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This ministry is in its 38th year of helping souls discover God's plan. Today's true believers are urgently summoned by our Lord to share with others why they believe and how true faith in the Savior is a life-changer. Our nation's future and that of our world depends on it. Thoughtfully pray how you, too, can stand stronger for Jesus. Be a true life-changer for the real Life Saver!

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is time to start re-evangelizing the Body of Christ

As I wrote this article, the Fourth Congress on World Evangelism was meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland. Coordinator Michael Oh and other speakers stressed the need to re-evangelize the body of Christ – nominal Christians.

This also resounds with our CFO experience. In our face-to-face events, we too see the need to re-evangelize those who have fallen away or never really understood what they did and were supposed to do when they accepted Jesus.

During the past year, more than 10,000 people heard the Gospel message in CFO booths at events in the five-state area. The Lord also blessed more than 2,000 persons led by the Holy Spirit to pray with one of us to repent and follow Jesus.

We also distributed more than 50,000 bracelets/tracts to partners in 50 states and 105 countries. Testimonies from our partners indicate many thousands more have been led by the Spirit to repent.

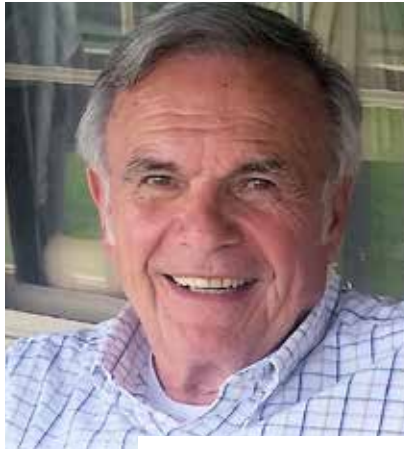
So, with covid restrictions seemingly passing, we are looking to strengthen our ability to reach more people with the Good News. In Maryland, we successfully recruited new volunteers to work in our public events. We also upgraded and formalized our training program. (See Page 21.)

With inflation influencing everything we do, we made some changes to save funds while not affecting our success. Due to continuing price increases for our traditional “walking stick” gifts, we decided to stop using them and to rely on rawhide and rubber bracelets.

We also found a new U.S. rawhide supplier to replace the former supplier from China. This will guarantee a quality supply from within the U.S. at the same price.

We also have begun to document and standardize our policies and procedures to ensure continuity and prepare for expansion. We believe that the situation in the world continues to show that the return of our Lord is coming soon.

We want to help prepare the way by reaching more people in more locations. We do not want to get ahead of the Lord's timing. But we do want to be prepared to do



CHAIRMAN, CFO
Lou Enoff

whatever he calls us to do as our part of the Body of Christ.

Since our inception, CFO has depended on prayer and the leading of the Lord. That hasn't changed. Now we want to engage you to pray with us about CFO's next steps in preparing for what He is calling us to do.

We basically have two separate but related activities. One is conducting public events where we rent space to erect a booth or tent to offer a free gift to anyone who listens to a short personal presentation of the Gospel.

That presentation uses five colors to represent the essential Biblical requirement for salvation (See Page 22.)

The second is offering free bracelets and Gospel tracts in 22 languages (explaining the colors) to any one or organization who agrees to use them for personal presentations of the Gospel.

The Lord brought us through another successful year of spreading the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. Yet, challenges remain.

Over 38 years of operation, CFO has grown tremendously. We have been tremendously blessed to have the Holy Spirit use us and these materials to lead thousands of seekers around the world to repent and follow Jesus. Opportunities to expand abound.

Where to from here?

The Lord knows, and we are praying to be ready as the time draws nearer for the return of Jesus Christ. In 2022, I shared that the Lord was leading us to plant more CFO op-

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PRAY AND GO!



By James Banks

On the day Jesus sent out 72 of His followers to every town He was about to visit, He told them, “*The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*” Then He said, “*Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves*” (Luke 10:2–3).

Jesus’s instructions to ask God for help before they took one step on their journey show the strategic role prayer plays in sharing the Christian faith. That day Jesus sent His followers without money or a travel bag or even an extra pair of sandals (see Luke 10:4). But He made certain they were praying.

They were “lambs among wolves”—inexperienced, vulnerable and in need of all the help they could get. Yet, as Jesus sent them, He didn’t equip them with materials or methods for reaching others. He only told them to pray.

It makes sense if you think about it. Jesus is sending His followers to share the news that the Kingdom of God is coming, a kingdom inhabited by people who have a new relationship with God (see Jeremiah 31:33–34).

This was the kind of relation-

ship with the Father that Jesus demonstrated throughout His life. Here He is encouraging His followers to actively live in that relationship as they go out to tell others about it.

Jesus declared His dependence on God in everything He did. He told His disciples, “*By myself I can do nothing*” (John 5:30). Then He demonstrated that dependence in a practical way by

keeping the lines of communication constantly open through prayer, confident that the Father always heard Him.

It is through prayer that we stay close to Jesus in the moment, and so God’s Word encourages us to “pray continually” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through prayer we receive the direction and wisdom we need to do the work God has given us.

The New Testament makes it clear

“*During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death. He was heard because of his reverent submission*” (Hebrews 5:7).

Jesus prayed continually, submitting His life to the Father moment by moment and drawing every strength from Him. Jesus also told His followers that we are to be continually dependent on Him. He told the disciples, “*Apart from me you can do nothing,*” saying that if they remain in Him, they would “*bear much fruit*” (John 15:5).

The greatest connection

It has been said that “prayer is the conversational part of the most impor-

tant love relationship of our lives, our love relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Just like the first followers Jesus sent out, if we’re going to be effective in encouraging others to enter into a new relationship with God, we too need to begin with faithful and dependent prayer.

Billy Graham, one of the most effective evangelists of the 20th century, affirmed this connection between dependent prayer and sharing the Good News of Jesus: “There are three things necessary for a successful crusade. The first is prayer, the second is prayer and the third is prayer.”

Through humble, believing prayer we discover true power to reach others—God’s power to mercifully and faithfully

move in response to our heartfelt pleas for those we love. Jesus is calling, calling lost souls out of darkness and into His everlasting love and light.

He is also calling us to follow Him into a world which desperately needs the salvation only He can give. Pray and go! The Lord of the harvest is waiting. He has promised, “*We will reap a harvest if we do not give up*” (Galatians 6:9).

James Banks was the 2021 keynote speaker at CFO’s Spring Outreach Luncheon. The inspiring pastor, speaker and author of numerous books is from Durham, N.C. This feature is adapted from Banks’ Pray First: The Power of Prayer in Sharing the Gospel © 2018. Used by permission of Our Daily Bread Ministries.

Pray and never give up!

George Müller, a 19th-century evangelist born in Germany, told of encountering a missionary who was concerned for the salvation of his six sons. The man had prayed for many years without seeing a change and asked Müller for advice.

Müller responded, "Continue to pray for your sons. Expect an answer to your prayer, and you will have to praise God."

Six years later, Müller encountered the man again, who told him that five of the six came to the Lord within two months after they had first met. The man was now confidently

praying for his sixth son.

What a difference it makes when we pray with faith! We must pray boldly and faithfully, even though we may sometimes wait years for an answer to our prayers.

From Muller's own journey

As a 10-year-old, he was stealing money from his father, then from his friends. Being arrested and locked up still wasn't enough to make him change his ways.

At age 24, he began attending a university and was invited to a Bible study by a friend. They talked of a loving God and knelt when they prayed.

Müller's heart was finally touched. He continued to study the Bible and began preaching and dreaming of becoming a missionary.

Müller confided on another occasion: "I have been praying every day for 52 years for two men, sons of a friend of my youth. They are not converted yet, but will be!" Both men came to Christ shortly after Müller's death.

We must humbly submit ourselves to God as we pray, seeking His will above our own and His purpose above all others. God's Word assures us that "*the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective*" (James 5:16).

– James Banks

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erations around the United States and around the globe.

We started such an effort in North Carolina, and it is now operating. In other areas, Christian organizations and individuals use CFO materials and our presentation method with great success.

This second area seems to be growing, and more and more organizations are using CFO materials. It has been suggested that this is the opportunity the Lord is opening for us to pray about and explore.

As a very small part of the Body of Christ, our little ministry has collaborated and/or partnered with four of the world's largest, most successful ministries as well as with hundreds of churches plus small and individual evangelistic efforts around the world.

Looking ahead

So, what can this tiny little part of the Body do to contribute? We want to make this coming year a year to explore what the Lord would have us do. The Book of Zechariah reminds us: "Not by might, not by power, but by

My Spirit says the Lord."

We want your prayers. We want your ideas. We want your support. Will you join us?

Pray for us and send us your ideas and views on how we can follow the Holy Spirit's leading to best fulfill His goal.

Perhaps you can be a part of fulfilling that goal by becoming an evangelist. Maybe the Lord has given you a ministry or an idea that fits within CFO's calling. Pray about this and send us an e-mail or letter with your thoughts.

PLEASE READ THIS!

We hope you enjoy reading our annual magazine. It is the one vehicle we send each year to all our partners and subscribers.

However, we have discovered that many magazine copies are not received. Hundreds of copies either are returned as "undeliverable" or end up in U.S. Post Office trash bins – resulting in printing and mailing losses.

To avoid this waste of time, work and funds, we are instituting a procedural change. To receive our magazine next year, you must: 1. Complete the form

on the back of the insert envelope between pages 12 and 13; 2. Print (legibly) your name and return address on the envelope cover; 3. Then mail it back to us.

If you don't complete and mail that form, we won't have you on next year's mailing list. Note: Those making financial contributions are automatically included in our mailing list.

So be sure to fill out and mail that form. If you have any questions, please email us at ChristianFarmersOffice@gmail.com.

300+ INSPIRED AT 37TH CFO SPRING LUNCHEON

Sunny spring weather brought cheerful spirits to Christian Farmers Outreach's 2024 Spring Luncheon on April 6 at Westminster, Md. Thanks to the uplifting music, delicious Friendly Farms food plus many rekindled friendships, the day got even better.

It was a perfect setting for an amazing keynote address by Pastor Brad Dickey of Baltimore. The Teen Challenge CEO spoke from the experiences he and wife Mary encountered while helping disadvantaged inner city youths and building up the church they were called to. "I don't know a lot about farming," Dickey noted in his opening comment. "But I do know Jesus, and He's the one I'm here to talk about. And that's why I love what Christian Farmers Outreach is doing!"



2025 SPRING LUNCHEON SET FOR APRIL 5

Reserve Saturday, April 5 on your calendar. That's the date for CFO's 2025 Outreach Luncheon – and the return of one of its most popular keynote speakers. Catch the details on the back cover. Updates and ticket info will be posted on our website, www.ChristianFarmers.com.

GETTING OUR WRONG LOVE *Right*

Condensed outtakes of the message Brad Dickey brought to the 2024 Outreach Luncheon.

My wife, Mary, and I have been in Baltimore for 13 years. At the beginning of 2011 we closed a church we planted and moved to Hope City Church – an 18-member inner city congregation, \$250 offerings per week and \$1,350 a month rent.

God was drawing us there to minister to addicts, the homeless, refugees, broken families and forgotten youths. It is steadily growing into a healthy, spirit-filled, outreach-driven church – even though most of our congregation is at or below the poverty level.

In 2015, I was asked to serve as CEO at Teen Challenge of Baltimore. We are intentionally building small, family-based centers, with a goal to expand throughout the area.

In 2022, God gave my wife a vision to start Hope City Christian Academy, a school for underserved Baltimore youths. Our prayer was, “God, use our naivete to demonstrate Your love.”

The love we’re not called to

One problem when talking about love is we assume we’ve got it. But I emphatically tell you that we don’t. Most Christians don’t think deeply about this topic at all.

If we get it so well, why are the cultural ideals surrounding love making inroads into the church? For instance, take “Love yourself first”: It was intended to help people move away from toxic relationships and promote wellness.

Yet, it resulted in the most toxic and narcissistic ideology to hit our culture in the last 200 years. Even our secular culture acknowledges that self-love makes us lonely and isolates us.

That’s not the love Jesus spoke of. He said the most important commandment is: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” [Mark 12: 30-31]

It isn’t teaching us to love ourselves first. The implication is just the opposite!

Somehow, the Americanized Gospel has left us with a fundamentally altered principle: “Love yourself first.”

“We are seeing God totally transform the lives of kids coming out of drugs, violence, theft, sexual sin and incredible childhood trauma.”

We must lead in correcting this for our families’ sakes, for our next generation’s sake.

So what do you do?

Still, secularists will argue: How can you give away what you don’t have?

A better question is this: How do you get what you need to give away? And the best answer is: First learn to receive Jesus’ love for you.

A life for Christ is a connection. Receiving God’s love is directly connected to spending time with Him – in worship and in the Word. It’s connecting with God’s people, serving



and giving. It’s loving others well.

The reason that love yourself first makes sense is because it seems natural. The reason it doesn’t work is because we need something supernatural!

Receive what only God can give

I want to refocus on receiving from God what you can only get from Him! Know that He loves you unconditionally.

Some of you are so filled with

shame that you feel incapable of receiving the love of God. Your key to that love is seeking His forgiveness and opening your heart to receive it – just as the prodigal son did. [Luke 15: 11-32]

Some of you are struggling to receive the love of the Father. You want your life to matter for something. But you feel like you just aren’t getting love right.

Understand that God’s love and grace are far beyond measure. He is waiting for you to open up and receive it. Then He’ll clear the way for you. Get that shifted today!

SCHOOLS OPENING TO JESUS!

By John Vogel

Bullying, intimidation and violence have festered in many schools across the United States for many years. So it is refreshing when colleges, school administrators, civic leaders, even parental groups welcome a spiritually positive force in many communities across America.

That's what's happening in Nelson County, Va., on the eastern edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains. And Christian Farmers Outreach has a hand in it.

Piney Mountain Bible Chapel of Af-ton, Va., was stringing beads on CFO's rawhide bracelets when Michael Cash was much younger. "As far back as I can remember, we told the Gospel story through the bracelets," he recalls.

Today, Michael and friend Rob Mansfield are part-time pastors of home-based Piney Mountain Ministries. Michael also is an acting chaplain for Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which serves as the platform for working in Nelson County elementary schools through high school.

"Our local school board allows us in the school," he explains. "We get opportunities to bring the Gospel and pray due to our diligence with praying over all things in our county."

As the 2024 school year kicked off,

Michael shared the Gospel with the varsity and junior varsity football teams – 51 kids, 11 coaches and administrators – and prayed the salvation prayer with many. Then came opportunities with the girls' volleyball team, the 70-strong marching band, the cheerleaders, even parents.

In August, Nelson County schools held a 9/11 Remembrance Day. "We were asked to come and pray with the kids in both elementary schools. None of them," he adds, "knew much about what happened 23 years ago."

The kids do the "See You at the Pole" prayer every last Wednesday of the month. Students wearing CFO bracelets also share with others as they get off the bus.

First line of defense

Still more opportunities are rising. "We've been given great opportunities to do something that lasts a lifetime," acknowledges Cash.

"Using CFO bracelets and tracts, we share Jesus with all, and pray with and for the teachers, our community, our leaders, our churches, the Sheriff's Department, local deputies, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and state police. Many see us as the first line of defense for our kids and our communities," he notes.

Partnering with The Living Word Church and Calvary Baptist, Cash and Mansfield help feed the band kids and coaches before home games – physically and spiritually. The harvest of souls is growing. This outreaching spirit is



Many thanks to Mike Barko, all of Community for Christ, and Christian Farmers Outreach. Thanks for helping us share the Gospel with so many over the years.
– Michael Cash

spreading from Nelson County beyond the schools into camps, churches and fairs in neighboring Central Virginia counties. And, CFO salvation bracelets and tracts have been instrumental in making it happen.

For more than 20 years, Cash and Mansfield have worked with Hebron Baptist Church to do Bethlehem Village. The live Christmas nativity reenactment attracts more than 5,000 visitors in three nights. Even there, the Gospel message of hope is shared using the bracelets.

Like Michael Cash many prayerful people are answering the Lord's call for workers in the harvest of souls. And, they're beginning to have a strong positive impact on the hearts in America's schools and communities.

FIRED UP ABOUT JESUS!



This tall gentleman stopped by CFO at the Frederick County (Md.) Fair. Joshua hadn't heard of the CFO ministry and was curious about the message of the beads. As he listened about the Lord's saving grace, his enthusiasm and his smile grew and grew.

Yes, Joshua already knew his Savior. But he wanted to learn more and possibly get involved with Christian Farmers Outreach. He left clutching a copy of the annual magazine plus tracts and bracelets to share with others. Praise the Lord!

TEXAS-SIZED THANKS FROM HOUSTON!

Cordial greetings from Grace Woodlands' Latino Evangelism Group in Houston, Texas. Thank you for the beautiful bracelets! We use the bracelets and tracts to share the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ with adults and youths.

Grace Latino Church here in Woodland opens an evangelism table every Sunday in our service. Our Summer Family Festival evangelistic event is aimed at all families in the community. In 2024, more than 42 families were blessed with bracelets.

During our Back-to-School event, Jesus was shared with more than 50 people. We also shared CFO bracelets and tracts with parents of children receiving backpacks.
– Oswaldo Fuentes



CURIOSLY THEY CAME – MORE THAN 600

Wow! Close to 620 souls came into CFO's booth during Penn State's Ag Progress Days to learn how simple it is to be certain of Heaven. Many reaffirmed their faith journeys. And 163 prayed for God's forgiveness and for Jesus to come into their hearts.

Yes, it's that simple. They confirmed what the Bible (Romans 3:23) revealed nearly 2,000 years ago: They needed the Savior.

Most were Christians of varied beliefs; some with no spiritual beliefs. Those most open to the message were between 15 and 35 years old – seekers of what to believe in their life struggles and challenges.



Some came for prayer

One was a full-time EMT and volunteer pastor in a small rural church of a denomination that had trouble filling the pul-

pit. Don already knew Jesus as his Savior. But we prayed for the Lord's guidance for that local community of believers. Another was a middle-aged woman: "I have anger! Pray for me," she pleaded. After asking Jesus into her heart, we talked about the emotional and spiritual healing that would come. Just as CFO's banner promised, we brought "A Message of Peace, Hope and a Future".



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TOGETHER ALL THE WAY

This dad was so proud to have his young sons pray with him to receive Jesus as their Savior at Southern Farm Show. Now he's certain they'll be together forever.



CHURCHES AND NURSING HOMES TEAM UP

Two Lexington, Ky. nursing homes have teamed up with two local churches to share the Gospel in neighborhood outreaches. Nursing home residents received guidance in stringing CFO beads on rawhides. Then the bracelets and tracts are used to share the salvation message.

The Church at Tatesbrook, for example, has held neighborhood cookouts for 20 years. We share the Gospel with everyone coming for hamburgers and hotdogs. But 2024 was the first that the Gospel's spiritual food was shared with those coming for physical food.

After the outreaches, a report is given to believers in the nursing homes. Then the residents became part of



prayer teams and were asked to pray for the neighborhood families and children. It's a beautiful thing for nursing home residents to gain a missionary vision. Thank you, CFO, for making our integrated outreach possible. This is just the beginning!

– **Pastor Stephen DeVries**

CALLED TO WORK IN VIRGINIA FIELDS



The Fruit of the Spirit was plentiful at the 2024 Virginia State Fair, thanks especially to Jerry and Mary Gosh. The couple heard the Lord's calling. And they set up, organized and trained volunteers to staff the 12-day event.

Their team was blessed to share the Gospel with 1,866 people. They also led many

in prayer to receive Jesus as Savior.

Christian Farmers Outreach rented the booth and supplied the materials. The Goshes did the rest.

So how about you? Is there somewhere you could do something similar? You, too, can be a Gospel sharer! Explore the possibilities by contacting the CFO office at 443.508.4338 or email ChristianFarmersOffice@gmail.com.

PURE FAITH IN ACTION!

The Lord reached a record number of souls during the 2024 Maryland State Fair. Over the 13 days, 2,650 people came into the Christian Farmers Outreach booth to hear the Gospel message, up 20% from a year ago.

Some 427 of those souls prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. Another 1,463 came in to reaffirm their faiths, be encouraged and challenged to reach out to others.

Any multi-day event requires tremendous volunteer help to share the salvation message. Twenty volunteers came to help from churches and ministries across Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Five pastor's packets detailing CFO's ministry and partnership opportunities were given to church leaders and pastors expressing interest in being involved.

Pray for all those faith seeds to take root and grow and to bring forth transformation and new life. Pray that they find a church that feeds their faiths and bear fruit for eternity. (Luke 8:4-18) – **Monika Williams**



GOSPEL TRACTS GO FAR BEYOND

CFO carries Gospel tracts in 22 languages to every sponsored event. That opens opportunities to break through language barriers and go far beyond the booths. Here are two incidences:

Mary Squire shared the Gospel with two young Chinese women who received Jesus as Lord and Savior. At their request, they were given Chinese tracts to share with family and friends.

That same day, two Filipino women requested Tagalog tracts. They, too, planned to share the salvation message with family and friends. Praise the Lord for CFO's commitment to having this life-saving message. – **John Squire**



YOUNG WISE MEN

Questions answered, Hayden, Darrelle and Erick were three of 202 souls asking Jesus into their hearts at Virginia's 2024 Rockingham County Fair.

ONE THURSDAY EVENING . . .

Thanks to many prayers in advance – and on a Baltimore Ravens football night – we had 23 professions of faith! Mr. Mike was one of the first.

After hearing the Gospel message of the beads, Mike accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Then he returned with his adopted son James and his brother. Both accepted Jesus.

Then there was Dominick, a young German. Amid the message, he stopped me to say he had been born three months premature and survived an abusive childhood.

Then we really connected! I, too, was born three months premature and came from an abusive childhood. Then I shared how I found Jesus and how He resurrected my life. At that point, Dominick accepted Jesus as Savior. Our meeting was no coincidence!

– **Glenn Simpkins**

SPIRITUAL HUNGER RISING IN NORTH CAROLINA

Last year, more than 6,000 North Carolina State Fair-goers heard the Gospel message in CFO's booth – far more than any previous year. Faces lit up with gratitude as 683 received Christ in prayer.

As one family walked in, dad pointed to his 14-year-old daughter, saying, "We're all saved but this one." We asked the girl if she understood Christ's blood was the cure for sins. She did.

Did she know that just because her family was going to Heaven, it didn't necessarily mean she would? She nodded "yes". Did she know Jesus wanted

a personal relationship with her? Again, "Yes".

By shedding His blood on the cross, Jesus had done everything possible – except for forcing her to accept the Lord's saving grace. Was she now ready to let Jesus into her heart? Her answer: "Yes!"

As she prayed, her two older sisters cried with joy. Her own tear-stained face shined.

Outside the booth, her parents wiped tears away. Now, all their children were saved.



His parents took a picture of their son and us. It was destined for their refrigerator door as a reminder to pray for CFO.

Another young man offered yet another powerful affirmation of God's saving grace. The boy "got saved" two years ago in CFO's booth. He and his mom stopped by just to say thank you. What a privilege to be present when our God saves the lost.

- Don Fischer



Two back once more

Davis stopped by our booth to report his spiritual growth. He received Christ when he was six years old, about nine years ago. Today, this teen is involved in a youth group, attending a Christian school and following the Lord.

WHAT HAPPENED AT YORK FAIR

Here are outtakes of just a few significant York State Fair moments. "The Lord truly breathed on it – all 10 days of it!" exclaimed CFO volunteer Glenn Simpkins. "His presence was powerful!"

Simpkins's team witnessed 50 folks accepting Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior on their day shift.

Jason came into the booth confident that his water baptism would get him into Heaven . . . until he heard the message of the beads. Then he realized accepting Jesus as Lord was the only way (Acts 4:12). After praying, he immediately changed his testimony.

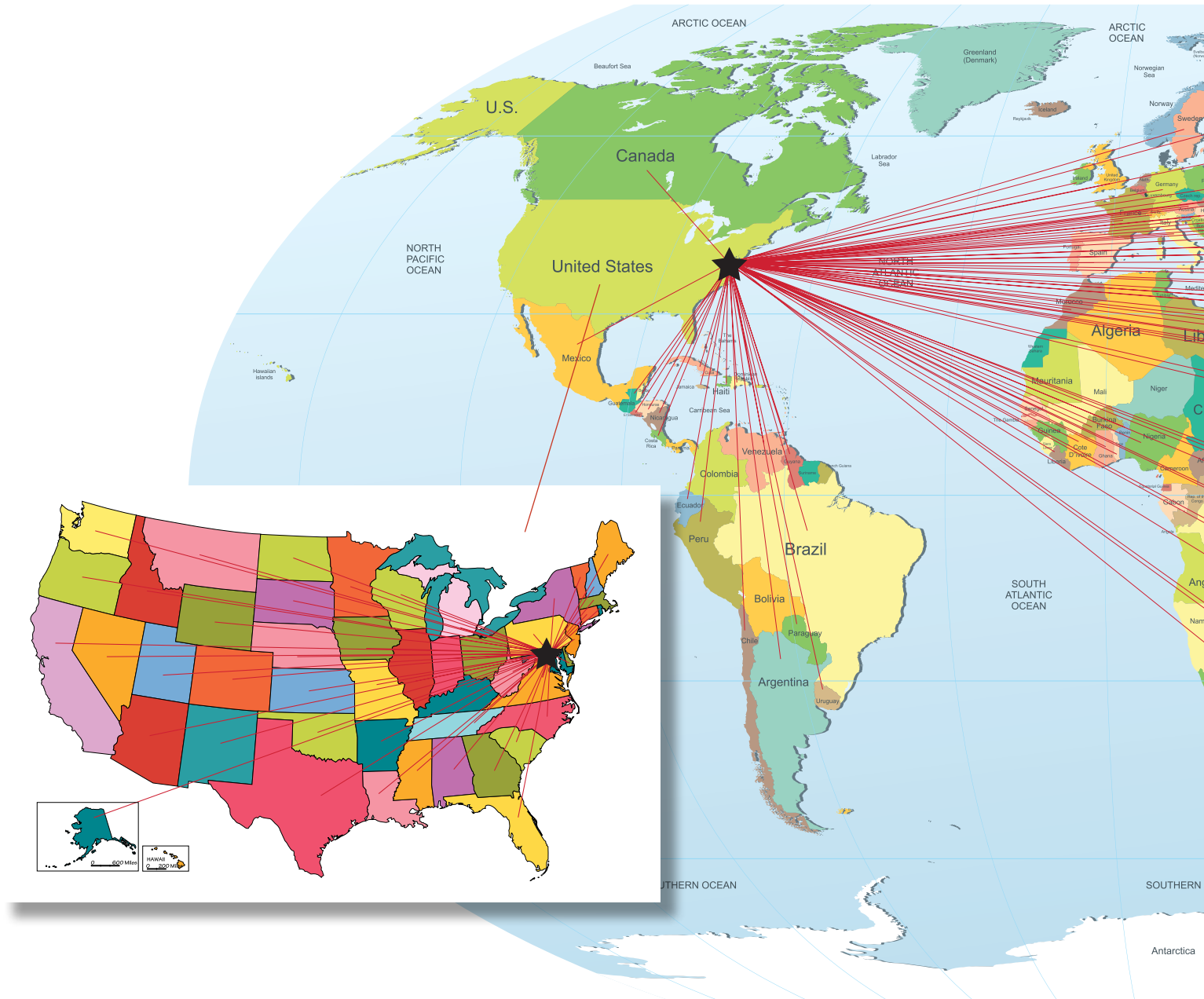
Another man walked toward our booth wearing a knee brace and a fireman-shirt. I asked if he was injured fighting a fire. Christian responded: "No, a fire training."



Had he escaped the eternal fire (2 Thessalonians 1:8)? He stopped and wondered. After hearing the Good News of God's saving Grace, Christian accepted Jesus. He now knew the way to eternal salvation.

As we closed late one evening, we ministered to a late-20s-something soul troubled by his spiritual backsliding. Would he be forgiven? 1 John 1:9 had the answer. The Lord's redemptive love is all part of His plan.

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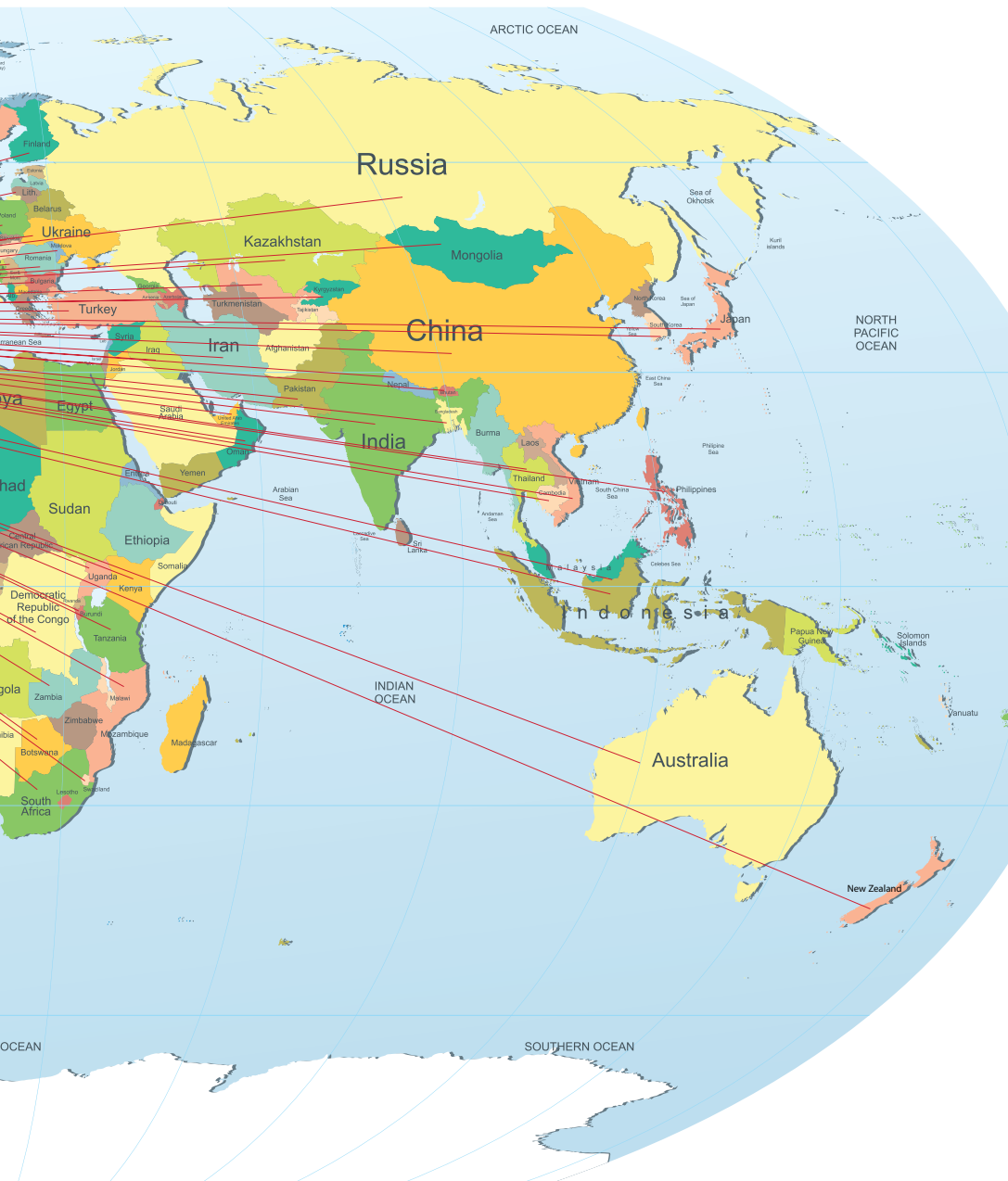
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Haiti	United Arab Emirates
Honduras	United Kingdom
Hungary	United States
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Iraq	Vietnam
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* US Territories

SERVING IN WAR-RIPPED UKRAINE

By Tom and Grace Mercer

In August of 2022, we travelled to eastern Ukraine to bring the story of the colors and some relief and encouragement to war refugees from Russian-occupied areas. I'm avoiding naming specific towns and villages to protect the safety of the Pastor and workers who hosted our visit and the refugees we met there.

We were in the Dnipro region southeast of Kyiv. Although we weren't near the war front, there were constant reminders – air raid sirens, military checkpoints, bridges wired with explosives, sandbagged store fronts, boarded-up windows, soldiers in uniform everywhere, and memorials in the park to the killed and missing. Each time the sirens sounded we stopped and said a prayer of protection for the city and for Ukraine.

A small group of Christian workers there have dedicated their lives to serving the refugees. They're also committed to bringing them encouragement and the Gospel.



Our calling

We were privileged to serve and share the meaning of the bracelet colors with hundreds of children and youths in refugee communities. One was a small countryside village where the elementary school and kindergarten

buildings were converted into housing.

About 30 families live there. Most were mothers and grandparents with children who fled the war. The husbands/fathers serve in the Ukrainian Army or, in some cases, died in defense of their nation. Their stories and pictures of destroyed homes and lives were heartbreaking.

We gave each young person a color bracelet and CFO's Ukrainian language tract. Through an interpreter, we explained the meaning of the colors and shared the Gospel message with them. The mothers were always there, listening.

We planted seeds in their hearts. In



some, we saw a real heart change. Many of the kids prayed, asking Jesus for their

Refugees often asked why we were there. We always answered because God told us to come, and to offer prayers and encouragement to them.

salvation. The fields there truly are ripe for harvest.

Wherever we went, wherever we met refugees and locals, we brought food and a message of hope in Jesus Christ, words of encouragement, prayers for them and their loved ones, and lots and lots of hugs.

They always asked us to come back to visit them again. Please keep the nation and people of Ukraine in your prayers, for the war to end, and for souls to be saved.



HOPE AMID SO LITTLE

Imagine your worst day ever. Now imagine every day in war-torn Ukraine.

In July 2024, we made our fifth trip to eastern Ukraine. We partnered with two local churches to bring the Gospel to refugees, orphans, war widows and families of soldiers.

CFO bracelets and Ukrainian tracts are used to share the Good News through a translator. The Ukrainian people are very open to

the Gospel and love receiving the bracelets. They thanked Jesus for bringing them hope when they have so little to hope for.

Children and staff at an orphanage were excited to see us and hear of God's love for them. One autistic boy sat beside Grace and hugged her the whole visit. Before departing, we presented them with small gifts.

We also attended a children's

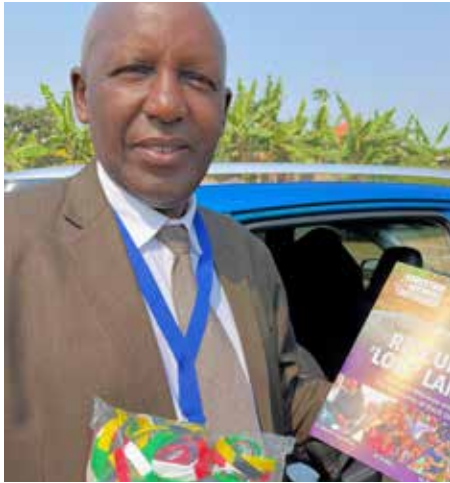
summer camp and a youth summer camp sponsored by one of the churches. Many received Jesus as their Savior.

We've been very blessed to be able to pray with those badly needing hope and encouragement. We're also grateful to Christian Farmers Outreach for supporting our ministry through bracelets and tracts.

– **Tom and Grace Mercer**

EXCITING PRAYER JOURNEY INTO AFRICA

I made my first trip into Africa in 2024 for a series of prayer seminars. Yes, I took fresh supplies of CFO bracelets and tracts along to use for our

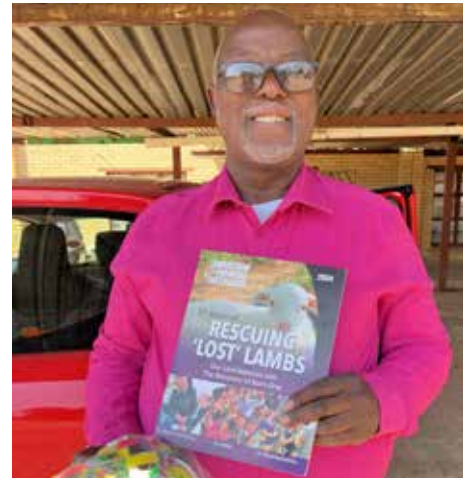


South African prayer seminars hosted by Pastor Leslie Motsalane.

This pastor has long shared the Gospel in his church. He and another pastor have blanketed South Africa with prayer seminars and carried the salvation message into neighboring countries. The Lord blessed their ministries with prayer seminars multiplying into many churches.

I also traveled to Rwanda to meet with leaders of Parliament and Faith Ministries International. They held a regional meeting for ministries from several countries. These people love the Lord and His Word very much!

One is Pastor Augustin Gakwaya.



This leader in the city of Kigali, Rwanda, will be using CFO bracelets with his people.

– **Adam Nathanson**

AMAZING RESULTS IN KENYA AND PERU

My friend Sandy had traveled to Kenya on mission trips many times. I was delighted she invited me to join her. God showed us what He can do with just a few dedicated to serving Him.

Our first visit was to an educational center in the Nairobi slums. Eight teachers serve 200 children.

We took CFO Gospel bracelets with us when returning in January of 2024. I taught the children how to tell other children about Jesus.

We spent the rest of the week with Turkana shepherd tribes – so hungry physically and spiritually. Sandy and I worked with more than 1,000 people who came to the church that week for food. The cooks made lamb and chicken stew each day and they also were fed the Word.

During our second visit to the



Turkana tribes, Sandy and three of her children told the children about Jesus. On the first day, 200 of them came to the Lord. That Sunday I was blessed to preach under an acacia tree with my friend Pastor Solomon. I left Gospel bracelets with him to continue to evangelize his people.

Onward to Peru

After my fifth mission to Peru, I'm convinced that the Gospel bracelets are the easiest way to tell the Good News, especially with language barriers.

I always wear at least two bracelets on my wrists. After they receive the Lord, I take one off and put it on their wrist. If I have enough to share, I give them a second bracelet and ask them to promise to tell someone that day about Jesus. This way they have their bracelet and can share the second one with the person they lead to the Lord.

I encouraged women in both countries to make Gospel bracelets themselves. Many are skilled bead workers. I even told them I'd buy Gospel bracelets from them when I go back. I pray



that "seed thought" will one day result in a cottage business for Christian craftspeople in these countries.

The Lord led me to this bead shop in Arequipa, Peru. The owner and her two daughters were curious about the CFO bracelets.



After explaining what the five colors meant, all three asked Jesus into their hearts. A divine appointment for sure!

The bracelets open opportunities to share your Savior with others. Always be ready!

– **Laura Ball-Gisch**

ECUADOR'S YOUTH MOST OPEN TO CHRIST

In the 1990s, I pastored a church in Guayaquil, Ecuador. I returned there in early 2024 to work with its evangelism team. Our team, ranging from two of us to a dozen folks, went to large public parks during the first three days.

Violence has been out of control in this city during recent years, setting people on edge. You could sense fear in some hearts that a stranger would speak to them.

At times, the older people had an almost fatalistic loss of hope. One woman's anguish was to a point that she couldn't even listen to hope. An older gentleman felt the city, even himself, was unredeemable.

Such responses were very difficult to break through. We told them what God has done and that He loves them. They

listened, afraid to believe, afraid to hope.

Younger generations, while lacking longer life experience, were very open to the Gospel. They almost unanimously gave their lives over to Christ. The contrast was stunning, even for one who has done a lot of evangelism.

Onward to Cuenca with a group of ten. We shared the Gospel morning and afternoon for two days in the city center. There, the spirit was less wounded and more open to the message. Probably 80% of those who heard also prayed with us!

We could see faith seeds at work. Few defended their religious background as being enough. They knew they needed the Lord.

What God did was truly amazing! Around 150 souls received Christ and many more seeds were planted.



We much appreciated the wristbands and Spanish tracts kindly sent us by Christian Farmers Outreach. Several hundred were left with the church to continue outreaches. All I can say is "Thank you, Christian Farmers!"

– **Glenn Sawtelle**

GUYANA DENTAL CLINIC TEAMS UP TO SHARE JESUS

By Dr. Scott Hodges

For more than 20 years, I've taken dental mission teams into Guyana, a small country on South America's north-east edge. We serve with the Guyana Association of Bible Churches and church planter Brother Andy Girwarnuath.

Dental care, eye care and evangelism teams work together to draw people to the Lord. Being an English-speaking country greatly helps doing dental work, even though Guyana is made up of about 33% Hindu, 33% Muslim and 33% other faiths.

College students and others traveling with us set up 14- to 18-chair dental clinics offering free services. Being an American doctor draws people to the clinics.



A local Guyanese pastor and a team member present the Gospel message to groups of about ten. Afterwards, each person has

an opportunity to make a decision for Christ. Whatever they decide doesn't affect them being treated.

Seeing 125 to 150 patients a day, there are times of waiting in lines. While patients are waiting, the pastor goes along the line asking what their beliefs are and what their thoughts of the Gospel were.

Patients are treated, and before leaving they go to the prayer table. There, they receive a tooth brush, tooth paste, floss



and etc. We also like to give them a Gideon New Testament.

CFO's wordless bracelets also are desired since the beads are the same colors of the Guyanese flag. So, a new Christian can wear it representing Christ and Guyana.

Now, our clinics will be held at Guyana's first-ever Christian camp. We anticipate seeing 500 to 600 patients. We also hope that Camp Allness will have bracelets to share Christ with.

FAITH STANDS IN THE WAY OF AGGRESSION

In August, Grace Mission Church of Seoul, South Korea had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with this group of Republic of Korea soldiers. CFO bracelets and the message of the five colors were central to our message.

These young men are translators, chaplain assistants and IT experts stand against the aggression of communist North Korea. Ultimately, only the Gospel



can bring the peace and freedom that Koreans desire. Please pray for these young men and for the whole Korean peninsula during these times of continued unrest.

– **Pastor Stephen DeVries**

22 YEARS OF GOOD NEWS SHARING

Bill Woolever is a truly a multi-mission missionary. "I've been going on mission trips to Panama and Guatemala for 22 years," he says. "The bracelets help share the Good News mostly with young people. They love them, and I encourage them to use them and the Spanish tracts to share the Gospel with their friends and families."

For many years, Bill has also shared Jesus Christ at the Green Dragon Farmers Market and many CFO venues. Even in his home church, he has shared the life-saving message with many children.

"While many are already Christians," he notes, "far too many still are uncertain of their eternal destination. That's why I keep sharing."

Woolever counts CFO bracelets and tracts as a real blessing. "Thanks so much Christian Farmers Outreach!"



DAVE SPARKS HONORED WITH LIPPY AWARD



Christian Farmers Outreach has proudly presented the 2024 W. Wilson Lippy Award to David Sparks of Upperco, Md. Dave was one of the three Maryland farmers that founded the ministry in 1987. From day one, he faithfully served on the CFO board of directors before retiring in 2023. Yes, that's 36 years!

In the earlier years, Dave recalled: "We wanted to help other farmers come to Christ – one on one. Then we started training others to do the same. And the ministry began reaching far beyond farmers."

Dave hosted summer picnics on his farm, inspiring still more people to work with the rapidly growing ministry using beaded rawhides on walking sticks to share the message. He graciously stored those sought-after yardsticks on his farm for many years.

"God began to richly bless our efforts in totally unexpected ways," he added. "Every year since then, the numbers coming to the saving grace of Christ increased dramatically."

Dave had a key role in making that happen, noted CFO Chairman Louis Enoff.



BOB COLLINS RECEIVED THE '23 LIPPY AWARD



Editor's note: We published a story in our 2024 issue about Bob Collins being an enthusiastic Christian farmer. But we forgot to mention he was CFO's 2023 W. Wilson Lippy Award recipient for outstanding service to the ministry.

This quiet, unassuming soul from Mt. Airy, Md., worked in the trucking industry for 41 years – 31 of them in transportation sales. His faith walk took a new direction after meeting CFO-founder Wilson Lippy. Shortly thereafter, he started volunteering in CFO booths at

fairs and festivals.

Bob joined CFO's board of directors in 2019 and became its chief operating officer in 2021. As COO, his main task has been working with Chairman Lou Enoff to keep needed supplies on hand and well-organized.

"It has been wonderful and exciting to volunteer with CFO," says Collins. "We use the five colors to share with thousands of people about how they can know they'll go to heaven."

"CFO is answering Jesus' call to 'Go and make disciples of all nations.' It's a much-needed message. I'm still overjoyed to be part of God's farm team!"

IN TRIBUTE TO LOUIS FISCHER

One of CFO's pioneers went to be with the Lord in 2024. Louis, a Carroll County, Md., farmer, was very active in this ministry's early years and a good friend for many years. We will miss him and send our condolences to his wife Betty and their family.

– Lou Enoff



WHY AND HOW CFO TRAINS VOLUNTEERS TO SHARE

By Monika Williams

CFO's goal is to equip you to confidently share the Good News of Jesus Christ, wherever you choose. It may be in personal conversations, church gatherings, or at fairs or conferences.

Sharing the Gospel isn't reserved for a select few. It's a commandment from Jesus himself (Matthew 28:19-20).

He urges all of us to be witnesses to the truth of Christ (Romans 10:14). We are not to keep this message to ourselves. It is crucial that we share it. After all, how can others believe if they have not heard? And you may be the only one they hear it from.

Many Christians feel anxious about evangelizing and are often too preoccupied to make time for it. However, with proper training and resources, spreading the Gospel can be simple and effective.

WHY you need to be trained

Our training focuses on ensuring you know about our ministry and its background. For instance, if someone asks the reasoning behind our name, "Christian Farmers Outreach", we must be able to provide a correct response. It is crucial for you to effectively articulate the salvation message. We do not just hand them out, but we also give explanations in person face to face.

While there are numerous tools for spreading the gospel, CFO materials have proven to be highly successful. The bracelet and tract lead individuals through God's salvation plan with biblical support and ends by inviting them to pray the sinner's prayer. Additionally, each fair and trade show has specific regulations that we cover in our training sessions.

HOW is training conducted?

CFO provides training for churches and individuals either in-person or online. Sessions typically last around 1½ hours. All those looking to share the Gospel at a CFO event are required to complete training and sign a volunteer form.

Our event schedule is distributed at the beginning of the year, and individuals can get more information about the event

and register with the fair coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering and joining our CFO team, please reach

out to us via email at christianfarmer-soffice@gmail.com. We welcome you to be part of our team.



If you have experienced the life-changing power of the Good News, you are called to spread it to others.

CFO VOLUNTEER RECEIVES A DOUBLE BLESSING

My road to volunteering with CFO began during the summer of 2023 at Maryland State Fair. Fast forward to September 2024, that road led me to nine more fairs.

While volunteering at Virginia's 2024 Rockingham County Fair, I shared the Gospel with about 160 attendees. So many were receptive, responsive and open to hearing the Lord's Good News.

One family with three kids listened so attentively. And the entire family prayed the sinner's prayer together. That happens a lot! Afterwards, they promised to attend a church the following Sunday. It would be their first visit to a church in a long time.

By participating with CFO, the Lord has allowed me to be a vessel and a messenger for Him. The green bead represents growth. As I share, I'm growing in faith too! To God be the glory for the things he has done, is doing and will continue doing.

– **Dennis Glorioso**



NOTE FROM CHAIRMAN LOU ENOFF

CFO deems training to be important. But never forget that it is the Holy Spirit who draws anyone to Christ. Whether you're sharing as an individual, or at a church-related event or as a CFO team member, praying before, during and even after your witnessing is crucial.



Where's your spiritual journey taking you?

By Joe Mish
Chaplain of CFO

On April 27, 2024, I reached 84 years old. Yes, I'm old. God has blessed me with excellent health and the best life purpose one can have. But as you're aware, that can change very quickly. Lord willing, though, I'll write more columns in years to come.

So where's Ol' Joe going with this? I decided to share my spiritual biography to get you thinking about your own faith journey.

I was born almost two years before our nation entered World War II. But I clearly recall my first cousin's tragic death and my dad's maroon-colored 1940 Mercury convertible with a patched white top.

Thinking about the future

In the early 1950s, I thought it impossible to live 60 years and reach year 2000. At that point, if someone had asked me then if I'd go to Heaven when I died, I'd probably have said, "I hope so."

Today, I often get that same answer when I ask. Too many have replied: "There's no way you can know that."

With few exceptions, 21st-century churches aren't doing a good job of presenting the Gospel.

Many don't believe what Jesus clearly said. I guess they plan to try to impress Him with their good deeds and intentions.

Life challenges bring change

Nothing in my life prepared me for my father's death in 1954. My mother did the best she could, but I became a rebel.

I managed to complete high school, earn a few community college credits, and worked at a few entry-level jobs. Unsatisfied, I enlisted in the Marine Corps in January 1961. Two months, a dislocated left shoulder got me discharged. I considered myself a complete failure.

Nevertheless, I returned to college, graduated in 1965 and accepted a teaching position on Maryland's Eastern Shore. After spending another 24 years teaching in another school system, I "graduated" to two terms as an elected school board member. Through all of that, I lost interest in

spiritual issues. But the Lord had not forgotten me.

During the 1974 energy crisis, I was drawn back to church and to a Wednesday night Bible study of ordinary church men – no ordained ministers. At least three were strong believers. Others, like me, were searching for God.

After one of those sessions, He awoke me. I went home, got on my knees and prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior. That was my turning point to a new and better life.

"Can you believe what the Lord has been able to accomplish using a bunch of dingbats like us?" — Wilson Lippy

What's next, Lord?

Many of you may have raised that same question. And He has a purpose and plan ready for you.

In 2002, I retired from teaching at a Christian school, and wondered what I'd do the rest of my life. I didn't have to wait long.

I was soon connected with Wilson Lippy, whom I had met years earlier when he spoke at my church on behalf of the Gideons. Since then, he and two other active farmers had started Christian Farmers Outreach.

I told Wilson I was three generations removed from farming. He said that didn't matter and invited me to a training session about how to use five colored beads to share the Gospel. It was the easiest way to share that message I'd ever encountered.

Over the next several years, I got more involved, sharing the Gospel at fairs and larger events in Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and North Carolina. All of us involved in this ministry have been astonished by its success.

What's next for you?

We know God has been responsible for that success. We also know the Lord is raising up a new generation of younger evangelists. Some are noted in this magazine.

But many more are needed just in this nation. Will you answer His calling?



I'm a Christian farmer; How about you?

By John Vogel

Standing in her farmhouse kitchen, I remember grandma saying: "When you grow up, Bobby, you're gonna be a preacher." As a 7-year-old, I thought: "Yeah, right."

Well, she was close. Preaching was never my gift. But sharing, writing and encouraging are pretty close. How could she have known? She didn't seem particularly spiritual.

While my days of dirt farming are over, my legacy as a Christian farmer clearly isn't finished. As the truism goes, "You can take the farmer off the farm, but you'll never take farming out of the farmer." Tilling, seeding or planting, harvesting, even weeding are in my blood, brain and soul.

Jesus: the ultimate soul farmer

He was raised as a carpenter's son. Yet, by the time Jesus began His ministry, He shared incredible practical knowledge in parables about soils, timely seed sowing/planting, weeding and grain harvest. No college agronomy courses. No "Piled higher and Deeper" degree.

What's more, He was a master at crossing that knowledge into understandable human analogies. Of course, you might say: After all, He's the all-knowing, ultra-extraordinary Son of God!

The Bible documents that have amazing knowledge. Check them out:

- Matthew 13:3-9 – Places to plant
- Matthew 13:23 – Good soil and not
- John 6:35 – Being the bread of life
- Mark 4:14 – Sowing the Word.
- Matthew 13:30 – Weeds and weeding

- Luke 10:2 – Importance of harvest workers

- John 4:35 – Timely harvest's importance

Pride and blindness distort

Non-believers often conjure up an image that gives evangelism a bad rap. And yes, some evangelists live down to that image.

But the stereotypic image of a soapbox evangelist yelling "Repent or you'll go to hell!" isn't Jesus' model. Nonetheless, it's cultivated by non-believing secular media. That's one reason why many churches sadly prefer staying in their comfort zones and resist reaching out.

When sharing Jesus with young and old, I often raise the question: "Have you ever made a mistake that you think God wouldn't like?" And invariably – 100% of the time – the response is "yes". Even young children have a sense of right and wrong.

When asked "What do you think God calls those mistakes?", far too many hesitate to respond. They either don't know or their pride prevents calling them what they really are – sins.

I, too, have been there and done that. Reason: My pride blocked

the truth. That changed on one May morning in 1975.

Seeders, weeders, harvest laborers

Over the years, I've been privileged to know hundreds of volunteers who passionately share Jesus one-on-one almost daily. Many carry CFO bracelets and tracts into inner cities, beaches and by-ways. Testimonies of a few are reported elsewhere in this issue.

I'm totally humbled by their high-octane zeal. The Holy Spirit is their prime fuel and power source. And the Lord's light shines through them.

No fat commissions. No fancy cars. No TV royalties.

They are missionaries in every sense. They do what they do, often with limited financial support from family, friends and multiple churches, but aren't in it for earthly treasures. Their greatest joys come from bringing just one more lost soul one step closer to eternal blessings.

So, do you sense a calling by your Savior to be a Christian farmer? America and the world sorely needs a multitude more. Pray on it. Trust that the Lord will lead you up the right faith journey path to share just one-on-one. You'll be blessed!

SOWING FAITH SEEDS

While never an agrarian farmer, Don Fischer loves being a Christian farmer, a sower of faith seeds and a cultivator of souls. On two steamy August days at a Cincinnati park festival, Fischer and his team shared the life-changing Gospel with more than 250 souls; 60 prayed, asking Jesus into their hearts.



TIME FOR A NEW START

This past year has been filled with many tragic events in the United States and around the world.

Wars, rising crime and dissension, persecution of Jews, Israel and Christians; advancing woke policies against family and God, distortion of truth and civility. The list goes on and on.

All these actions cause us to sometimes forget what Jesus said: "... in Me you will have peace. In this world, you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

If you are feeling this world is spinning out of control, stop and pray. Pray for those around you and for our nation which seems to have forgotten its Christian foundations. Don't know how to begin?

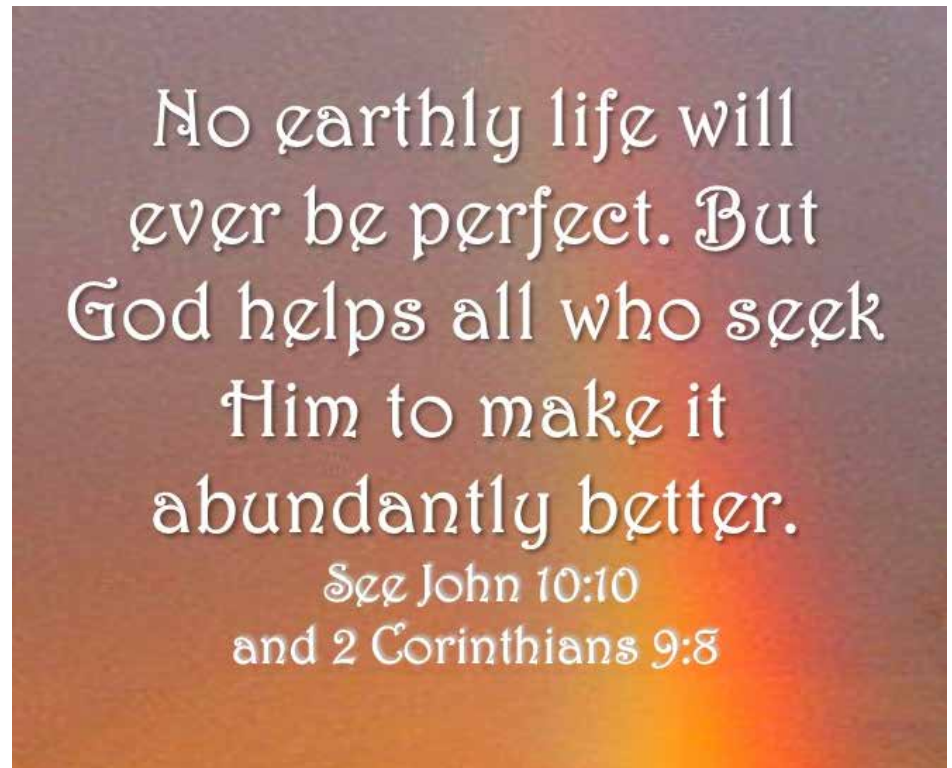
What you can do

Here are five ways to help yourself, family, friends, neighbors and others discover new life:

- Start with the accompanying prayer written many years ago by Billy Graham. Then add your own words and encourage others to pray. The Scriptures assure us that the prayers of a righteous person avail much. God said it. We believe it!

- Recognize God's unmatched ability to abundantly bless you and give you all you physically and spiritually need. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

- Regularly attend a Bible-teaching church that truly welcomes you. Yes, they are out there. More and more are finding these vibrant faith communities. You need regular spiritual nourishment to grow in grace and knowledge of the Savior. (2 Peter 3:18)



- Think: "Less about me; more about Thee". Helping one another is key. Even if you've suffered great loss, helping others recover will enrich your own life. That helps explain the unmatched resilience of America's spirit.

- You're never too old to discover something new to do. Discovering your God-given purpose or calling can add wonderful years to your life. Without it, you may wither away or waste His gift.

BILLY GRAHAM'S PRAYER FOR AMERICA

Our Father and Our God, we praise You for Your goodness to our nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve. Yet we know all is not right with America. We deeply need moral and spiritual renewal to help us meet the many problems we face.

Convict us of sin. Help us to turn to You in repentance and faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace.

We pray today for our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it.

You have said, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." May this be a new era for America, as we humble ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord.

This we pray in Your holy name. Amen.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Christian Farmers Outreach believes:

- The Bible is the inspired, only authoritative Word of God.
- There is only one God, existing in three eternal persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.
- All humans are lost and face judgement of God.
- Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation; Salvation results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit.
- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to live a godly life.
- Resurrection of the saved and the lost: the saved into eternal life; the lost into damnation.
- The spiritual unity of all true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ as members of His body, the church.
- The ministry of evangelism and discipleship is a responsibility of all Christ-followers.
- We must dedicate ourselves to prayer, to the Lord's service, to His authority over our lives and the ministry of evangelism.
- Human life is sacred from conception to its natural end, and that we must be concerned with the physical and spiritual needs of all humans.



The Story Behind **CFO'S 5 COLORS**

Christian Farmers Outreach's colored bead message originated more than 150 years ago. It began grasping hearts of men and women as a wordless book of three colored pages – one each of dark, red and white.

Each color depicted a stage of personal salvation – dark (our sinful nature), red (the blood of Jesus shed on the cross to redeem us), and white (our souls after receiving Christ as our Savior). A gold page was added later, depicting the eternal paradise we know as Heaven.

In 1866, Charles Spurgeon preached his famous "Wordless Book" sermon at the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, England. In 1875, Evangelist D.L. Moody shared the message including the gold color at Liverpool, England, reportedly with close to 14,000 men, women and children.

In 1939, Child Evangelism Fellowship started printing the Wordless Book and added a green

leaf, to represent Christian growth. Child Evangelism has taken the book to more than 80 countries via missionaries.

CFO switched to colored beads

Child Evangelism introduced Christian Farmers' Founder and President Wilson Lippy to the Wordless Book idea in 1997. And CFO began using dark, red, white, green and gold colored beads strung on rawhides and tied to a walking stick.

Today, CFO also uses a five-color wristband, and supplies outreach efforts in 50 states and more than 100 countries around the world. The salvation message is very much alive and thriving all over the planet Earth, bringing many thousands to Jesus.

Have you used it to lead someone to Christ? It is easy to use, and you will experience unspeakable joy as you share the Gospel and lead many to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE



From the desk of Lou Enoff, CFO Chairman

Re: A special letter to our CFO friends

Dear Friends and Partners of Christian Farmers Outreach,

Every year at this time, the Board of CFO has established a Matching Fund Challenge to encourage special giving toward our ministry's ongoing costs. We recognize that inflation has taken a greater portion of income from every household. It has also raised the price of every commodity and expense of this ministry.

Yet, we have been able to expand the CFO reach into new venues. We hope to continue that effort in 2025. By continuing to carefully weigh each opportunity and utilizing volunteers in locations nearer our outreach activities, we aim to continue to go where the Lord calls us within our budget.

In our 20-plus CFO-sponsored outreaches during 2024, we estimate we have shared with more than 12,000 souls. More than 2,500 prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. And, that doesn't include any of the thousands reached by inspired churches, evangelists and individual Christians in the U.S. and the greater global community.

Therefore, we once again have established a \$20,000 Matching Fund. We appreciate your consideration of CFO in your year-end giving.

For this Matching Fund, each \$1 donated between now and January will be matched. In effect, it becomes \$2; \$5 becomes \$10 etc.

We deeply appreciate your generosity. Each and every dollar given is used to ensure the presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a needy world. And our world badly needs Jesus!

If you are unable or do not wish to make a contribution at this time, but want to continue to receive the magazine next year, please be sure to check the box at the bottom of the insert and complete the address information on the form. (Please print clearly.) Then be sure to return the insert in the envelope provided.

*The world is seeking answers,
and we have the answer in
Jesus. CFO wants to be ready!
This is your opportunity for
greater impact!*

Blessings to you,

Lou Enoff

*CFO hopes to keep you
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APRIL 5 OUTREACH LUNCHEON: INSPIRING 9-11 SPEAKER RETURNS



Many of you may recall Tom Joyce's riveting luncheon testimony of surviving the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. CFO is delighted to have him return as keynoter for the 2025 luncheon. His zeal for the Lord was – and still is – inspiring.

As one of the Navy's top fighter jet pilots, Joyce earned numerous distinguished service medals. Under his leadership, Fighter Squadron 111 was recognized as the best Fighter Squadron in the Pacific Fleet.

Since retiring in 2003, Joyce has served as a pastor of next generation, discipleship and family at a large evangelical church in the shadow of the nation's capital.

Tom and wife Deshua have four grown children

and eight grandchildren. They feel God has led them to work closely with families, encouraging couples in their marriage commitment, and equipping mothers and fathers in their desire to leave a Godly legacy.

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CFO LUNCHEON
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Pleasant Valley Fire Hall
2030 Pleasant Valley Rd, South
Westminster, MD 21158

DATE AND TIME
Saturday,
April 5, 2025
Noon – 2:30pm