“A farmer went out to plant his seed…other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!” —Luke 8:5, 8 NLT

Ten years is a long time. A decade. Three thousand six hundred sixty-two days. In ten years a person can move from birth into the fifth grade. The world can change in that span of time, dramatically. Presidents come and go, economies rise and fall, headlines grab our attention and then fade. Time marches on.

But, even in ten years, some things hold steady, are constant, and never change. They are fixed stars, touchstones, guiding lights. These anchors can grow brighter in time, but they are never diminished. The CBH Retreat at the Cove has proved to be one of those.

For ten years, we have met each October in the Billy Graham Training Center. Set against the spectacular canvas of a Blue Ridge Mountain autumn, nestled in a ravine dressed by sunshine and hazy blue skies, the Retreat at the Cove has changed lives, breathed new wind into weary sails, brought life fresh and inspired, and drawn us all closer to God. An astonishing family of guests, from Bill Gaither to Stephen Arterburn to Kathy Troccoli and so many more, has spoken into our hearts. Glimpses of God at work in a world thousands of miles away have been matched with testimonies of God at work in the moment at the Cove; these have proved to be the extraordinary norm.

In our tenth year there, we will welcome, for the first time, a member of Billy Graham’s family—his daughter, Gigi, as she describes life growing up with her dad and with Jesus. We will see new friends and welcome old ones. We will find beauty, not just in the mountains around us, but in the music that stirs our souls. We will meet Jesus, again, in a way that is rarely known elsewhere.

Celebrate ten years with us. Worship with us. Be moved with us. Open the door to a new decade with us. CBH at the Cove. There’s nothing else like it.

“I’d heard so many people gush about how great the Cove was, so I decided I’d go and see for myself. They undersold it. The Cove is the best vacation I have ever taken because it means connecting with your Christian family and feeling the support and love from those around you. I feel filled up and ready to face every day.”
Pressing need from the studio in Cuttack, India

The CBH studio located at The Shelter in Cuttack, India, has been a light of Hope to the country. However, due to a massive storm, the studio was severely damaged and is no longer usable. The floor, ceiling, and recording space require extensive repairs before the room can once again be used for recording.

The damage is estimated at $5,000.

Please consider a gift to support the ongoing restoration of the Satya Jyoti (CBH-India) studio.

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Thank you for partnering with CBH to spread the message of Christ through the airwaves! Here are a few of the people who got on board since April with Hope 107.5 and supported 3 hours of radio broadcast in 9 languages all over the world! Thank you for helping us spread hope around the world. And, it’s not too late to become a part of the team. Call us today at 800-848-2464, ext. 2161! Hope lives. Let’s tell the world!

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Yesterday an African man (Joao Armando) came who wanted to meet me, because he found a booklet. He had wanted to stomp it into the ground, and then he saw the glowing words: “I lift my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord.”

Pastor Maiko brought this man to me. He says that these words have saved him from despair, and he was born again to the faith, although the paper was dirty. Then he found a lot of our CBH booklets in a hospital and took as many as he could.

He has lived for seven years in Brazil, and in one booklet he found the testimony of Cosine, a missionary in Guinea Bissau, Africa. It meant so much to this man, who himself converted at seventeen years old. Then he lost his wife at the birth of their first child, and now he had found his way back to God. He speaks Portuguese in his own country in Africa.

“I lift my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord.”
No Other Name

The area from which Samir and Narmada write is one of the most dangerous and persecuted areas for Christians in the world. Due to the sensitivity of the region, names originally included in these testimonies have been omitted. The letters were written in Odia and have been translated into English by the CBH Satya Jyoti team in India.

My name is Samir. I was born into a Hindu family, and therefore I followed every detail of my religion, from idol worship to doing all sorts of bad works and practices. I used to oppose each and every Christian pastor and preacher, and even normal believers, and blaspheme them with bad language and words, but they would never retaliate. Instead they would just pass by, telling me, “God be with you and keep you well.”

One day I was listening to the radio when I heard a programme named Satya Jyoti, or “True Light.” The speaker spoke on Acts 4:12 where it is written: “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

These words brought a change in my life, and on the same night I saw a vision: A bright light falling on me and telling me to believe in him and that I would then receive salvation. After seeing and listening to those words I was so troubled in my heart that I decided to visit the local pastor of our area. My visit to him was only to know more. He told me about Jesus and the Holy Bible, and gave me a few verses to read. After going through those verses, my life completely changed and I came to know who Jesus is.

Knowing Jesus and reading Bible verses led me into good way, and slowly I left all bad works and practices and I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and took water baptism. I have now completely surrendered my life into Jesus’ hand. Now even my brother and sister have started to believe in Jesus.

Lastly, I just wanted to say, please pray for me and my family that I may stay focused and close with Jesus and that my whole family may believe in him too and accept him as their savior.

Namaskar,
Samir

Severe damage was done to the studio at The Shelter in Cuttack and WE NEED YOUR HELP! See page 2 for details.
I belong to a traditional Hindu society Scheduled Caste*. From there I came to know Jesus Christ. My family consists of six members, and we are very poor. I have four sisters and I am the second one in knowing Christ.

Before knowing Christ, I was very much involved in typical Hindu traditions and indulged myself in all sorts of idol worship, bhajans, and kirtan [traditional songs]. During that time, I had a practice of listening to radio. Because I liked to listen Hindu devotional songs and also listening to great people’s biography.

One day I was sitting silently as I was not feeling well. Suddenly I switched on the radio and out came a voice saying, “Today do you want Christ’s peace in your life?”

At that time I completely turned my attention toward the radio and listened intently to what the speaker was saying. As I listened, I was getting much happiness and peace in my heart. At that very moment I accepted Christ as my Savior. From that day till today, I have held on to Christ and have been following him and dedicated myself in his work. I thank God for that.

Please keep praying that I may stay dedicated and continue my work with Jesus Christ and help in the growth of his ministry.

Thank you. Amen.

Narmada

*The Scheduled Caste is a group of historically disadvantaged people making up around 16 percent of India’s population.

Photos (left to right)

• A Hindu temple in Odisha. Roughly 80 percent of the population identifies itself as Hindu.
• Satya Jyoti, “True Light,” is unique to Indian culture in that the program teaches lessons by telling stories. Here, one of the members of the reader’s theatre brings his character to life.
• The streets in Cuttack, India, where the CBH studio is located, are always bustling with life.
• Fishing is the prevalent vocation. Here, a group of fishermen clean their nets and prepare for the next day’s catch.
Networking with others who share the same vision will bring greater returns than when we try to do everything on our own. We invite everyone to become a partner and to experience the joy of sharing Jesus with the world. Hermandad Cristiana and the staff at CBH welcome your support to continue God’s mandate.

“Thank you for the messages of Hermandad Cristiana. I and my friends are blessed spiritually as we listen every week. May God richly bless you.”

—Ricardo, Correctional Facility, Huntsville, Texas

“I was ill but I am better now, and I’ve remained faithful to the Lord. What a great ministry and what an awesome opportunity to share God’s love. Please pray for me.”

—Jovita, Cuba

Professor Israel writes to us on behalf of the Christian school staff in El Salvador to let us know how much they all receive from the programming of Hermandad Cristiana and how grateful they are for the ministry! We were able to provide resources for each of the teachers on staff at the school.

May we continue to reach out with God’s Word of hope as we go. Let us reach out in love to all those around us who wait for us to reach out as Jesus did.
Many thanks to Jim Lyon and the CBH staff for leading the trip of a lifetime. Words really can’t express how wonderful the experience was and how well organized, how well presented, and how loving of the Lord the entire twelve days was. OK, one word to express it: WOW!

— Gary Myers

Do you ever wonder why you take a certain trip? I met a CBH staff member and he answered some lingering questions that have bothered me for years. As I walked where Jesus walked, all of a sudden, all was OK.

— Trish Thomas
Searching for Happily Ever After  By Amber Gallagher

In a culture where happily-ever-afters and ladies-in-waiting seem only to be figments of myths and legends, what does a woman do with her longing for an extraordinary love story? Searching for Happily-Ever-After reveals a genuine account of one young lady’s quest to wait with God and the breathtaking love story she found there.

Hear from this hopeful romantic’s heart as she shares valuable life lessons on how you can: “Fall in Love with Your First Love,” “Find the Treasure in Singleness,” “Determine God’s Dreams for You,” “Become the Woman You Long to Be,” “Be a Part of Your Love Story Long Before Your Prince Ever Comes.” Get ready to be inspired and equipped for the adventure that awaits. Instead of wishing the time away, you will learn how to enjoy the journey and to find every ounce of treasure it contains as you discover the truth about happily-ever-after.