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ISRAEL President Trump stands with Israel

By Dennis Lindsay

his past May, Ginger and I, along with the CFN staff and students went on our annual Israel Tour. It's always exciting and amazing to be in the land of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, you can only imagine our surprise when we heard that our own President, Donald Trump, was also there.

While I found myself asking God about the impact of his visit, I was also reminded of the meeting Ginger and I attended before he was elected. With over 1,000 ministers in attendance, this newborn Christian presented answers to challenging questions regarding spiritual matters and Christian's rights and liberties. Now, here he stood in Israel with his hand on the Western Wall praying. This ancient landmark is a constant reminder of the Jews' desire for full restoration of their God-given land, yet the battles continue: "Who owns this territory?" As controversial as this question has always been, I was encouraged that President Trump was willing to risk his reputation and possibly sabotage his political future by standing with Israel. After all, no other President has visited the Wall while they were in office, yet alone stand there and pray.

Who would have thought that God could use someone like Trump to defend and uphold our historical, Judeo-Christian values? God has a way of surprising us at times. Then I

began to understand the significance of Trump's actions. God showed me He has prepared President Trump to serve and be a watchman on the wall, which God has done many other times in scripture.

We must continue to pray for our President. Whether you are for him or against him isn't even the point. God said, "I will bless those who bless Israel" (Genesis 12:3). The fact that our President is vigorously supporting Israel will no doubt make him a prime target for the enemy and his demonic forces. This is why our prayers for him are so important. Let's follow our President's example and stand with Israel, especially during these last days.



ilacles AT CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS

Christ For The Nations strongly believes in the reality of Divine healing. Our Healing Place, established in 2008, is on a mission to help people experience the healing power of Jesus Christ and to equip churches and individuals to minister healing to others.

According to Revelation 12:11, THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY is a powerful weapon that we use to overcome the evil one. Here are some of the recent testimonies from the CFN Healing Place. We believe they will encourage you to stand in faith for your miracle.

BLADDER CANCER HEALED

"I was diagnosed with bladder cancer in March, 2015, with the doctors giving me 6-7 months to live. I also suffered from other medical conditions, such as Hepatitis C, hyperparathyroidism, enlarged liver, regular headaches and fatigue. I came to the CFN Healing Place to receive prayer. However, before I went there, I saw instructor Mike Massa as I was coming out of the student center. I told him about my situation, and he shared with me about what he had been through. I believe God ordained this unexpected meeting to boost my faith to receive my total healing. Today I am healed—not only of the cancer, but all the other areas as well. What a relief it is to have my life back," James Baker

DEAF EARS OPENED

"After a weekly teaching session at the Healing Place, the minister asked me to remove my hearing aids. He then laid hands on my ears commanding them to "open, open, open." I could sense an immediate improvement in my hearing, so he continued the ministry. He then asked a team member to whisper behind my head, and after the second time, I heard what he was saying! I then could hear my fingers as I rubbed them over the ears. Driving home, I began to notice the sounds outside the car that I could not hear without the hearing aids. I have not used the hearing aids since that time, and my hearing healing is a testimony to Jesus. Truly, 'By His stripes we are healed,'" John Valentine.



INCURABLE LUNG DISEASE GONE

"I was hospitalized with what the doctor thought was a case of double pneumonia, but after some further tests and several trips to the hospital, the final diagnosis was 'an incurable lung disease that was progressing very quickly.' The doctor prepared papers for me to be labeled as being disabled. I had many people praying for me, and when I came to the Healing Place, the healing team agreed with me for my healing. I went back to the doctor who confirmed that there was no longer any sign of the disease. He stated that in his 25 years of practice he had never seen anything like this before—there was no explanation other than it was a miracle! It's such a delight when a doctor confirms what only God can do. Glory to God!" Patsy Milam. If you or your loved ones are struggling with physical issues, know that there is hope. God still heals broken bodies and minds. To learn more about the CFN Healing Place and to make an appointment, visit **healing.cfn.org**.

As an extension of the CFN Healing Ministries, we host an annual Voice of Healing Conference and a biannual Healing Seminar and Night of Healing. The VOH Conference is a celebration of Christ's victory over disease and demonic oppression. The Healing Seminar is offers excellent training in the area of biblical counseling, physical wellness and Divine healing. Seminar attendees will receive a Healing Training Certificate from Christ For The Nations. For more information about these life-transforming events, go to **vohc.cfni.org** and **healing.cfn.org/night-of-healing**.

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ROM BROKEN TO

• By Maria Erokhina

"I am the LORD, who heals you," God says in Exodus 15:26. At Christ For The Nations Institute we know this to be true—we often see people getting healed from all kinds of physical problems. But do you believe that Jesus can heal one's troubled mind and wounded soul? Hannah Walton's testimony proves that everything is possible with God.

Growing up in a Christian home and going to a Christian school didn't mean that Hannah was protected from the storms of life that were trying to ravish her world. She was bullied and rejected, even by Christians; her soul was haunted by anxiety and depression; she came to believe that she was ugly and unwanted. Eating disorders, emotional and physical pain, and isolation from people were a part of that dark season, which lasted for years. She lost all hope that things would ever change.

One night some friends persuaded Hannah to go to a youth rally, where she completely surrendered her life to the Lord. Later, she enrolled at Christ For The Nations Institute. She was afraid she wouldn't make any friends there and would struggle with her problems on her own. However, at CFNI, Hannah met great friends who cared for her. "For the first time in a while, I felt safe with the people around me," she said. Her healing journey had begun.

While at CFNI, Hannah heard many stories about the miracle-working power of God and felt His presence like never before. She decided to take a major leap of faith—she quit taking antidepressants. She recalls, **"Nothing magical happened, but the closer I drew to God, the more I began to trust Him.** Since then, I've hit a few rough patches, but I no longer struggle with depression or anxiety. I continue to renew my mind with God's Word and grow in my relationship with Jesus, my Healer."

Hannah's process of transformation inspired her to write two books. Her first book, *Love Is*, focuses on the attributes of love, described in 1 Corinthians 13. In *Waking Up*, *Living Open*, Hanna shares her story. She says, "I want to offer my story as a testimony that God can take our broken areas to create something beautiful, and to let people know that they are not alone in their battles. I want to encourage them to embrace and celebrate the process of healing." Hannah's books, Love Is and Waking Up, Living Open are available for purchase on amazon.com.

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ACCEPT YOUR CALL TO THE KINGDOM MARKETPLACE

• By David Robinson

For centuries, the Church's understanding of what integrating faith and work really looks like has been very limited. However, today's marketplace is the 21st Century mission field. When we understand the invitation from Jesus to join His mission, our marketplace efforts are now spiritual, not secular.

The Church has suffered for a long time from a dualistic mentality called the sacred-secular divide. For much of her history, the Church has adequately equipped its church leaders for the pulpit, but not its marketplace ministers for their call. The Church must do a better job helping people connect Sunday to Monday. If we are to bring about reconciliation in the fields of business, government and education, we need to think about what it means to be a Christian businessperson, a Christian government official, a Christian educator. These three entities control every city, state and nation.

Many believers have tried figuring this out without much help from their church leaders. If you do not agree just look how Christianity has lost influence in the marketplace over the past 100 years. Leaders and marketplace ministers in a variety of callings are asking the right questions about what faithwork integration looks like and how it can go beyond just being a nice person at work.

Spiritual capital represents one of the deep connections between faith and work, yet is one of the least exploited opportunities by church leaders. Moral capitalism explains why an economy in which personal virtue prevails is always more successful. With few exceptions, the top of the GDP-per-capita list is exclusively occupied by nations that have a long history of Christianity. The embodiment of biblical values is what really makes a nation and an economy successful.

The Bible shows us the truth about human work as part of God's purpose in creation. The Bible brings the whole of our working lives within the sphere of ministry. By contrast, the falsehood of a 'sacred-secular divide' has permeated the Church's thinking and actions too long. This divide tells us that religious activity belongs to God, whereas other activity does not. However, God is the Lord of all life. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men," said Paul to the slaves in a pagan workplace.

This secular-sacred divide is a major obstacle in mobilizing God's people in His mission. Christians worldwide must reject its unbiblical assumptions and resist its damaging effects. They must challenge the tendency to see ministry as being mainly the work of church-paid ministers and missionaries, which is a small percent of the whole body of Christ. All believers must accept and affirm their own daily ministry and mission as being wherever God has called them to operate in His grace and power.

CHURCH WORK IS DONE IN THE BUILDING-The Work of The Church IS Done in The Marketplace

Marketplace ministers go places where traditional church leaders seldom visit. What these marketplace ministers do in the workplace must be valued as an aspect of the ministry of local churches. Church work is done in the building—the work of the Church is in the marketplace. Thirty-eight of the 'power miracles' in the book of Acts took place in the marketplace, not the church house.

According to the Pew Research Center, Islam is the only religion growing faster than the world's population, and it will be the largest in the world by 2070. I believe the only thing that can change those dire statistics is waking up the "sleeping giant," the Church, to equip those who are already employed in today's marketplace to understand their calling as ministers—right where they work. This will happen if they are affirmed, empowered and then deployed to the frontlines to fight this war against the kingdom of darkness.

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STAYING FOCUSED ON YOUR VISION

• By Jesse Duplantis

here is no shortage of vision in the earth. I've heard thousands of great

visions during my 39 years of full-time evangelistic ministry. And since you are reading this article, there is a strong possibility that your heart is burning with a vision that God has given you. impossible task. While working as cupbearer to the King of Persia in Susa, he heard distressing news that Jerusalem was in ruins, and his Jewish brethren were greatly afflicted. In Nehemiah 1:4 he wrote, "And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven."

WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED TO GIVE UP, REMEMBER THAT IT IS FAITH, LOVE, AND ZEAL THAT WILL SEE YOU THROUGH. IF YOU CONTINUE TO ACT ON THEM, YOU WON'T JUST SURVIVE—YOU WILL OVERCOME!

I think we can all agree that having a vision is the first and most important step; however, it is just the beginning. In order to see our vision accomplished, we must learn to clearly communicate the vision and refuse distractions along the way.

Nehemiah is a perfect example of someone God used to accomplish what everyone believed to be an Apparently, the report was so devastating, it literally knocked him off his feet.

The job Nehemiah had was really a cushy position. As cupbearer to the King of Persia, he had wealth, power, and influence. But when he heard the news about his brethren, Nehemiah interceded to God for his nation, and God imparted a burning vision into his heart.

MAKE IT CLEAR

Although Nehemiah clearly understood what God wanted him to do to get to Jerusalem, he couldn't get out of town without permission from his boss. You know the story, Nehemiah prayed and God anointed him to make the vision clear and granted him amazing favor with the king.

Not only was he released to go to Jerusalem, the king appointed him governor of that province and gave him letters that granted him the rights to all that he needed to rebuild the city.

Nehemiah was a visionary. Not only was his vision real to him, but he was anointed to inspire others to passionately join him in his assignment.

REFUSE DISTRACTIONS

Nehemiah had many opportunities to fail—he just didn't take them. Even when the leaders of the surrounding nations laughed, scorned, and said the work couldn't be done, Nehemiah stayed focused on his vision and refused to be distracted (Nehemiah 6:1-4). Nehemiah recognized the enemy's invitation to meet in the Valley of Ono was designed to stop the work and ultimately destroy the vision. But instead of cowering to their plan, he prayed, set up watch, and continued building. His life shows us that just one soul animated by faith, love, and zeal can defeat all the agencies of the evil one.

So, make a decision to refuse distractions, refuse depression, commit to stand strong in faith, and stay focused on your vision.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Have you ever noticed that when people get in the realm of the impossible, that's when things start to happen? When everybody says they can't do it, that's when a manifestation is produced for the world to see.

When you are tempted to give up, remember that it is faith,

love, and zeal that will see you through. If you continue to act on them, you won't just survive—you will overcome!

Daniel, the statesman, would have preferred to never have been in the lions' den. But his miraculous testimony of delivery changed a king's heart and reversed paganism in the land. His testimony and his words are told in churches all around the world today—"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths" (Daniel 6:22, NKJV). His mission was accomplished.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were literally willing to take the heat. Although they may not have wanted to be thrown into the fire, they decided that honoring God was more important than avoiding persecution. As a result, God honored them. Supernaturally delivered from burning torture and death, God routed them out of the fire unscathed by the flame, they were favored by the king, and were prosperous, too! Nehemiah accomplished the vision that God gave him to rebuild the wall and restore the people of Jerusalem, even in the midst of great opposition. What made him do it when persecution was at his door? He realized his place, consecration, strength, and ability in the Kingdom of God.

Just like Nehemiah, Daniel, and the three Hebrew children, you can refuse distraction and accomplish your mission. Stay focused on your vision and you will also have a miraculous testimony of victory to tell the world!

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am an international student at CFNI, and when I signed up to go to Hollywood, I was expecting to see the beach, have fun and meet someone like Denzel Washington or Patti Labelle. Instead, I met many people with shattered dreams and hopes-gang members and homeless people. This trip helped me overcome my fear of telling people about Jesus and being rejected. I've learned how to start a conversation, how to listen to people and give my testimony in two minutes or less. Most importantly, I've learned to listen to the Holy Spirit while ministering to people." - Edwina Sam





ASIA

N e visited five Asian countries with our team. I was amazed at the multitude of school-aged children in Thailand who had never heard the name of Jesus, much less experience His love. The school officials let us teach English there, and at the end, we gave a Gospel presentation. The Holy Spirit opened heart after heart! The presence of God was evident in those schools! I have never seen so many children touched by the power of God—we saw hundreds of children come to Christ! Another miracle was the tremendous transformation of every team member. Everyone was used in miraculous ways to touch so many lives. I know my life was changed forever."— Elizabeth Guzman

JAPAN

y experience in Japan was **IVI** incredible! This trip was far beyond anything I expected. We got to evangelize every day, minister to pastors and their churches, visit a Bible college and a preschool, and eat the most amazing sushi! We brought the gospel of Jesus to seven different cities in Japan! My favorite part was leading a young girl to receive her salvation. We gave the girl her first Bible. I will never forget the joy in her eyes at that moment. I also loved the flash mob dancing in Tokyo. It attracted many people and gave us a chance to share Jesus with them. Our team from CFNI was amazing. I'm so glad I picked this trip; I would do it again if I could!" — Tiffany Giangrande





EUROPE

(Italy, Germany and Holland)

n downtown Rome we walked up to a young man who appeared to be homeless. There were multiple cut marks on his arm from self-harm. As we started talking with him, he told us that he used to believe in God, had a good job, a house and a car, but lost everything. He felt that God had left him. He was hurt and no longer desired a relationship with God. He said the only thing he cared about was his dog. This gave me an opportunity to tell him how God truly viewed him. When I told him that the same way he loved his dog, God loved and cared for him, he turned to the side to hide his tears. I asked him if he would like to ask Jesus back into his life, and he said, "Yes." After the prayer, we took pictures and hugged goodbye. I then watched him walk away a completely new person in Christ!" Tyler Besch

ISRAEL

n one of the days, our group took a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to the city of Capernaum, where Jesus did mighty miracles 2,000 years ago. There Pastor Marianne shared her healing testimony and invited people, who needed healing, for prayer. The Holy Spirit began to move in a powerful way.

There was a woman whose windpipe was 60 percent closed; she had trouble breathing. After the prayer, she took deep breaths for the first time in a long time! The Holy Spirit also showed me there was stiffness in her neck, and she confirmed it. As we declared healing over her spine, she began turning her head in a way she couldn't before! With tears in her eyes, she told us that she prayed that morning, 'Lord, You did mighty miracles in Capernaum. What about me? Would you heal me?' Sure enough, He answered her prayer through our team. Glory to God!" - Ross Shipman





JAMAICA

n our Jamaica outreach, we were blessed to serve in five different churches, a boys' home and an elementary school. Additionally, we went street evangelizing, and loved on people everywhere. Even on our fun tour days, we would pray for and get people saved. One of my favorite ministry moments happened at Celebration Church. Everyone was so hungry for worship. We ended the night with a time of prayer and praise, and the people were so touched by the love of God that they didn't want to leave. We reluctantly finished the service two hours late. It was a powerful and sweet revival. I am so grateful to have been a small part of something huge. God moved powerfully and beautifully, doing far more than we could ever do on our own!" - Carolyn Brucks

"We gave the girl her first Bible. I will never forget the joy in her eyes at that moment."

ROMANIA

I rom the beginning of our trip, the Lord worked miracles all around us. Many people were healed and filled with the Holy Spirit. God moved among all kinds of people-children, nonbelievers and even witches. One day we were on a train, worshiping the Lord. Soon, two guys joined us. We offered to pray for them, and the Lord compelled me to ask one of them if he believed that God speaks to us. He said, "Yes," so I told him that he doesn't have to wait to be older to have a personal relationship with Jesus. On that train he accepted the Lord and got baptized with the Holy Spirit. Then, he got to pray for a woman who had a health issue, and she got healed! On this outreach I learned to be consistently expectant and to give my best, knowing that the Lord will multiply all that I give!" - Vicky Buliga





FLORIDA

uring our outreach, we saw the sick healed, people who had lost everything gained a relationship with Christ, addictions were broken and a team of CFNI students walked boldly in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit! Halfway through the trip, I was informed that my grandfather, who lived in Michigan, might not live through the night. I had to make a decision whether I should continue the outreach or leave. My team prayed for me, and God gave me peace-I was certain that Jesus was calling me to complete His work, and I fully trusted Him. Immediately after the trip, I traveled home to spend time with my grandfather before he passed away. I saw Jesus honor my obedience-I was forever changed by this outreach. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve beyond my own strength in all that the Lord had for me."- Jacob Whittaker

HAITI

hen I signed up to be a part of the CFNI's outreach to Haiti, I couldn't imagine that it would forever change my life. During our three weeks there, God's mighty hand was guiding and protecting us from diseases and accidents. We served people who live in extreme poverty, especially children. The local leaders of the children's ministry saw those children cry for the first time-all of them experienced the Heavenly Father's love for them. Also, it was amazing to see Haitians renounce the voodoo religion and make a decision to follow Jesus! After this trip, I've come to understand the Apostle Paul's "secret of being content in any and every situation." In Galatians 2:20 he says, 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. ' When I die, He lives in me. When I surrender, He shines through me. I want to live a life of surrender for my King Jesus." - Emilce Piedra Alor





"I was raised in church, served in a ministry and thought I had God all figured out ... I had just finished a Bachelor of Science degree and was transitioning to a graduate school, when I found myself in the middle of my parent's separation.

One day, after opening up to a friend, who was attending CFNI, she invited me to visit her during **CAMPUS DAYS**. I didn't know anything about CFNI, and honestly, I didn't come to see the school—I came to escape my reality for a week. But God had different plans. That Campus Days week was packed with events and classes, where God spoke to my heart, but my favorite part was spending time in the prayer room, face-to-face with Jesus.

I knew that God was calling me to come to CFNI. Here I learned how to dream with God and see His dreams come alive. God surprised me with many things, and one of the greatest surprises was meeting my best friend and marrying him two years later. I would do it all again."

CLEOPATRA OLIVER





THE BENEFITS OF FLEXIBLITY

• By Golan Lindsay



hile I was recently praying, I felt the Lord gave me just one word—

flexibility. Being flexible is one of the most important things in life. Sometimes, it means doing things we don't want to do, but are required to do for the overall benefit of the Kingdom. It may also mean giving up a selfish attitude and approach to work.

You will get further and achieve more in life with flexibility because it teaches us to be humble, adaptable and pliable in the hands of God.

Always remember, "Whatever will not bend with change—will eventually break! Are you slowly breaking?"

Jesus was a flexible leader. Although He walked on golden streets in Heaven, He was flexible enough to walk dusty, rugged roads in Israel, and even to ride a simple, uncelebrated donkey for His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. He ministered to thousands, but was flexible enough to share the Word with one woman at a well. There were times when Jesus was trying to be alone with His disciples or to get away to pray, but the crowds pursued Him, and instead of getting irritated or frustrated, He had compassion on them and ministered to their needs. And yes, our flexible Savior King willingly exchanged a crown of glory for a crown of thorns.

Sometimes God sends changes to our lives to see if we are stubborn and immovable, or if we are like a kite, going where the wind (Spirit) leads. Ask the Lord to show you the areas where you are not flexible with Him or with those He has placed over you. Then ask Him to help you grow in these areas. Learning to be flexible is a process. We may fail at times, but we must be willing to bend with God so that we don't break under frustration, a bad attitude or anger.

We need flexibility as a constant friend, along with our personal and corporate development. Water fits into any container without losing its design to flow. So it is possible to be flexible without losing who you are. Let's be flexible with God!

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THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

• By Michelle Ofori-Ansah

hantell Mayes Cooley, a friend and partner of Christ For The Nations, recently spoke to CFNI students, sharing her story of perseverance, overcoming adversity and God's miraculous provision. She shared, "My family struggled to achieve success. One of the things that helped to break the cycle of poverty was the Word. During very hard times, the Word would give me hope."

At one point, Chantell and her family lived in a house that was almost a shack. They would run out of food, needing donations from the local church. Cars were repossessed, and as hard as they tried, they could not hang on to their homes. In spite of this, Chantell was blessed with a dad and mom who never lost faith. They prayed and confessed the Word. "When I was 17 years old, I began studying the Bible. I found verses that were applicable to my life, reading and repeating them out loud. Over time, we went from not having any food to having a home we owned and solid jobs."

This was just the beginning. Chantell's family went on to launch Columbia Southern University, one of America's leading online universities, and achieved financial success beyond their wildest dreams. It is the importance of both meditating and confessing the Word (keeping the Word "always on your lips") that Chantell sees as the 'secret ingredient' to her success, and that is why she wrote the book *Stand on*

the Word. In this book, Chantell teaches on the biblical foundation for confessing the Word, and then she devotes more than half of the book to actual confessions for you to speak over your life. Chantell's book gives the reader practical tools with actual confessions they can use in their everyday lives.

"Because I love Christ For The Nations and believe in its mission, I wanted to make it available to CFN partners and friends."

She believes that as people begin to understand the role of reading, meditating on and confessing scripture, and make confessing the Word a part of their daily devotion, their lives will be changed for the better.

FOREWORD BY MARILYN HICKEY

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500 YEARS OF REFORMATION

• By Dr. John Hollar

On

October 31, 2017, the Church will celebrate the beginning of a 500-year-long

revival called, The Reformation, which in some ways, is still in progress. It started when Martin Luther, a German monk and theologian from Wittenberg, wrote the 95 Theses in 1517.

Pope Leo's desire was to go down in history as the Pope who built St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. His desire drove him to sell indulgences to raise money for the building project. Forgiveness was now for sale. As a response, Luther nailed his 95 Theses which he named, "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences" to the Wittenberg Castle church door for public examination. This started a firestorm against papal authority and culminated in the establishment of the Protestant church whose primary rallying cry was "FAITH ALONE" or as they said in Latin, "SOLA FIDE."

The cry of "Faith Alone" came as Martin Luther pondered the truth of the Gospel as Romans 1:16 and 17 came alive to him: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith."

"The just shall live by faith." A concept that is so elementary to present-day Christians that we often overlook the price that Martin Luther and others had to pay to make it known in the Church and in the world, as well as the price Jesus paid for our sins. The Reformation not only changed the Church, but it changed society. It can rightly be credited as having been the single most important set of events in the establishment of Western Civilization.

This became evident 250 years later in the founding of the United States of America. The U.S.A. was born out of another move of God called, The Great Awakening, but that move of God also had its roots in The Reformation, as many of the founding fathers in America were Calvinists. In the U.S. we even put a statement of faith on our money, "In God We Trust." Notice it does not say, "In The Government We Trust." Of course, not everything that happened in the early days of The Reformation was positive, neither did it cure all the world's problems. However, things began to get better if not for everyone, certainly for the common man.

This October 31st, CFNI will celebrate the 500th anniversary of The Reformation. With many exciting events happening throughout the day, we will finish with an outstanding service with Dr. Jim Garlow, a highly recognized authority on Church history, as our speaker. Come and join us.



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