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Celebrating Seventy Years

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A Letter From The Managing Editor



Kiplin Batchelor

CFN Board Vice Chair Exec. Assistant
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"I am the God of your forefathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" (Acts 7:32, NET Bible).

We often focus on our own life with all its blessings and challenges, to the extent that we

rarely think of God's purpose extending beyond ourselves. Probably, it is because of our own lack of understanding of God at work, always fulfilling His purposes and plans through many generations.

The truth is God often weaves His purpose in the lives of three, even four generations or more of families, as He did with Aaron and his descendants in Israel. Time after time God repeated, "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob" as though all three different and distinct generations are one. Where we see three individuals, God sees, not only three distinct individuals, but He also sees one family in collaboration, stability and continuity of purpose. Yes, God calls families

for specific purposes and passes the torch to succeeding generations like a track and field relay with each generation contributing to a unique and specific part of the journey to the finish line.

Fred Markert, one of YWAM's strategic global leaders, said this about CFNI: "Gordon and Freda Lindsay fought for the wine skin, but Dennis and Ginger Lindsay fought to preserve the wine." Where Gordon and Freda pioneered and built the ministry from the ground up, Dennis and Ginger have cultivated and faithfully preserved the richness of the ministry through humility, deep love for God and people, purity of faith, integrity, safeguarding the legacy and nurturing relationships globally.

All of this testifies to how well Dennis and Ginger have both valued and protected the spiritual wine at CFN. After 40 years of servant leadership, the core values of the ministry, along with the mission and vision of the organization, have not been scripturally diluted, secularized or hijacked for selfish gain; instead, they have been stewarded well. However, one day Dennis and Ginger will eventually pass the legacy baton to a 3rd generation of Lindsays.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kiplin Batchelor".



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CALENDAR

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JUNE

FALL SEMESTER EARLY REGISTRATION

June 18 - July 29

KIDS FOR THE NATIONS

Week 1: June 18-22

Week 2: June 25-29

kidsforthenations.com

YOUTH FOR THE NATIONS

Week 1: June 11-15

Week 2: June 18-22

Week 3: June 25-29

youthforthenations.com

SEPTEMBER

THE ASSOCIATION OF BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

September 10-11

This is an informal gathering of leaders from overseas who will be fellowshiping and sharing with us on campus.

VOICE OF HEALING CONFERENCE

September 12-15

cfni.org/vohc2018

JULY

PRETEEN IMPACT

Week 1: July 16-19

cfni.org/preteenimpact

YOUTH FOR THE NATIONS

Week 4: July 2-6

youthforthenations.com

SPANISH YFN

July 9-13

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AUGUST

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

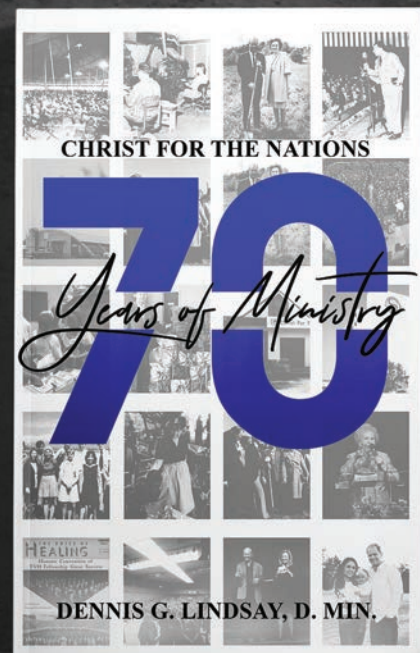
August 10

CFNI REUNION

August 20-21

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

August 20



As you read about our exciting journey over these past 70 years, you will be encouraged and inspired to fulfill all that God is calling you to do for His Kingdom.

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CONGRATULATIONS

ON 70 POWERFUL YEARS OF MINISTERING GOD'S WORD

"Faith in God built this school." This would resound in my mind every time I would visit the campus of CFNI. I remember when it was only one small building with a swimming pool and a dream. Over the years, I've seen that dream become a reality, and CFNI has become a force for the expansion of God's Kingdom world-wide. Because I believe in generational anointing and blessing, I've seen my current association with CFNI as serving, in order for that anointing and blessing to continue on past Gordon and Freda Lindsay and through the life of Dennis and Ginger Lindsay and by God's grace to the third generation and beyond.

I praise God for CFNI, it is a model of what a Spirit-filled Bible school should be. I rejoice in having the privilege of playing a tiny part in seeing it continue to fulfill the purpose for which it was birthed.

Dr. James & Colleen Marocco

Senior Pastors, King's Cathedral & Chapels, CFNI Chairman of the Board



I have worked with Christ For The Nations for many years. My own family, as well as members of several of the churches I have pastored, have also attended the school. When I think of CFN, there are several words that describe their ministry. One is the integrity of the Lindsay family, which I witnessed when I served on CFN's board. Another word, is their focus and the passionate desire they have to reach the nations. Their worship is unmatched. Another word would be sacrifice. The Lindsay family and staff think nothing of personal sacrifice. I have the warmest thoughts and deepest respect for CFN. Bottom line: we love CFNI.

Dr. Jim & Rosemary Garlow

Senior Pastors, Skyline Church, San Diego, CA



70 YEARS

CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS LEGACY

How does one describe the powerful, lasting impact a ministry has demonstrated for 70 years on just a few pages of a magazine? The truth is, "We can't." So for that very reason, **we have divided this amazing journey into several time periods**, which will appear in each of our magazines this year.

For this issue, we will focus on the key events and individuals from **the Lindsay second generation ...**

Dennis and Ginger Lindsay, Gilbert and Shirley Lindsay, Shira (Lindsay) and Ari Sorko-Ram.

The legacy continues. These family members have all gone in different directions, but ministering the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ is still at the foundation of what they have chosen to do in following God's command for their lives. May their hearts be strengthened as they continue their pursuit. May your heart be strengthened and encouraged as you follow their leading to serve God.



1970

WEDDING

Dennis Lindsay and Ginger Krickbaum met during his senior year at Southern California College in Costa Mesa. Through a "Dating Game" experience, Ginger chose Dennis out of three bachelors and they became sweethearts. Two years later in 1970, they were married on Dennis' birthday.

1970's

FAMILY

Dennis and Ginger have three children, Missy (1975), Hawni (1977), and Golan (1982).



1974

FIRST SUMMER OUTREACHES TO MEXICO

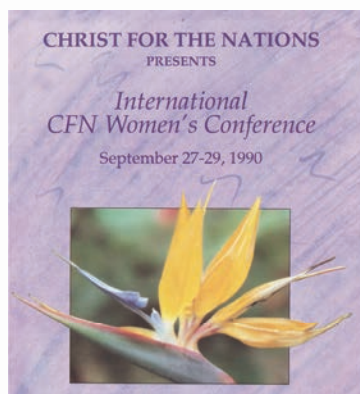
Dennis and Ginger take their first outreach to Mexico. This initiated the program for CFNI students to take summer outreaches as a part of their education process.



1985 NEW PRESIDENT OF CFNI

Freda (Mom) Lindsay passes the baton as President of CFNI to her son, Dennis Lindsay.

1990 WOMENS' CONFERENCE



FROM YOUR HOSTESS,
GINGER LINDSAY...

Welcome!



At Freda's request, Ginger Lindsay began the annual Womens' conferences on the CFNI campus. In 2015, it was refocused the **VOICE OF HEALING CONFERENCE** and still continues annually. Many well known healing evangelists have ministered, including Heidi Baker, at the conference.



1990

CREATION SCIENCE SERIES

Dennis Lindsay publishes volume one, *Foundations For Creation*, of the 21-volume Creation Science Series.

2000's

ACADEMIC ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

CFNI along with DBU, SAGU, ORU, Kings Univ. and other universities establish Articulation Agreements. In 2016, DBU begins concurrent classes on the CFNI campus, offering joint Bachelor's Degrees. In 2018, CFNI signed a similar agreement with Grand Canyon University.

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THE KING'S UNIVERSITY



2001 FELLOWSHIP OF MINISTERS AND CHURCHES (FMC)

Fellowship of Ministers and Churches (FMC) was established with Mike Massa as the President. It had previously been the Alumni Ministers' Fellowship.



2003

EVENING AND WEEKEND / ONLINE PROGRAM

CFNI established an Evening and Weekend School to train and equip business and ministry professionals who could not attend class sessions during regular weekly hours. The **ONLINE SCHOOL** was started in 2012, offering audio classes. In 2013, CFNI began to offer videos of the classes available.



**SPECIAL
TOUR
AVAILABLE**



2010

MUSEUM OF EARTH HISTORY

Phase one of the **MUSEUM OF EARTH HISTORY** was opened in the Freda Lindsay Missions building.



2010

GINGER IS APPOINTED COO

At the semi-annual CFNI Board meeting, Ginger Lindsay was appointed to take the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO), which she served in until 2015. At that time, Golan Lindsay was appointed to fill the position.

2011

FOUNDER'S DAY / FREDA LINDSAY AWARD

The year after Freda went to Heaven, Ginger established the annual Freda Lindsay Award, which honors other women of faith who exemplify the same character and accomplishments "Mom" Lindsay had. It is presented at the Founder's Day celebration each year as we reflect upon CFNI's vision and its builders, Gordon and Freda Lindsay.



2012

ISRAEL TOUR

Gordon and Freda Lindsay led the first CFN Israel tour in 1967. Over 50 tours have taken place since then. Today, Dennis and Ginger lead the tours annually. Dennis also presents Creation lectures at the different locations.

SHIRA (LINDSAY) SORKO-RAM



1967

SHIRA (CAROLE) MOVES TO ISRAEL

In 1967 Shira (Carole) took her second trip to Israel with her parents. His land captured her heart, so she moved there that year.

1990's

MAOZ SPONSORS MUSIC PROGRAM

Music and worship have been a core focus. Maoz sponsors a program which enables talented

children from believing homes across the country to study music and voice. To date, there are 41 students with plans to expand to 60 students this year. Maoz has also produced a number of worship music albums in Hebrew.

1976 MAOZ—MESSIANIC JEWISH MINISTRY BEGINS

Shira traveled to the U.S. to recruit born-again Jewish believers to immigrate to Israel and help establish a Messianic core group in Tel Aviv. She met Ari in Los Angeles. He immigrated to Israel and together they established Maoz Israel ministry. With Pastor Jack Hayford's counsel, Ari and Shira married a year later in 1977.



1995 MAOZ REACHES OUT

After pioneering several Messianic Jewish congregations in central Israel, Ari and Shira founded Tiferet Yeshua Congregation in Tel Aviv. They passed on the congregation to an Israeli couple, who are overseeing a vibrant, growing body. Ari and Shira have pioneered many outreaches including leadership conferences and standing against persecution of Messianic Jews in a number of court cases.



1977-1979

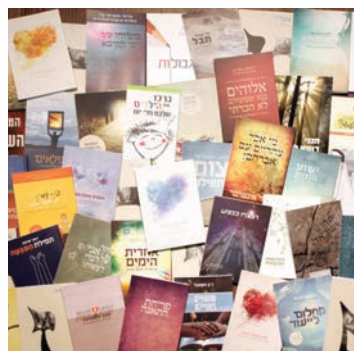
FAMILY

Ari and Shira have two children, Ayal (1977), and Shani (1979).

1980

TRANSLATING BOOKS

Maoz began to produce and translate faith-building books in Hebrew for Israeli believers—a critical component for their spiritual growth. Today, more than 90 books have been published and are featured on websites.





2000 MAOZ PARTNERS WITH OTHER MINISTRIES

Maoz is known as a ministry that partners with a wide range of other ministries in Israel. Many of these partnerships are connected with helping children, teenagers and discipleship for those preparing for the army and college. They support many other outreaches such as rehab centers, Ethiopian Jewish congregations and Arab ministries in Israel and the Palestinian areas.

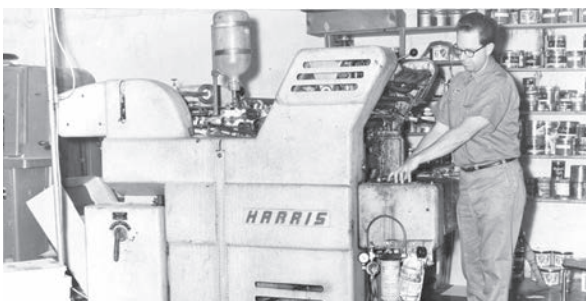


2002 DISTRIBUTING PASSOVER GIFTS TO THE POOR, ELDERLY AND HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN KIRYAT GAT

IstandwithIsrael.com was established as a benevolence outreach of Maoz Israel Ministries to meet the needs of hurting believers, distributing over \$5,000,000 to mostly Israeli believers after careful vetting. It has also been a source of help to new immigrants learning the Hebrew language and young believers applying for university scholarships.

GILBERT LINDSAY

1963 Gilbert begins working full-time, printing Christian literature and Bibles with his dad, Gordon Lindsay, on the CFNI campus.



1971 WEDDING Gilbert and Shirley Cowart are married May 28, 1971.



1973-1978 FAMILY

Gilbert and Shirley have three children, Michael (1973), Julia (Magann) (1974), and Marcy (Barton) (1978).



1990

Gilbert goes to the Soviet Union for the first time. The first six months, he printed 50,000 New Testaments for Chaplin Ray, 13 books for

Kenneth Hagin and started printing 2,000,000 New Testaments for Terry Law Ministries and the International Bible Society for the Soviet Union.



1990

WORLD WIDE PRINTING

Gilbert moves World Wide Printing to Minsk, Belarus,

while it was still a Soviet Union country. They printed and distributed Christian literature for the Soviet Union and all the countries behind the iron curtain.



2007

AWARD

The Belarussian government gave Print Corp (Russian name) an award for being the best printing plant in Belarus.

2017

FRANKFURT BOOK FAIR AWARD

Print Corp receives Frankfurt Book Fair Award for 25 years of displaying Bibles that are printed in Belarus.



2018

Shipped to over
120
countries



They have printed and shipped to over 120 countries with a staff of 250. Over the years, almost 4 million Bibles, 25 million New Testaments, and over a 100 million pieces of Christian literature have been printed.

44 CFNI'S 3RD YE



TANNER VIG
MARKETPLACE
U.S.A.

WHEN I WENT TO CFNI'S WEBSITE, THE HEART OF THE SCHOOL CAPTURED ME—IT WAS DIFFERENT—I WAS COMING. THE MARKETPLACE MAJOR WAS EXACTLY WHAT GOD WAS SPEAKING TO ME ABOUT. NOW, I HAVE A PASSION FOR REVIVAL AND INFLUENCE.



SAVANNAH SIMONS
BIBLICAL COUNSELING
U.S.A.

I CHOSE CFNI WHEN I SAW THEIR LOVE FOR THE FATHER AND THEIR PURE HONOR AND SENSITIVITY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE COUNSELING MAJOR BROUGHT ME PERSONAL HEALING AND EQUIPPED ME TO SERVE PEOPLE WITH COMPASSION/HOPE OF JESUS CHRIST.



ABRAHAM RUIZ
CHILDREN & FAMILY
MEXICO/CANADA

WHEN GOD CALLED ME TO CFNI, HE CALLED MY ENTIRE FAMILY. IN THE SPANISH SCHOOL, MY BROTHER AND MY DAD WERE IN MY CLASS. THEN, GOD TOLD ME TO DO THE CHILDREN & FAMILY MAJOR. MY PASSION HAS GROWN, AND I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH.



SUSAN YOHN
EVANGELISM
U.S.A.

IN THE '80s I CAME TO CFNI TO ATTEND A WEEKLONG CAMP MEETING WITH SEVEN OF MY CHILDREN—I KNEW THEN, BUT HAD TO WAIT UNTIL NOW. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH MISSIONS AND STREET MINISTRY AND WANTED TO BE EMPOWERED.

2018 FALL SEMESTER BEGINS AUGUST 20TH.
REGISTER TODAY

ARM MAJORS

IMPACT THE NATIONS

RENE RABELO

WORSHIP
U.S.A.

AFTER ATTENDING THE 41ST LIVE WORSHIP RECORDING, GOD MADE IT CLEAR THAT CFNI IS WHERE I BELONGED. THE WORSHIP MAJOR HAS ALLOWED ME TO SEE THE PURE HEARTS AND ANOINTING OF EACH OF THE INSTRUCTORS. GOD'S HEART IS EXEMPLIFIED IN THESE PEOPLE!

ROXANA BIRO

CREATIVE MEDIA
ROMANIA

GOD SPOKE TO MY HUSBAND AND ME ABOUT COMING TO CFNI. WE HEARD, "IF YOUR DREAM IS TOO BIG, IT'S FROM THE LORD." I BELIEVED THAT, AND CAME. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT GOD DOES WITH WHAT I'VE LEARNED!

SHELLIE SUMMERS

GLOBAL MISSIONS
U.S.A.

I CHOSE CFNI AND MISSIONS BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT THE TYPICAL COLLEGE SCENE; I WANT CHANGE—TO BE GREATER, AND I BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE DESERVES TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS. GLOBAL MISSIONS EQUIPS YOU FOR THE FIELD, IN CLASS AND HANDS-ON.

LUIS FACINA

YOUTH
BRAZIL

GOD CALLED ME TO CFNI WHERE HE COULD CHANGE ME, TEACH ME, AND TAKE ME OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE. THE GOSPEL MESSAGE DOESN'T CHANGE, BUT THE DELIVERY NEEDS TO. NOW, I CAN BE A VOICE TO THIS YOUNGER GENERATION.

MAI SHIBUYA

PASTORAL
JAPAN

GOD GAVE ME A HEART TO STUDY THE BIBLE. A CFNI INSTRUCTOR CAME TO PREACH AT MY CHURCH—I KNEW I WAS TO COME TO CFNI. I CHOSE PASTORAL MINISTRY BECAUSE IT COVERS ALL ASPECTS OF MINISTRY AND GOD GAVE ME PEACE.

TRANSFORMING PAPUA NEW GUINEA

• *By* Scott Cowley

Although the first students were accepted to start studying in September 2015, the vision for the Agape Bible School in Awan, Papua New Guinea, was first born in 2007, while Pastor Willie Simbisi was studying at CFNI in Dallas, Texas. His first year at CFNI, Pastor Willie became friends with me. At the time, I was on CFN's missions staff, and I'm also a 2008 alumnus. Together we started to pray about the vision of starting a Bible School in the Markham Valley of Papua New Guinea (PNG).

Upon Willie's graduation and return to PNG, he and a team of fellow ministers founded Agape Ministries to fulfill this vision. At the same time, in the U.S., my father and I had just returned from our first trip to PNG. We decided to found PNG Renewal in the U.S. as a ministry and development partner alongside Agape, to see the dream of a Bible school come to fruition.





Agape Ministry Team from the 2016 leadership retreat. This isn't the whole team as our lady leaders are not in the photo. From left to right, Saling Yagi, Paul Kwasing, Lawrence Steven, Willie Simbisi, Scott Cowley, Nathan Giame, Apos Kieng, and Mori Uruan.

Construction of a new multi-purpose classroom begins.



The dream took some years to be fulfilled—conflicts with accessible land, available water, local community leaders and more. However, the Agape Ministry team led by Pastor Willie persevered in prayer and preparation.

2015 was the year of breakthrough. The school moved to its current location, resolving some of the longstanding obstacles, and it has continued to grow and thrive. The school uses a hybrid self-study approach to learning how to study the Bible with 80 percent of their curriculum being CFN's Bible Training Series. The school has gone from one house, to adding a large multi-purpose classroom, adding a school office with generator power and computers, and is in the planning stages of adding dormitories.

The testimonies from the first two groups of graduates, who come from six denominations, have been significant. One young lady, who had no formal education, miraculously learned to read and write in English (not her native language), while doing all the studies and passing all the classes to graduate. Many of the graduates have stepped into pastoral and leadership roles and have seen God use them in mighty ways. Last year during a water baptism, when they were immersed in the water, they fell out under the power of the Holy Spirit. Ushers had to carry them from the river and lay them on blankets.



● 2016 Agape Bible school graduation.

TO LEARN MORE

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pastorwilliesimbisi@gmail.com

- ▶ **TO CONTACT SCOTT & PNG RENEWAL IN THE U.S.,**
please email:
scott@pngrenewal.org



● Willie Simbisi & Scott Cowley.

These testimonies, along with many others, are substantial enough that a denomination, which some of students are from, has asked Agape to have a leadership retreat this fall, with the intention that Agape will help to re-organize their denomination to be more in-line with the biblical standards that the school has been multiplying in their students and graduates.

Besides running the school, Agape Ministries is also involved in other development efforts, as well as relief aid projects. In 2016, Agape helped communities with food aid needed from a widespread El Nino drought. This year, Agape is currently mobilized to distribute food aid and temporary shelter through its network of pastors to victims of the 7.5 magnitude earthquake that struck the Highlands region of PNG on February 25.

Some goals for Agape Ministry in the near future are: Becoming completely self-sustaining, which is not easy in PNG, but there has been notable progress. Bringing better healthcare and access to medicines to the Markham Valley. Expanding the school to make room for more students. Improving the use of available technology and solar innovations to create more development opportunities for the students and the community.



The 13 Bible Training series books that Agape teaches from are available at cfni.org/store.

LEARN TO BECOME FINANCIALLY SECURE

• By Benjamin G. Little

“Life is difficult because it takes income to live. It must come from some source that is prearranged and available for use at the time of need!”

After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, their life was drastically changed. God said to them in Genesis 3:19, “You will eat bread by the sweat of your brow until you return to the ground.” This meant that things were no longer going to be just given to them, or provided for them, or made available to them without work.

Thousands of years later, it is still the same. Things are not free; they must be paid for. Goods and services require money, and this money must come from a source or sources that have been arranged, so you can pay for them when needed.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO MAKE MONEY

1. MEN AT WORK

This means we must diligently put our hand to something that results in a financial gain.

2. MONEY AT WORK

This means to invest some of your finances into a savings account and/or an investment and let them grow through compounding interest and capital gain.

If you are ever going to become financially independent, you must have both. While you have the ability to work, you must save for the inevitable day when you cannot work.

As a Financial Advisor, I encourage clients to pay God “His” 10 percent (the tithe) first, so you will not be cursed



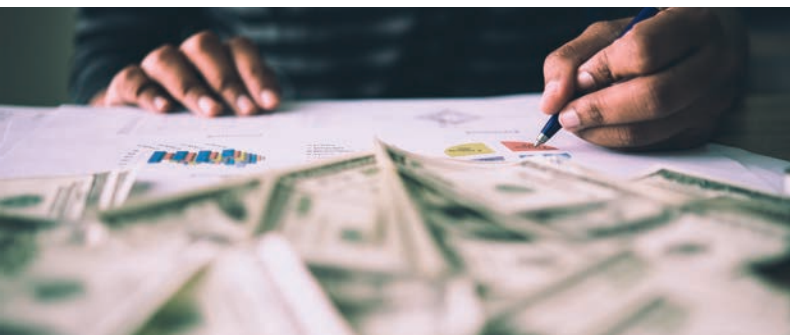
with a curse for robbing God. This principle of receiving after giving back to God what actually belongs to Him is made clear to us in Malachi 3:10, “Then He will open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

From the remaining 90 percent—pay yourself 10 percent by putting this amount into savings and investments. Then learn to live on the 80 percent.

Jesus talked more about money than anything else, except the Kingdom of God. **More than half of the thirty-nine parables were about money, stewardship and management.** It also gives us clear direction about debt. Romans 13:8, states “Owe no man anything, save to love one another.” Proverbs 22:7 says, “The borrower is servant to the lender.” As Christians, we should want to be servants only unto God. “Zero” debt is the key!

Therefore, since we must earn our living, the best way is to find a need and fill it or sow a seed by faith. There are needs everywhere! Ask the Holy Spirit to help you find a need that people have, one that best fits your skill set or gifting. Then follow His direction and use it to produce income, not only for yourself, but for the Kingdom of God as well.

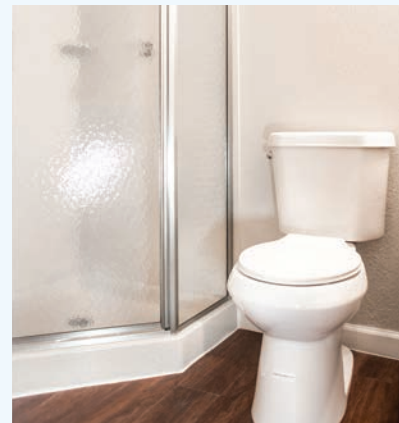
Benjamin G. Little
Christ For The Nations,
Treasurer.



AGAPE RENOVATION



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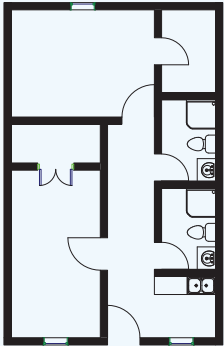
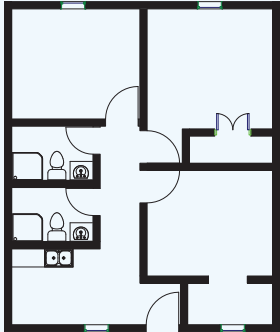
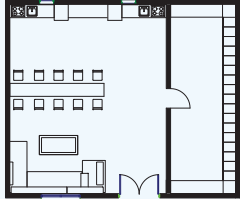








AFTER

Thank you to all who have given toward this project.
 So far, we have received \$141, 844.25 toward the renovation.
 As a result, 4 apartments are being worked on.

Thank you, again, for your faithful support and investing in
 God's future missionaries, evangelists, teachers, prophets and apostles.

Today, we still need:

2 BEDROOMS/4 GIRLS	3 BEDROOMS/6 GIRLS	DAY ROOM/KITCHEN
32 UNITS FURNITURE \$4,800 PER UNIT 	15 UNITS FURNITURE \$7,200 PER UNIT 	1 UNIT  TOTAL COST FOR AGAPE RENOVATION \$1,597,671
ESTIMATED FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN PER UNIT		
 LABOR	 PLUMBING	 PAINT/WALLS
\$10,250	\$3,700	\$2,875
 DOORS/ WINDOWS/ FLOORS	 ELECTRIC/ AC/LIGHTS	 FIXTURES/ HARDWARE/ CABINETS
\$5,475	\$3,210	\$2,983
If we can renovate the entire project, all 47 rooms and a day room all together, we can save approximately \$400,000.		TOTAL COST PER APARTMENT \$33,993

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FINDING FREEDOM IN PRISON

• By Charles Day, CFN inventory specialist

"I SENTENCE YOU TO 156 MONTHS—13 YEARS—IN FEDERAL PRISON," said the Judge in the huge federal courtroom. This meant I would not be released until 2016. I thought, "Why should I have expected anything to be different?" By the age of 12, I had already seen my mother beaten and raped, and so high on drugs, she didn't know who or where I was. Growing up in a single-mother-household with multiple father figures left a huge deficit in me. I joined a gang and became an avid drug dealer. What I lacked at home, the streets, with all its lies and associations, eagerly provided me for 13 years.

However, inside, I knew there had to be more. I later learned what this tugging was about, and even greater, Who was doing the tugging. The surprising event in all of this was I had received Jesus as Lord when I was 10 years old.

The first three years in federal prison, the Lord purged the old out of me—all the darkness, hate, resentment, and bitterness in my heart—that I reasoned were justified because of how I was brought up. He lit a fire within me by His Spirit, which burned and consumed mine. I spent time fellowshiping with a group that came in to minister. As they played worship music, never-ending tears would



flow from my eyes. His love permeated me, removing all the filth of my childhood. I dove head first into His Word, continually reading, as the Spirit poured out revelation.

After these three years passed, I was moved to a low security federal prison where I met my father in the faith. As I submitted to his authority, he taught me about spiritual disciplines in reading, praying, fasting and studying God's Word. He also taught about physical disciplines, doing free weight exercises, body weight exercises and cardio vascular exercise. I learned how the two, spiritual and physical, work together. **I soon realized that once 'spiritual disciplines' were instilled in me, I could overthrow the soul/flesh in all its carnal wants and desires.** These principles became real to me through PHYSICAL disciplines.

God's Word says, "... love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). **However, the key in loving our neighbors as ourselves is to know how to love ourselves.** We can see how we love ourselves by how we treat ourselves. Are we taking care of the TEMPLE God has given us?

His Word also says, "... do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). The flesh/soul will try to justify NOT taking care of or loving ourselves in physical disciplines. However, are we not called to lead by example? Our ways should reflect

character, integrity and be an example of our relationship with Him. (Proverbs 21:29.)

As we step into a new season with new endeavors and renewed resolve to strengthen our relationship with the Lord, it is my prayer that we also begin to take the necessary steps to honor and love the temples—ourselves—that the Lord has given us. How do we do this? What has worked for me, and numerous clients of mine, is to start small and simple.

WEEK 1: Do away with processed bread, white bread, etc.

WEEK 2: Do away with processed and preservative packed foods, like precooked sausage, certain deli meats, salami, hot dogs, and fast food.

WEEK 3: Do away with sodas.

Add: Drink about a half-gallon of water. Drink more tea and coffee (black), and whole juices that don't have high fructose corn syrup. Start to incorporate more frequent meals—every three to four hours—around 300-400 calories. Eat whole foods with lots of dark, leafy greens and veggies.

When you take these steps in loving yourself, you can also love your neighbors. Let the Lord give you clarity on how to take better care of yourself, which will add quality of life and years to your temple—all of which glorifies and magnifies Him.

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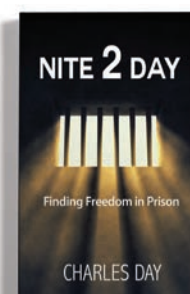
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FROM BRAIN TRAUMA TO...

Does God really care? **Does He have a plan for me, even when I don't give Him the time of day?** If you asked Joshua Skalindar this question, his answer would be a resounding, "Yes, God still cares!"

Josh was raised by Christian parents, but he wasn't interested in God or the church. At 19, when his family moved from Wyoming to Arkansas—he joined the army, training to be a combat medic.

On April 17, 2014, while going to Arkansas after visiting his parents for Easter, he was in a terrible motorcycle accident, unconscious, on the side of the road. Two individuals of many who stopped to help were combat medics. They knew how to prep him for the ambulance.

Joshua was taken to the hospital. **He remained in a coma for five weeks.** He had many injuries, but his main diagnosis was: **Grade 3, Diffuse Axonal Injury, which is severe brain and spinal trauma.** The doctors said it would be a miracle if he ever spoke or walked again. However, when Joshua came out of his coma, he began to talk. It was difficult to understand him, but after a month, that changed. He learned to walk again, but even that happened within a couple of months. He spent a total of four months in various medical facilities.

Josh knew it wasn't by "chance" that it was two combat medics who helped save his life. He started going to church with his Dad. He became close with the pastor, who led him to Christ, baptizing him. Josh still had a ways to go—his ability to speak and walk were shaky. However, six months after he was baptized and a year after the accident, he moved out and got his own place.

Since his father had been in Youth With A Mission, Josh decided to attend YWAM in Arkansas. After finishing there, he went to visit his uncle in California, who

CFNI Student
Joshua Skalindar



recommended Christ For The Nations Institute. Josh came to Campus Days, applied and is now a CFNI student.

Josh testifies that **"God never gave up on me ... even when I wasn't interested in Him."** His health and speech continue to improve every day. Josh discovered, "With God all things are possible!"

MUSLIM MEETS JESUS



CFNI Student
Ismail Karagun

Ismail was born in Dubai, UAE, but his family moved to Turkey when he was seven. His father worked in another country, and only visited them one week a year. When Ismail saw his mother crying and asked what was wrong, she told him his father left her for another woman. Ismail wanted to kill his father. After that, school became a hard place. He was rebellious—at school and at home.

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Even though they were Muslim, his mother began to attend a Christian church. Ismail tried to attend, but he wasn't about to deny Allah. **After all, he had worshipped him five times a week for most of his life. Who was this Jesus person anyway?**

However, when Ismail was 15, the pastor of the church invited his family to a Holy Spirit Conference. On the last day of the conference, the pastor asked, "Whoever wants to receive the Holy Spirit, raise your hands." Ismail raised his hands, but then tried to lower them—he couldn't. The pastor called him forward, asking, "What is your name?" Ismail told him, adding, **"I'm Muslim, and only Allah can change my heart and religion."**

The pastor placed his hands on Ismail and prayed. Three minutes later, Ismail felt a heavy weight on him and fire and heat surrounded him. He was shaking. He thought, "I want so much, Jesus." Then the pastor prayed in tongues. Then, Ismail received the Holy Spirit and started speaking in tongues. He fell to the floor. He woke up, opened his eyes, and said, "What happened to me? I felt something, like the presence of the Lord. I felt Jesus inside of me."

From then on, Ismail left Islam and believed in Jesus. Soon Ismail's brother and sister came to Jesus. Now their whole household, except their father, are Christians. When Ismail read Jesus' words about forgiving those who have hurt you, he chose to forgive his father. Instantly, he felt a peace in his heart.

A few years later, Ismail's pastor told him about CFNI. He applied, and a year later was accepted. When his father found out he was a Christian and was coming to CFNI, he tried to get his passport. **When he couldn't, he got his I-20 and tore it into pieces—just one week before he was to leave.** Then he threatened Ismail, who fled to his pastor's house for safety and direction. **To out run his father, who was still after him, he hurried to London to catch a flight to New York.** Going through passport control the worker asked for his I-20. Ismail explained what happened. He was escorted to another room where he was questioned and his passport was examined. God gave him favor, and they let him through. Ismail is now in his second year as a scholarship student at CFNI. Ismail also learned . . . with God all things are possible.

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