People to People

“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

The Church of God Convention and General Assembly in 2014 will be a pivotal point in the history of the Church of God, reframing for the future and for a new generation our purpose and opportunities. The leadership of this movement will challenge the church to earn the right to speak to a hurting world about the transformational power of the gospel, just as Jesus proved his right to speak by the way he changed the world with every step he took. This event, in a dynamic new venue, where some of the brightest and best speakers will assemble, will challenge the church to change the world, for Jesus’ sake. Join us in Oklahoma City for the main event or in Anderson, where you can view a live stream. In either place, Jesus will be the subject!

Register today at chogconvention.org.
A Life Changed by *Hermanidad Cristiana*

We frequently receive letters from individuals all over the United States that support the CBH ministry. They express their gratitude for the ministry of CBH. We are so grateful for their efforts to spread the gospel to the whole world.

Acts 13:47—“For this is what the Lord has commanded us: I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

Galatians 6:9—“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Huntsville, Texas

Pedro writes from a penitentiary in Huntsville, Texas. He listens to *La Hermanidad Cristiana* every Sunday and says, “I have been in this prison since 2006, and your programs fill my heart with joy and great encouragement.”

Pray with us for the hundreds of other inmates needing to hear about the hope of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to Our Newest Churches/Individuals

**365 challenge**

| Robert and Janet Redman                      | ½ day |
| Iva Rogers                                   | ½ day |
| Carroll and Marjorie Smith                   | ½ day |
| Winfred Adams                                |       |
| —In memory of Don Adams                     | 1 day  |
| Cypress Street Church of God                 | 1 day  |
| Carol Chapman                                | 1 day  |
| Mark and Barb Denton                         | 1 day  |
| Scott and Rhonda Green                       | 1 day  |
| Jack Mills                                   | 1 day  |
| David and Jo Evans                           | 1½ days|
| First Church of God, Saint Joseph, MI        | 1½ days|
| Myron Forsyth                                | 2 days |
| Ron and Joanie Karpany                       | 2 days |
| Ken and Jeanette Ritchhart                   | 2 days |
| Bill and Garnet Stapleton                    | 2 days |
| Highland Park Community Church, Casper WY    | 4½ days|
| Laura Darby                                  | 6 days |
| Howard and Sharon Davenport                  | 7 days |
| Madison Park Church of God                   | 7 days |

We’ve had an exciting turnout from people around the country coming together to give $107.50 to sponsor three hours of Hope. Below are a few of the people who have joined the team. It’s not too late to get involved in changing the world together. Choose Hope—Give Today!

*Judy Lighty, Kevin and Kimberly Majeski, Mary Opphile, Gwen Wamek, Russell and Judy Whitener, Walter and Linda Gatton, Martha Gainey*

Send Hope Forever—Remember CBH Endowments
Ten years is a long time. A decade. Three thousand six hundred and 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 to 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 autumn in the Blue Ridge Mountains, nestled in a ravine dressed by sunshine and hazy blue skies, the Retreat to the Cove has changed lives, breathed new wind into weary sails, refreshed and inspired lives, 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.

And if such things can be said about the last ten years, what about the next? I can predict with absolute certainty more of the same excellent quality and fellowship that has come to define the Retreat to the Cove. For our Lord makes all things new, stretching, polishing, and blessing for the good even CBH at the Cove. 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. Stay tuned.
Forty-eight travelers ventured with CBH to Israel and Jordan in January. We knew it would be the trip of a lifetime, but what we found there took our breath away. We met Jesus in the Holy Land.

Photo Captions
1. Richard Freymond takes a moment to pray at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.
2. Gary Vaughn, Debby Vaughn, Cozette Myers, Gary Myers, Elizabeth Hickson, and Jerry Hickson explore the streets of Old Jerusalem.
3. Terry and Sherry Minton take Communion outside the site of the empty tomb.
4. There’s no better place to be than in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. After the group visited the birthplace of Christ, we gathered in the town center for a celebration.
5. John Wendt stands at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered.
6. Meals were an excellent time for the group to sit back, relax, and talk about what they experienced while visiting holy sites.
8. Jim Lyon prays at the place Moses stood when he saw the land of milk and honey.
11. After the trip down from the Petra monastery, John Walters paused with a couple of new friends—the handler and the donkey!
I am still reveling in the wonder of it. It definitely has changed me, forever.

— John Wendt
1. Obadiah Smith Jr. and Don Fiskars take a moment to rest after the mile-long walk to the treasury.
2. The Sea of Galilee was peaceful and hazy as we made our way to the boat that would take us across the water Jesus walked on.
3. From the oldest among us, Jim and Dorothy Sharp, to the youngest, Allison Suer, there is always more to learn and experience on the path called the Way. This is the seashore where Jesus shared his final meal on earth—breakfast with his friends (John 21).
4. Pastor Bob Moss reminded us that we live in a battleground of good vs. evil. Here, we gather at Mt. Carmel, where Elijah prayed, challenging the 450 prophets of Baal.
5. Gary Myers prepares to be baptized in the Jordan River. Approximately half the group was baptized that day, a perfect ending to the trip.
6. The tranquility and natural beauty of the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized.

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
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
STAFF PICKS
FAVORITE BOOKS, VIDEOS, AND MUSIC FROM THE CBH STAFF

Tune Up Your Marriage

After the first few years of marriage, men often lose sight of the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of their wives. This book equips Christian men with tools to keep their marriages strong and resilient.

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- □ $ ________ donation. Please send the book *Tune Up Your Marriage*.
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