of our home and church walls, and it's exciting to witness.

-Shona





"The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy."

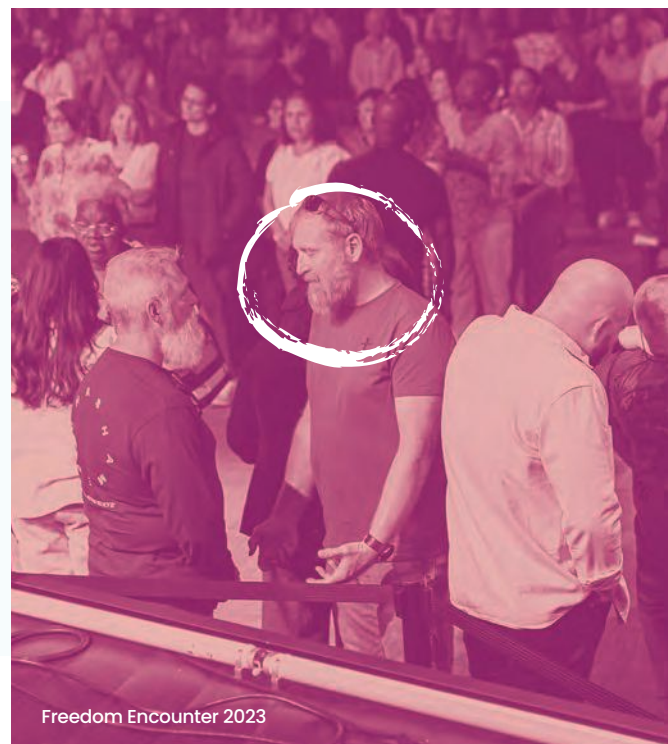
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Psalm 126:3 (NIV)



MOBILIZING MISSIONAL LEADERS

FREEDOM GROUPS

When Freedom Groups were introduced in Spring 2023, almost **2,500** people joined over **200** groups. God did incredible things through these groups and thousands of people found freedom in Jesus.





Jessica, a Freedom group participant



Calvary has given me a safe place to pull out all the yuck I've shoved deep down inside of me for many years.

I told myself I was okay. I told myself it was okay to pretend none of what happened to me affects me anymore. But talking about it, sharing it with my group, and getting biblical, loving advice and Scriptures to read has been healing—and now I'm hungry for more of the presence of God.

The turning point for me was at Freedom Encounter. It brought everything full circle. I loved how Pastor Duane said, "Don't lean back . . . lean in." I don't have to let my history be my future! What the enemy meant for evil, God is turning into good. I have a future of hope and peace. Only God could've changed my heart so I can have a love for the people I've resented for so long and now want the best for them!

I overcame self-doubt. And I've learned how even though the ones who were supposed to love and protect me didn't, Jesus has always loved me unconditionally—and I don't have to buy His love. He loves me in spite of myself! I forgive all the adults in my life who didn't know how to love me. Hurt people hurt people. But I'm healed in the name of Jesus, and I don't have to hate myself. I don't have to have low self-esteem. I can raise my kids differently than the way I was raised!

-Jessica



Are you struggling with something? You're not alone! You were made to live in freedom with Jesus! To learn more about upcoming Freedom Groups, please visit CalvaryFTL.org/Freedom.



FOR
THE
ONE

STORIES





"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?"

-Matthew 18:12 (NIV)

Jesus tells a story about a compassionate shepherd who passionately pursues his one lost sheep to explain God's heart toward us. We intentionally pursue people who don't know Jesus because of how He intentionally and individually pursues us.



ANN'S STORY

For the One

I came to Jesus in 2003 after a friend invited me to church—and it completely changed my life.

I decided to start serving in the youth ministry after attending a class at Calvary about having a deeply-rooted faith. I wanted to be a godly role model and support young girls during their formative middle and high school years. My experience serving in Six78 for the last 15 years has been indescribable.

I've shared laughter, tears, and walked alongside countless

girls and their families through challenges. I've been there to celebrate milestones and help them grow deeper in their faith. Jesus has shown me that God works through us. We don't need specific talents or gifts—a willing heart can make a difference in the next generation. The youth are eager to learn and serve, they just need supportive adults. Each of us has a role in reaching the next generation, and no special talent is required.



For the One

ASHLEY'S STORY

When I first moved to South Florida, I experienced gentle touches from Jesus to guide me. There were godly notes left in my mailbox, a Bible placed on the hood of my car, and I even encountered strangers who offered spiritual blessings. The first time I walked into Calvary, I vividly recall the overwhelming emotion that washed over me during the service—Jesus was calling me. I got saved and baptized shortly after.

I found an immediate interest in the ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) program, where I began volunteering as a teaching assistant and quickly progressed to the role of teacher. I cherished the connections I had made here; however, I wanted to connect more, so I participated in the Connect Experience.

I craved more, so I decided to join a Freedom Group in the spring of 2023, which changed my life. Jesus began opening doors He never had before, and I found myself experiencing a breakthrough in my life. I found support from my group and my group leader as we walked through this journey of finding freedom through Jesus in our lives. I'm so grateful God led me to a Freedom Group and gave me a spiritual hunger for Him. A year ago, I had never even heard a worship song, and now my whole life looks different. When you're ready, He can transform your life.



For the One

NATHAN'S STORY

No one has had a more significant impact on my walk with Jesus than my mentor, Worsh. Even though I was raised in a Christian house and went to church every week, I didn't take my faith seriously until the end of my freshman year of high school. When I decided to rededicate my life to Christ, He changed me inside and out—my words, thoughts, and actions were all different. I got more involved at church and discipleship at my school, and I was having deep conversations with my friends and mentors.

Worsh has encouraged me every step of the way and showed me what it means to be bold in my faith and have serious conversations with my friends. My friends, classmates, and I gather together every Tuesday before school to talk about life and our faith. I love being able to see that I'm not the only one in my circle who started to take their faith seriously, and now I have many friends I can talk to about it.

Because of these meaningful relationships, I decided to step out of my comfort zone and find the gifts God has given me to serve. I've tried lots of different areas, and it's been cool to see where God has given me passions.





I gave my life to Jesus in 2000 and have been attending and serving at Calvary ever since. In 2019, I signed up to serve in Six78 because they needed leaders. After years of being a volunteer with Calvary Kids, I thought, "What am I doing? I don't serve teens, I care for babies!" But then I realized God's plan for me was bigger than mine. I moved up with my group from middle school to high school. One weekend recently, my entire group was absent besides one new girl. This girl opened up to me about her insecurities, God allowed me to speak truth into her life, and now she's finding hope in Scripture and a relationship with Jesus! Whether you're discouraged or unsure

For the One

CINDY'S STORY

about serving, trust in Jesus, never lose hope, and remember it's not about you but about the power of God and the one person He has given you.





For the One

ROGER'S STORY

God used my teacher to change my life. Before Jesus, like many others, I was living for the world, but always felt there was something more out there for me. I tried to fill that hole with anything and everything other than God. One day when I was in class, my teacher, Mr. Holley, had a Bible sitting on his desk. I don't know why, but curiosity got the better of me, so I picked it up and found this passage:

"But to the wicked person, God says: 'What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips? You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you. When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers.

You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit. You sit and testify against your brother and slander your own mother's son. When you did these things and I kept silent, you thought I was exactly like you. But I now arraign you and set my accusations before you. Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue you: Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation.'"—Psalm 50:16–23 (NIV)

It felt like God was speaking directly to me. Mr. Holley told me I could keep the Bible, and I did, but I was still struggling to understand and commit to Jesus fully. As Spring Break that year came, I was bored one day and decided to pick the Bible up again—I got hooked.

Since surrendering my life to Him, Jesus has taught me many things, like how to be a good brother and friend and how to handle adversity. Because of how Jesus changed my life, I also led my godsister to Christ! We're now both on fire for God, and He's changed our lives forever.





PATTI'S STORY

I came to know Jesus in 2012 at age 64 and started attending the West Boca campus after that. I served with toddlers for a few years, but a few months ago, I started serving with the food pantry there and fell in love with it. There's a group of about five of us who consistently serve, and we're always looking for more help. The last Sunday of the month, we open up the pantry from 1-2:30pm after the second service. I greet them at the door with a smile and sometimes a hug, and I give them a bag to fill with all they need. We show them what we have, pray with them, and give them the church's number in case they need extra help. It brings me so much joy to see God show up for the people who come in with nothing and leave with a smile, a hug, and a paper bag filled with things they need.

I also love getting to pray with people and remind them that God sees them. Before anyone leaves, we pray and share Jesus with them. One day, we prayed for a man who came in for food and invited him to church. That next weekend, he came to church and got saved!



Deciding to follow Jesus and submitting to Him has changed my whole way of thinking. A few years ago, I was afraid to talk to people. Now, I'm a prayer warrior and talk about Jesus all of the time. I meet all kinds of people in vulnerable situations and, with every person, I get to show them the kindness and love of Jesus and plant a seed God will grow one day. Since I started serving God, He has changed my life and opened my eyes to see the power of His love!

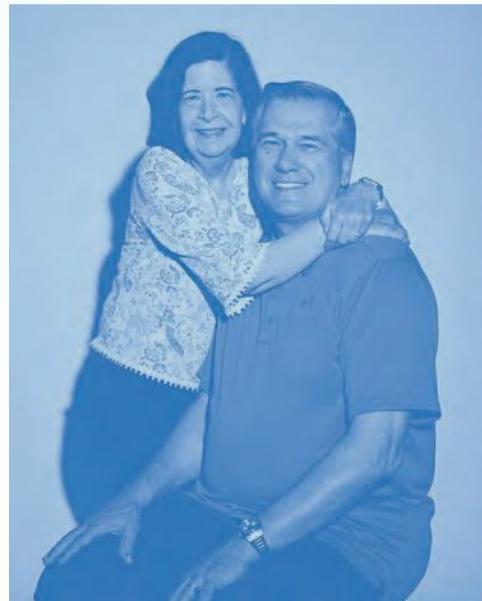


For the One

DAVE & TERRI'S STORY



My family and I have been a part of Calvary for the past 32 years. We started attending in February of 1991 and fell in love with the teaching and community. By the end of the month, my wife and I were serving in the children's ministry and essentially became the first team leaders for Sunday mornings. Eventually, our own kids became the first youth volunteers as well. Most importantly, we saw all three of our children make their professions of faith while at Calvary Kids! God has molded and shaped our faith and our family through our time here, and words cannot adequately express how much we love our church family. God grows you in community, and we could not ask for a better community than what He has given us through Calvary.





For the One

ARIANNA'S STORY

I started attending Calvary Chapel Plantation about five years ago after searching for a church with my family for a long time. Last year, at youth summer camp, I encountered the love of God in a more personal way, and it changed my life! Leading up to this moment, though, God was working in my heart through Awana, serving on the youth worship team for almost two years, seeing my mom serve in the children's ministry, and being disciplined by my youth worship leader, Sydney. God has used these experiences and people to make the gospel real to me. Now, I just want to worship Him, share Him with others, and keep walking with others as they grow in their faith!

This past Good Friday, some friends that my mom and I invited came to service with us. I'd been praying they'd receive Christ. After service, I spoke with one of the girls about God's love and she decided she wanted to accept Him, so we prayed together. This girl invited another one of her family members to come to a youth service, and I had the honor to pray with her and Pastor Justin to receive Christ in her heart as well.

The amount of joy I felt in these moments was unexplainable! I love seeing God work in the lives of others because His work is incomprehensible, but always good. God taught me that persevering in prayer, faith, and thanksgiving is worth it. I can't wait to continue being the hands and feet of Jesus as I enter high school!





ARTISHA'S STORY

My childhood was really painful. Growing up, I felt rejected by my birth parents because they abandoned me as a baby. Although I was raised in the church, I never had a genuine relationship with Jesus. My understanding of faith was legalistic, and I thought I had to work for His love and acceptance.

In my teenage years, I became very rebellious and found myself in Covenant House, a homeless shelter for children. This led me to a relationship that introduced me to drugs and resulted in so much suffering at the hands of others. I acted out by lying, manipulating others, and so

much more. Finally, one night, after making some mistakes under the influence, I served time in jail and reconnected with God by learning to read again using the Bible. His Word gave me back my sanity.

After I was released from jail, I was accepted into Calvary House. During my time there, God showed me what it means to have someone love you unconditionally for you—flaws and all. During my time at Calvary House, I went through inner healing and confronted my trauma. There were moments when I wanted to run away, but I knew God had a bigger purpose for me and my story.

I'm now enrolled in college and an intern at Calvary House! I get to have a front-row seat as God helps other women the same way He helped me. God used Calvary House to restore me—I feel like I can dream again! I'm living a life that shows me every day how God is my provider, cares for me, and always fights for me.

“So he got up and went to his father. ‘But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him, and kissed him.’”

—**Luke 15:20 (NIV)**



For the One

GIA'S STORY

My mom's friend, Pauline, has been my spiritual mother for so long. She's always praying for me, even when I couldn't pray for myself. Growing up, I lived in an abusive household and struggled to understand why I was on this earth. We would go to church, but I always felt unloved. Pauline was there for me in many ways, her faith is strong, and she's always been there to guide and encourage me through my faith journey.

I began to struggle with alcohol as I grew up, but I was just trying to numb my pain. Then, one

night, I cried out to God to save me, and He answered by giving me my daughter. Because of my daughter, I was able to stop drinking, and I was able to turn my life around. Since then, God has allowed me to use my story to remind others that no matter where they are, God can rescue, redeem, and restore them! I get to be a Pauline for other people and pray for them, even if they can't themselves.

God has continued to bless me through serving others. Since I began serving with the online ministry, the ESOL ministry, and One City Prayer, I've seen firsthand how God changes many lives. The community we've created has been a place I can lean on.

A few years ago, I was basically homeless, and the community I formed from the online ministry stepped in and provided for me and my daughter. I am entirely grateful to God and to them for loving and providing for me during my season of drought. I wouldn't be the same if it weren't for people like Pauline and my online community. We pray for each other, encourage each other, and always love each other. This is who our God is! He's loving, kind, giving, gracious, and faithful.





HOW TO GIVE

TEXT

You can give instantly with a single text message using your mobile phone. Simply text **"Give"** to **31352**.

ONLINE

Online giving is a simple and secure way to give. You can give a single gift or schedule recurring giving using your checking account, debit, or credit card. Simply go to **CalvaryFTL.org/Give**.

APP

Download our app by searching **"CalvaryFTL"** in the App Store or Google Play Store.



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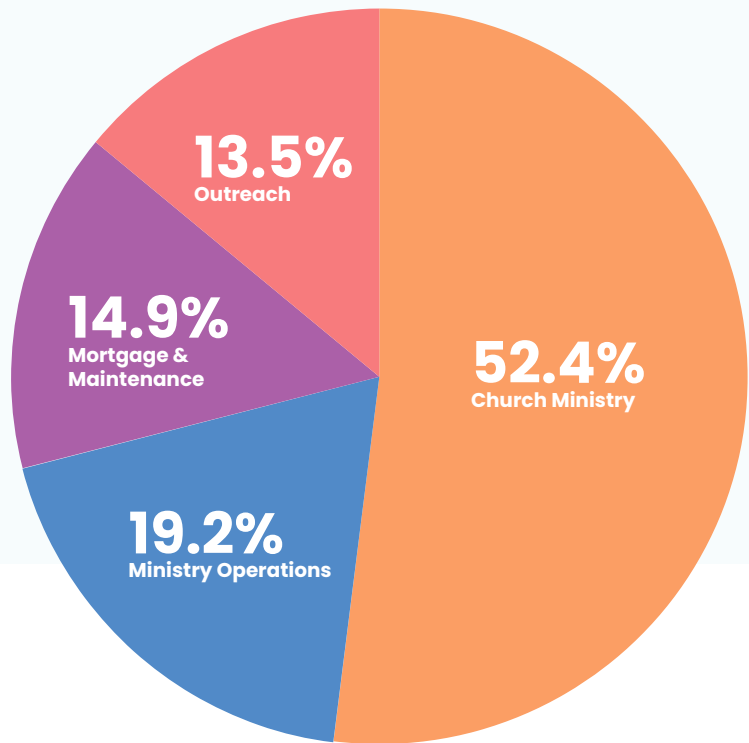
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As we grow in our relationship with the Lord, our grip on everything He provides has become lighter and lighter. We strive to be good stewards and pray that not us, but only He is seen through our generosity so He receives the praise, honor, and glory."

-Brett and Kym
Plantation Campus



"Why do we give? We give because the Lord calls us to do so. God has blessed us with the gift of giving and a desire to help others and make a difference. Everything belongs to the Lord, and we're able to worship Him through our giving. We give our tithes and offerings to Calvary, our home church, because we know Calvary is a faithful steward

of God's resources. We're so thankful to be able to be a small part of the big things that the community of believers, and Calvary, does to make a difference in South Florida and throughout the world! The joy we receive from giving and helping others is priceless!

-Joseph and Irina
Fort Lauderdale Campus



WHY GIVE?

As followers of Jesus, our giving is motivated by so many important things. It's an act of worship in response to God's gracious provision, it's a meaningful surrender to His leadership in our lives, and it's a tangible expression to the world around us of His overwhelming generosity!

The simple biblical idea behind every reason we give is this: **stewardship**. We're part of the beautiful story of redemption and restoration that has been unfolding since the beginning of time, and God has entrusted us—you and me—in a unique and special way as caretakers. Walking through Scripture reveals this truth so clearly:

God is the **CREATOR** and **OWNER** of all things.
(Psalm 24:1-2)

God gives us the ability to **WORK**
and **PRODUCE WEALTH**.
(Genesis 2:15, Deuteronomy 8:17-18)

God entrusts and empowers us to
MANAGE HIS RESOURCES wisely.
(Matthew 25:21)

God leverages our stewardship for
His **PURPOSE** and **MISSION**.
(Acts 2:42-47)

God evaluates our stewardship for
His **GLORY** and our **GOOD**.
(Romans 14:12)



A biblical steward is someone who properly and joyfully manages God's resources (their availability, gifts, and finances), so the Lord will be glorified, others will be blessed, and they'll be ready to give an account to Him one day. No matter where you are on your journey of generosity, you can always take the next step and grow in your role as a biblical steward. And here at Calvary, our Engagement Team is available to encourage you and pray with you as you grow in generosity!

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God is always at work. How has He been faithful in your story?

Because of God's faithfulness, we take courage and hold steadfast to hope. God's work is always one of transformation—and He's not done yet. He's continuing legacies in our midst, reaching the lost in our city, uplifting the vulnerable, and renewing the broken. He is writing a story of redemption, and you are a part of that story.

And it's not just one moment marked in time, but rather trusting Him faithfully day after day, week after week, year after year. This is worthy work—showing up to worship, to serve, to give.

This is the Kingdom work we're invited to be a part of through His church. This is how we answer the call to go after the one.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

—2 Corinthians 5:17–21



