

The Christ for Humanity Newsletter

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THE BODY OF CHRIST: *Worshipping Together Brings Glory to His Name*

On Thursday evening October 21st, a worship team from Gilcrease Hills Baptist Church, the praise choir from Fellowship Bible Church, and 70 residents of Pioneer Plaza (a Tulsa Housing Authority high-rise) joined forces to glorify God through music and the Word.

Christ for Humanity has been meeting needs at Pioneer Plaza since 2002. This year Gilcrease Hills Baptist Church adopted the Pioneer outreach, providing the worship service and distributing CFH food boxes to qualified residents. On the third Thursday of every month, a ministry team led by Pastor LeRon West shares music and a Biblical message with residents interested in the blessed hope found only in belief in Jesus Christ. Many Pioneer residents now attend Gilcrease Hills on Sunday, and the feedback concerning the love extended to them from the church's congregation validates the entire CFH Adopt-a-Facility program.

The praise choir from Fellowship Bible Church asked to share special music, testimonies, and relevant Bible verses at Pioneer's October outreach. Under the direction of John Tyson and Matthew Goodman, the FBC choir and those in attendance sang a number of praise songs and well-loved hymns. Then Shelia Willson gave her testimony, emphasizing that it is not "what you have" but rather "who you have" that makes life meaningful. Her message was well received by people who have very little materially but are spiritually rich. Several Pioneer residents gave their testimonies, as well.

Often when Christians think of the word "church," a particular place comes to mind. However, the word "church" in the Greek language of Christ's day meant "a called out assembly." As the voices of Christians from North and South Tulsa were raised to praise and glorify God, the meeting hall at Pioneer Plaza radiated with the Spirit of Christ. Racial, financial, and educational backgrounds blurred as the Body of Christ worshipped together as one. In that moment the words of Christ found in Matthew 18:20 became truly meaningful: *"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."*

THE GIFT OF SPACE

In November of 1996, Christ for Humanity received an amazing gift – a facility of its very own. Our unique building, which looks very much like Miss Kitty's saloon in the TV series *Gun Smoke*, was

originally built as a film and recording studio. As Tulsa Studios, the building didn't require much office space. Instead the architect designed a large foyer for conducting business, a state of the art sound stage for filming commercials and recording the likes of Roy Clark, Anita Bryant, and the Tulsa Philharmonic, a few small editing rooms for creating documentaries and industrial films, and a theater with 30 plush red seats.

When CFH moved to this location, the building's configuration began to change. The nature of a Christian humanitarian relief organization requires numerous offices and lots of storage space. Half of the foyer was immediately converted into an administrative office. In 1997 the theater was gutted and became the ministry emergency food pantry, sporting 7 large freezers. Eventually, a warehouse replaced the sound stage, and the upstairs sound booth and storage rooms became a pharmacy available to medical missionaries, a well-stocked clothes closet and a household items room. If it weren't for the colorful stain glass images of Laurel and Hardy on either side of the foyer mirror, the building's former show business past would have totally been erased.



In August Christ for Humanity received notice from Long Branch Studios (a renter in our building) that for health reasons the owner would be closing its doors after more than 20 years in the recording business. Suddenly the ministry possessed some much needed additional space.

The first order of business was to move the clothing and household items rooms downstairs. No longer would the elderly, the handicapped or parents with young children need to negotiate the dangerous "spiral" staircase leading to the second floor. CFH's office for Global Missions, directed by Peggy Nunley, moved upstairs into the now vacant clothing room. Camille Wellnitz, the ministry administrator, moved into Peggy's old office, leaving the reception areas in the capable hands of Pat Nauman, CFH's newest staff member.



Perhaps the most exciting transformation our additional space produced is the re-establishment of the building's theater. Having the theater enables CFH to accommodate more people in its *1st Steps* classes, which meet at our 13th Street location on Monday evenings. *1st Steps*, Christ for Humanity's discipleship program, celebrated its 1st Anniversary in September. Projecting the video messages of prominent Christian pastors on the big screen gives the feel of being in church. Class members and mentors alike seem to enjoy the new format.

In some respects Christ for Humanity's building has come full-circle. The theater is the most tangible link to a not-so-distant past when Tulsa Studios produced films about people in far-off places. How wonderful it is that God is now providing humanitarian aid and the message of hope found only in belief in Jesus Christ to the world's poor through these very same doors!



From the CFH Mailbag

October 12, 2004

Dear Mr. DeRose:

Thank you for Christ for Humanity's generous donation of 600 pounds of chicken for our boys. Your thoughtfulness in providing this essential commodity allows Tulsa Boy's Home to focus on other critical needs for our young residents.

Our food budget is less than \$5 per day per boy for three meals and a snack. As you can readily see, the chicken we received from you is extremely helpful to our ability to put food on the table.

Charitable contributions help us provide care and treatment for these boys, teaching them to become self-reliant, self-disciplined, and better prepared to meet the challenges of life. In most cases, we are their best hope for a healthy and successful future.

Again, thank you. We appreciate your support of the Tulsa Boys' Home.

Sincerely,

Cindy Fuller / Development Director

cfhglobalmissions

"SHORT-TERM TRIPS PRODUCE LONG-TERM MISSIONARIES..."

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN FOR THE CFH 2005 SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP EXPERIENCE!

This summer nearly 30 people participated in international ministry through Christ for Humanity sponsored mission trips. The feedback from CFH mission teams members was phenomenal. Many are planning to repeat the experience in the year to come.

In 2005 CFH is offering a number of trips open to medical professionals, medical students, healthcare workers, college students, and other interested Christians.

- **North Africa (A): Medical Missions / June 28 – July 23, 2005**
- **North Africa (B): Behind the Veil / June 28 – July 23, 2005**
- **India: Storytelling Extreme / May 25 – July 23, 2005**
- **West Africa: African American Mobilization / June 10 – 24, 2005**
- **Youth Group Excursions: CFH will design a 7 – 10 day mission trip for church youth groups interested in international ministry.**

If any of these trips prick your interest to serve Christ abroad on a short-term basis, contact CFH Global Missions Director Peggy Nunley (918 -836-2424 / ext. 218) for our 2005 brochure and application.

Mark Your Calendars!!!!

In March and April of 2005 Christ for Humanity will be participating in the
Feinstein Foundation's \$1 Million Challenge!

Non-profit organizations, collecting canned goods and funds under the auspices of the Feinstein anti-hunger campaign, are eligible to receive a portion of \$1,000,000 from the Feinstein Foundation. The more food and money collected, the higher the % of money Alan Feinstein will apportion.

In the ministry's February newsletter, learn how you, your church or your school can help Christ for Humanity not only feed hungry people but also receive much needed funding to support our local and international programs.

Amazing Grace

God's Riches at Christ's Expense

*"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me."*

A love so great – forgiving man –
Oh Lord, how can this be?

Would perfect holiness descend
To earth in fallen state;
Be born a child in Bethlehem,
Mankind to consecrate?

Christ healed the sick, made blind men see,
Restored body and soul.
To bridge the gap 'tween God and man
Remained His foremost goal.

"Crucify!" His creatures cried.
Sin nailed Him to a tree.
"Forgive them, Father!" was Christ's prayer,
As blood flowed red for me.

Our Lord laid down His perfect life
As the propitiation;
Imputed sin of Adam's seed,
He bore for all creation.

God raised Christ up; He's the "First Fruit."
Now those who will believe
Become joint heirs with Him on high –
Eternity receive.

"I once was lost but now am found"
Through God's amazing grace.
Because Christ Jesus paid my price,
I'll see Him face to face.

Tina Rollins

God's blessing on all ministry friends and supporters
now and in the year to come.

Christ for Humanity's Staff and Volunteers

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