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# WORSHIP

Praising God through song and worship has always been a CFNI priority. From the beginning, Gordon and Freda established a culture built on the presence of God; a life where everything begins and ends with worship. Daily morning chapels and monthly worship nights set a precedent for an atmosphere of intimacy with God and have been a part of the CFNI experience for 50+ years. <u>CFNI creates worshippers who step into praise, not only in the sanctuary, but on the mission field, in the marketplace, and behind closed doors.</u>





Alumnus Marty Nystrom wrote these famous words, which became known globally. It is representative of the hundreds of songs written and recorded at CFNI. It reflects the anointed and intimate worship that has characterized Christ For the Nations Institute since the beginning. Bruce Vernon, one of the first chapel worship leaders, said, "After a few songs, the students would begin singing in the Spirit, first English ... then tongues ... which produced an environment that was soaked in God's presence." Through intentional stewardship, students continue to experience God's presence through worship every day in chapel from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.



Marty Nystrom



#### MORNING CHAPEL

Morning chapel services in the early years included an orchestra, multiple choirs, and various small musical groups that ministered both on and off-campus. Over the years, that may have changed some, but the powerful impact of the presence of God has never left.

When talking to any CFNI student, current or graduate, you will hear them highlight the worship experience from the morning chapel.





"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods" (Psalm 95:1-3, NIV).

" My life was changed because of the worship in chapel."

"The anointing and presence of God was so evident, you couldn't help but be moved."

*"I couldn't wait to start the day worshipping God—it was life-changing—healing."* 





#### **INSTITUTE WORSHIP LEADERS**

Throughout the years, many talented men and women have not only been instrumental in leading worship, but have gone on to become famous in the music industry. As different and unique as their voices were, they all had one thing in common-a heart to glorify and edify God in song. As they led worship at CFNI, they also raised up assisstant worship leaders, who have become world renown.



**Bill Kaiser** 1971-1973



Bruce Vernon 1974-1974



David Myers 1975-1978



Mike Massa 1978-1980



David Butterbaugh 1981-1985



**Bryan Peterson** 1986-1990



The late Keith Hulen 1991-1992



Kevin Jonas 1992-1996



The late Keith Hulen 1996-2002



Sandy Childress 2002-2003



Klaus Kuehn 2003-2005



Brian Ming 2005-2008



Gabe Allred 2008-2014



Jonathan Lewis 2014-2016



Marya Adedimeji 2022-present



Gabe Allred 2016-2017

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#### MUSIC MINISTRIES & OUTREACHES

CFNI's Music Department has been built upon the scriptural understanding that the highest purpose of music is to minister to the Lord. We have achieved this in many ways. Not only with the singing groups and choirs, but with orchestras and praise bands as well.

Below are several memorable ministries that have emerged from the music department.

#### THE LUMINAIRES

The Luminaires, started in 1972 by Dean Guest, was made up of CFNI students. For three years this music ministry focused on signs and wonders and traveled full-time around the world.



Luminaires ministering in the IB

#### LIVING PRAISE

In 1974, Dean Romanelli, along with his wife, Jeanne, began Living Praise, which carried the anointing and the presence of God to those who came to hear them. This group of students focused specifically on praise and worship, special music, personal testimonies, and training for hands-on altar ministry. The team traveled extensively and ministered across the United States and other nations, including Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, Europe, Former Eastern Europe, South Africa, and even China for 25+ years.

#### LIVING PRAISE DIRECTORS

1974-1978 Dean and Jeanne Romanelli
1978-1985 Bob and Debbie Mason
1985-1988 Bill and Marilyn Hysell
1988-1988 George and Emilie Carothers
1988-1989 Al and Judy Keech
1989-1992 Keith and Kerri Hulen
1992-1993 Kevin and Denise Jonas
1993-1995 Dean and Patty Demos
1995-1997 Randy and Cheri Cochran
1998-2000 Shawn and Sandy Nemeth



Living Praise Choir at Dallas City Hall

#### SIGNS OF LOVE

Out of the Deaf Department, Terry and Becky Thompson founded the Signs of Love music group in 1975. Composed of CFNI students and graduates, Signs of Love ministered from 1975-1992, demonstrating God's love to the deaf community through songs and powerful skits, while showing the hearing public how to communicate through sign language

1975-1980 Terry and Becky Thompson
1981-1982 Alan Christiani
1983-1985 Pete and Dottie Bailey
1985-1989 Mike and Shannon Teninty
1990-1990 Michael and Casey Ball
1990-1992 Kevin and Denise Jonas

Others who have led in areas of deaf ministry include: Louise Willard Derrick, Alan Gray, Alan Christiana, Jeanette Carver Harrell, Debbie Stewart Tzolov, and Emilie Baumgartner Carothers.



In 1992, Signs of Love joined Living Praise as one group under the leadership of Kevin and Denise Jonas.

#### **CFNI CHOIRS**

There were many other choirs at CFNI through the years: Spirit of Praise, Sanctuary Choir, Spirit of Truth, Signs of the Covenant, Sounds of Joy, and the Concert Choir that later became the Chapel Choir. They were directed by many gifted and anointed men and women: Fred Kuntz, Chris Adkins, Kim Childs, Arlene Friesen, Rayanna Fields, Mike Massa, Thomas Miller, and Timothy Honsalek.



Sanctuary Choir, initiated in the Fall of 1977, directed and inspired by Mike Massa



Sounds of Joy Choir led by Kim Childs, (left) and David Butterbaugh (right).



Bob Mason leading the Sanctuary Choir



1999 Chapel Choir led by Thomas Miller

#### **CFNI ORCHESTRA**

CFNI music has always been powerful, but one thing that added to it was the range of instruments that were represented in the orchestra. From the horns to the strings, the sound reached to Heaven with the same intensity of worship and adoration for the Lord that the voices did. Again, many gifted and anointed directors led this group.







#### **CFNI PRAISE BANDS**

Praise bands minister during morning chapel and worship services.



#### CFN MUSIC, LIVE RECORDINGS & WORSHIP CONFERENCES



Kevin Jonas



Arlene Friesen

The first known CFNI worship recording was produced on cassette tapes by a group of students in 1971, and the first school-sponsored live chapel recording occurred in 1974. Twenty years later, alumnus Kevin Jonas, CFNI's worship leader at the time, started the CFN Music label to distribute CFNI's annual live worship recordings. Through CFN Music, CFNI's live music recordings have reached many countries around the world and impacted millions of people. CFNI continues to be world-renowned for its worship music, which is distributed digitally in the United States and internationally.

Many CFNI alumni have become well-known artists, worship leaders, and songwriters in the music industry. Some of these gifted individuals are Allen Asbury, Marco Barrientos, Ana Paula Valadão Bessa, James Huey, the late Keith Hulen, Kari Jobe, Klaus Kuehn, Nicole C. Mullen, Rick Pino, Russ Taff, Tommy Walker, and Shannon (Wexelberg) Adducci.

Each year, the Worship Conference hosted live CFNI original worship music recordings. The attendees encountered CFNI's music and worship legacy, returning to their home churches with fresh vision, anointing and practical tools on how to further develop their local church worship ministry. The worship conferences continued to be held for over fifteen years.



The articles and photos from the previous pages, and so much more, are featured in the CFNI 50th TRAINING WORLD CHANGERS book. God has done amazing and miraculous works for the past 50+ years at CFNI in and through the 40,000+ students who have enrolled.

The memories in this book are priceless!

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# The Gift of Giving

"Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common ... Nor was anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. And Joseph, also named Barnabas ... having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet" (Acts 4:32-37).

In Romans 1:11, the Apostle Paul writes to the church, "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established." This gift was to make you strong—to impart a spiritual gift that is of such nature that once you receive it, you will never be the same. You will be transformed and everything around you will be transformed. Your church will be transformed, your family will be transformed, and you will begin to operate in a very powerful gift that is desperately needed in the body of Christ.

Now, you might be thinking, "Pastor, what is that gift? Well, this text tells the story of a man called Joseph. In Acts 13, he was listed among the teachers and prophets. He had numerous gifts—teaching, prophecy, was full of the Holy Spirit, and had a special gift of wisdom. In fact, the Jerusalem Church sent him to Antioch when they heard this unusual news about a church that was not only ministering to Jews, but Gentiles. He also had a tremendous gift of the spirit—a gift of encouragement. This gift was so evident that they changed his name from Joseph to Barnabas, meaning son of encouragement.

Barnabas went to the church in Antioch and encouraged them. He encouraged Saul, a man who he knew had come to know the Lord as his Savior, a man who had been persecuting Christians, but had an experience with Christ. He was the first one to reach out to Saul and bring him into the church, introducing him to the leadership of the church. He was also so concerned about the church that when he realized they had a great need, he traveled all the way to Tarsus to find Saul and bring him to Antioch. He traveled with Saul, and the Holy Spirit said to "Separate Barnabas and Saul for the work I've called them to." Saul then began to use his Greek name, Paul, who wrote most of the New Testament.

**Dr. James Marocco** 

On that trip with Barnabas, God so used Paul that he actually became the leader of that missionary journey. From then on they referred to them as Paul and Barnabas, which was fine with Barnabas. He didn't have to be the boss. <u>Barnabas</u> had the gift of encouragement, but his greatest gift, which was evident in everything he did, was the gift of giving.

When you read the text, he did something that absolutely shook the church. It was a public act, which some people say, "Well, I don't want to ever have anybody know what I'm giving." If that's what you want, fine, but the Lord showed me that when Barnabas did that public act, and he sold a piece of property, took the money and laid it at the apostles' feet, everybody saw it. Something was released in the congregation.

Jesus said to not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing when it comes to alms. Don't go bragging on how much you give to people in need because you will demean the person you've given to, <u>but we are all called to encourage people</u>. The moment Barnabas laid that gift at their feet, it had such an impact that literally one couple Ananias and Sapphira vowed to do the same thing. They sold their property, but they had a problem. They ended up lying to the Holy Spirit. They could have done anything with the money—giving only half or a third or whatever—it didn't matter, but they said they gave everything, and they didn't, so they were judged by God.

When you read in Acts 2 and Acts 4 about the gift that Barnabas gave, it literally impacted the

entire church to such a degree that people began to give supernaturally—and there was no lack. I believe that the gift of giving is a spiritual gift like all the other gifts and probably more important than many of you know. We all know about the gifts of healing, we know about the Word, and the prophetic gifts, the word of wisdom, word of knowledge, tongues and interpretation—all these marvelous gifts that operate in the church. All of these are important gifts, but Paul lists the spiritual gift of giving in Romans 12 and 2 Corinthians 8, when he says, "Just as you excel in faith and in speech and in knowledge and in love for us, see that you also excel in the gift of giving." We all want to have knowledge and have faith, but Paul says to be sure you excel in this gift. I believe what I'm sharing now will impart to you that gift of giving. If you receive it today, your life will never be the same.

I operate in a number of gifts, but when you begin to operate in the gift of giving, you are entering into a realm that seems to be the closest thing to God's heart. I can't explain it, except Paul writes it this way. He says, "<u>God loves a cheerful</u> <u>Giver</u>." There is something about when you are intentional in your giving. When you say, "God I am believing you for this, and I'm going to intentionally give to see your hand at work in this situation." Now I know for some you just want to receive—not give. If we want the gift of giving, we need to pray for it because it's like any other gift. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians if we want any of the gifts, we are to desire them.

#### GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.

When you decide to come to church on Sunday morning, you're advancing the Kingdom of God. Sitting in the seat encourages others; praising the Lord as a community of faith advances the Kingdom. Also, keep in mind we all have an appointment—the Bible says it's appointed unto man to die and after that the judgment, so we're all going to stand before Jesus to give an account for what we've done in this life. Now, he's not going to judge you by what your neighbor or your brother or sister did. He's going to judge you by what He gave you and what you did with what He gave you. How tragic it would be that God gave you the faith to give and gave you the resources to give, but the only thing you were concerned about was yourself. <u>Giving is not just money, it's time and it's talent</u>. <u>Jesus said, "He who has more will be given," but the</u> <u>key is utilizing what He's given you</u>. Then He'll give you more. He also said, "If you're faithful in the little, He'll make you ruler over much."

We saw an example of this when Jesus fed the five thousand. He took five loaves and two fish, multiplied them, and fed five thousand men, but if you add the children and wives, you're probably looking at closer to 20 thousand people. Then He tells His disciples to pick up the remaining pieces so none would be wasted.

#### Anytime God uses you to be a releaser of His resources, there will be more than enough.

I've got good news for you; there will always be leftovers. God is not El Cheapo. He's El Shaddaithe God of plenty-the all-sufficient one. You can never out give God. It is absolutely impossible. So the first thing is to pray for the gift of giving. Second begin to obey the Lord concerning what he's already said about the tithe. You'll never be a giver if you haven't already become a tither. Tithing isn't really giving. You're just returning to God what is already His. Tithing is just the start-don't stop there. Start sowing a seed. It may be for missions, it may be for guest speakers, it may be for whatever needs there are. The Lord desires us to become like Him, to be generous. Over and over again, the Lord encourages us to walk by faith. Every gift of the Spirit has a demand on it and that's faith—whether it's prophecy or it's healing, you know there's always a moment when you have to take a step of faith, even though vou don't feel like it.

God wants to use you in His gifts, and He desperately wants to use you in the gift of giving, but you need to walk by faith. If you really want to have the gift of giving, you have to let the Word permeate you. Some people have no idea how important giving is and how God sees it. Paul's teaching on giving in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 will get in your spirit. It clearly tells that whatever a man sows, he will reap. He says if you sow generously, you reap generously; if you sow miserly, you'll reap miserly; he says you're the one who determines what God does for you. Then, in 2 Corinthians 9:11, he states, "You will become rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion." Did you know the goal of every believer is to be generous on every occasion?

I didn't realize that I could be generous at all times, but one-day, God taught me a lesson. He said, "Son, I want you to put twenty, one hundred dollar bills in your wallet-\$2,000 dollars, and I want you to carry it with you at all times. I want you to give the money away when I tell you." So I did as He asked and put them in my wallet. No one but God and I knew they were there. So, I go to prayer in the morning and after early morning prayer, I go and work out at this local gym. This guy, I had only seen once in awhile, came up to me and said, "You know I'm out of gas. Can I borrow some money from you? I said, "God, how did he know I had any money?" God said, "Give him one of those hundred dollar bills," and I did. I said to the guy, "You don't have to pay it back. This is for you!" I've never seen money go so fast from my hands. God was teaching me something about generosity.

I've been asked how I got into this realm of supernatural giving. Well, in 1980 I went to a little church of a hundred, very poor people in Maui. The Lord had given me a vision of a massive church He was going to build, but this church was so poor, they couldn't even pay me a salary. "God, how is this going to work when there's no money?" God said, "You teach the people to give, and never be intimidated in receiving an offering, and I want you to model giving." I knew about the tithe and maybe mission's offerings, but through a series of events and special banquets, etc., God showed me how He gets involved with generous giving. Many times, He asked me to give numerous thousands of dollars when I had nothing, but I would do as He said, when He said, and the money would come in. I've sold my home to be obedient and gave the money away. A year from that something happened in our church that had never happened before and has never happened since. We grew from a hundred to a thousand people in a year and a half. We've also bought the largest facility on the island to be our church.

Personally, God has had people pay my salary, rent, buy us groceries, and many other things my family and I have needed because I was willing to sow generously when He asked. I have never had to ask anyone to help. God has spoken to those who have listened and also obeyed Him. Through all of this I began to see God in a way I'd never seen Him. Soon, I realized He really longs to meet us at the point of our need, if we're generous. <u>God loves a cheerful giver</u>, and He loves everybody, but there's something about generosity that gets His attention. When you begin to move in that dynamic in faith, He begins to do things beyond your comprehension.

Be encouraged by His Words in Malachi 3:10, ""Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven, And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it" (NKJV). If God promises this to us for giving back to Him what is already His, can you even imagine the blessings He truly has for you when you sow generously?



Dr. James Marocco has served as Senior Pastor of King's Cathedral & Chapels since 1980 and is now the Global Senior Pastor. He earned a Bachelors of Arts Degree from Vanguard University, a Master of Arts from the University of Southern California in Ancient History, a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He also specializes in pastoral counseling and church growth.

He is a board member of Church Growth International and has authored several books on Spiritual Warfare, Church Growth and Hawaiian History.

He is a member of the CFN board of directors.

Dr. Marocco is married to his beautiful wife, Pastor Colleen and they have three children and seven grandchildren.



Ken Sandberg

In May of this year, 2023, CFN sent funds to the Living Stones Orphanage in the Philippines. They were in need of assistance for payment to the staff, food for the children, and the house utility costs. Ken Sandberg, director of the orphanage, explained to us how badly the children in their city were at risk. Sometimes it was because they had been abandoned, and other times, the families themselves just couldn't adequately provide for the children any more. A huge part of what this ministry does is to provide these children with the opportunity to be adopted into homes where they can receive love and proper care.

Ken went on to say, "We praise God that your donation helps us keep Living Stones Orphanage operating! Here are some examples of God's faithfulness:

"This past year we were blessed to see two groups of three siblings each, who had been in our care for six years, go to two local foster homes in settings where they will have a greater opportunity to be adopted together as a family."

"We had space open up in the home after those children left, so even though our numbers are down, we are praying for more children to be brought in. It is grievous to think they are left on the street or not cared for, rather than brought to us."

"One newborn girl was brought in last November, only one day after she arrived in this world."

"We have two other pregnant women who will soon give birth and turn their babies over to our orphanage."

"Another three-year-old girl recently arrived at the home to be cared for."

"Please pray for more children to be brought in to help, as we have room for 12 more kids."



These two boys are brothers who were in our orphanage and
 then they were adopted by a family in Illinois eight years ago.
 They are now in high school and are champion wrestlers!

The girl with my wife, Cris, and me at Christmas is a six-year-old sweetheart, who needs to be matched to a family.





This baby is a newborn girl who was brought
 to us for care one day after her birth.

This is me with another adopted boy—Joshua, 14, who was in our home as a little boy. Later, he was adopted by an Australian couple. They recently came back to Davao for a visit! Joshua is now almost six feet tall!



We can't begin to thank CFNI enough for your financial giving and prayer support. It's always such a joy to see the Lord provide, not only for our physical needs, but for the emotional needs of these children as well. Thank you, again. May God richly bless you!

If you would like to give to CFN orphanage support or one of our other outreach ministries, please go to:

www.cfni.org/give and click the area of your choice. God bless you!

# CFN AIDS ALUMNI IN RUSSIA/ UKRAINE WAR

#### Roxana Biro

Russia started invading Ukraine on February 24, 2022. Once this happened, thousands began to flee from Ukraine. The closest border with Ukraine is two and half hours from where we live, so we knew many would be coming into Romania through that border. Even though the war was happening in multiple locations, the people were fleeing through the western border of Ukraine into Romania, Moldova, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary.

The majority of people who crossed the border were mothers with their children. I can't describe the heaviness I felt in that place. The line of people waiting to come into Romania was at least a mile long, and everyone was standing in the cold and snow. It was a heartbreaking sight. Fathers with less than three children were not allowed to leave Ukraine, so the majority of people crossing were the moms and kids. These women were so worried about their husbands being left behind in a war zone—fear of never seeing them again, fear for themselves and what was to come.

Our nonprofit, Healthy Smiles Romania, helps children living in poverty, coming from difficult situations, sometimes abandoned by parents, by taking them to the dentist and fixing their dental issues, and other issues that affect them in a major way. We use that time to minister to them, get to know them, talk to them about Jesus, and sometimes help them with meals, clothes and such. Because our nonprofit is not yet full-time, we work with other organizations that focus on ministering to children in Călărași County, southeast Romania. We have community centers in multiple villages where we feed children on a daily basis, help them do their homework, and provide clothes, medicine, and also share the Gospel with all of them.

After the Russian/Ukraine war started, we began to work alongside Outstretched Hands of Romania. We took multiple trips to the border to help. The first time we went to the border with the ministry team we work with, we met 15 refugees—five adults and nine children, the youngest being only a few months old. We brought them back to Călărași. This was on March 2, 2022, but we still have refugees here in Călărași that we're taking care of today—more than a year since they fled their country. The situation in their cities is so devastating that they have nothing to go back to.









Overall, we helped over 50 families, who were not Christians. We sent trucks of food into Ukraine to churches and the Christians we were already connected to because they didn't have access to food. Going into Ukraine with trucks of food was





very dangerous, but my friends were courageous, and God's protection was over them!

Roxanna and Emmanuel Biro CFNI Graduates 2017 & 2020

We provided many, many things they desperately needed—thousands of diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby clothes, external battery chargers (because as they fled, they were on the road for days with no way of contacting their families as their phones ran out of power), and of course, a lot of food.

Thank you CFN for your donation to us. I don't have enough words to thank all of you who helped us get here—for those who donated, prayed and encouraged us to do this. We know God is with us, and we will continue to help these refugees in any way that we can. God bless you, again, for your love and support!

Thank you, donors, for your prayers and financial giving. If you would like to help in this or other outreach ministries, please go to:

www.cfni.org/give and click on the areas for your gift.

# AMAZON MISSION TRIP 2023

Adam Bostic—Institute Missions Manager

#### Wow! The Spirit of the Lord was moving in the Amazon rainforest!

On January 21, 2023, 13 staff members from Christ For The Nations, along with five students, traveled from Dallas, Texas, to Colombia and Peru. The main mission of this trip was to visit an indigenous seminary that was deep within Brazil, en route the Amazon River, and bring the light of the Gospel in any and every form needed.

Eight distinct tribes from the greater area were invited to participate in this ministry time. Daniel Caballero, an international Bible School director and two CFNI graduates, Johnny Diaz and Juliana Melo, joined our outreach! We finally arrived at a camp ground that was owned by the native people. We set up our tents, and that very same evening we had an opportunity to preach.

It was breathtaking at night to see thousands of clear and bright stars in the sky above us. We all sang and lifted praises to the King of kings. We sang in English, while the locals sang in their own distinct dialects.





Our team served their needs in every possible way—chopping fire wood, preparing food, teaching the Word of God, praying for the sick, sharing the love of Jesus with the children, laying bricks, installing lights, playing games and sharing the joy of the Lord with everyone at the camp!

We spent those long, hot, humid, glorious days with more than 50 indigenous young people who yearned to be missionaries in the Amazon region, along with a dozen leaders from the same families, who are already serving in the work of the Gospel.

It was an absolute honor and a joy to be a part of what Jesus is doing in this region with these beautiful people!

On January 29th, when it was time to return, everyone on the team was already talking about ...



### "... YES, WE'RE GOING BACK ... January 19-28, 2024!"

The reason for the Amazon trip was to once again ignite a passion and heart for missions among our staff. Missions has been one of the most important things here in CFNI's past. The Lindsay legacy has always been to get our staff and students to fulfill the great commission. This is what CFNI is about.



Adam Bostic and I led the staff/students/alumni on the trip to the Amazon, and I was amazed that we had no weak links. There was no one complaining or anyone causing issues or giving up. Everyone had an amazing attitude, helping one another. Many had never been out of the country, let alone on a missions trip. This was an amazing start to fulfilling a heart of missions. Another purpose was to train new staff members to lead summer missions trips with the students.

I was encouraged to know we have staff here who

truly have the heart of Jesus to "love on people" and bring hope and light to them. We have staff members who desire to get away from home and the distractions and give their lives to bless others. I knew we had that, but seeing it in person was extremely encouraging. I know the people where we went were tremendously blessed, freed and learned a lot from what we brought. We also engaged in physical labor to make their



• Golan Lindsay—Institute Director, CFN COO

place more inhabitable—building a kitchen where they eat daily, putting down a pipeline for rain water to flow from one end to the other and purchasing a lot of supplies, so they can continue to work on projects to improve their facilities.

Besides all of that, I believe we were more blessed

than the locals were by the experience we had. I know that we simply needed to go and watch what the Lord would do, and He worked on everyone's heart. I could visibly see how much they were touched and changed, and some of the staff even felt they received a strong call to go back into missions in the future.

The tribes' people say witchcraft is a major issue they deal with. The locals we discipled will go back to their people, and it will be a struggle to fight this stronghold, but we are

believing they will break through. Adam Bostic and our staff plan on continually going back every year to feed them both spiritually and physically.



We took a boat ride to a very remote area where there were many tribes. The government of Brazil will not allow outsiders to go into this area because they don't want those tribes to be influenced by the outside world. Some of the tribes will kill any outsiders who try to come in. We went as far as we were allowed and prayed for breakthrough that Adam and our people would be able in time to go in. It certainly was not an easy trip, but it was well worth it. Bringing CFNI staff/students/alumni into the deep missions field shows this is still the heart of CFNI. We will not stray from our foundation, mission and vision. We will continue to do what Jesus instructed us to do in His last words before HE left the earth ... "GO ... and make disciples!"



# AMAZON MISSION TRIP TESTIMONIES

"The CFNI team was on a two level boat heading for Peru. Mostly, everyone was on the second level, but because I felt dizzy, the medic advised me to stay on the bottom level. Sitting alone, I began to pray and cry out for the tribes and their needs. A woman from one of the tribes came over, hugged me and sat down beside me. She asked about CFNI, my family and children. We laughed and talked about many things. CFN's VP and COO, Golan, walked over and asked me, "How are you speaking to her; you don't speak Spanish?" The truth is, I'm not sure!! This precious woman and I went back to laughing and talking. Later that evening, when the CFNI team gathered

to talk about the day, I just listened to all their testimonies. I thought about what had happened earlier. That precious woman and I had talked for more than thirty minutes in Portuguese or Spanish. In the natural, I do not speak these languages. Somehow, the Holy Spirit worked a wonder, and I did not even realize that I was not speaking English. To God be all the glory!"



Rane Tomlinson



"One day during the mission, a part of our team went to a village by the Amazon River called Filadelfia. We were welcomed by a missionary couple and their family. They were very simple, living in a tiny, small house. The missionary's mother shared with us that one time she was sad because her house had holes in the ceiling, and it was getting wet due to the rain. She saw a man "with a beautiful smile, perfect white teeth and black hair," standing at the door of her house! The man said, "I am Omega, I am the way, I am the truth, and I am the end." I was amazed that Jesus, the King of kings, full of glory, the One Who is worshipped in heaven and earth, revealed Himself to her in that simple manner. Our God does not look at appearances. He looks at the hearts. He is TRULY pure, holy and wonderful. That moment impacted me so much, and I'm grateful God called me to this mission to reveal the purity of His Kingdom to me."

Isabella Soldati Mol

"The Amazon Region Outreach was unlike any other mission trip I have done before. It was very strategic. I was a part of the planning process from the beginning, and we saw God's hand in every single thing we did. Sometimes it didn't look like what we had originally planned, but we saw God take care of every single detail. Everything about this trip was "just enough" and "just in time." It was a beautiful picture of trusting God in everything and seeing unity in the diversity of the body of Christ as we lived and worshiped with the tribes."

Tracy Dalton

"One of the days I was part of a team that ministered to kids in a nearby village. We witnessed the hunger the kids had for the things of God, and they were grateful for a message of hope. The most beautiful part was on the way back. It started pouring rain on our canoe. The team all felt this was a blessing from God and took the opportunity to worship God in our canoe, on the Amazon River, in the pouring rain, thankful that we got to be there."

Stephen Coder

"The ability to place my hands on actual work that will affect the spreading of the Gospel of Christ, changed my global perspective forever. I feel that God used a brief separation from my "American culture" to do a unique work in me that could only be completed abroad" (1 Corinthians 3:14).

Jeff Carter



"During our very first night, I prayed for a girl named Gracie, who immediately began to manifest the demonic. Although she was able to get some form of spiritual freedom, I knew in my spirit that we had reached the end of what we could do at that time. The next two days, she was severely, demonically attacked—at one point, growling in the girls' dorm while they all worshiped around her. One of her legs was completely numb and she was unable to stand or walk. She needed people to carry her from her room. A friend and I laid hands on her, and then followed up in prayer with her after the Wednesday night service. Thank You, Lord, she was able to get completely free!"

Katie Delaria











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