

JOIN THE  ONE

Christmas is a call to join the One.

Christmas is a reminder that ONE person can make a difference in the face of immense need. We are joining the ONE to change the world one person at a time. We are joining the ONE to give of ourselves to those whom HE loves. We are joining the ONE to be living proof of a loving God.

“American Christians give less than half of 1% of their annual income to serve the poor of the world.”

Six years ago I challenged us to resist that statistic by doubling it – giving ONE% of our income to those in need. After this year’s offering we will have given well over ONE million dollars! That is overwhelming. Imagine the stories of hope you have written in Calvary ink: children adopted, orphanages built, schools started, lives changed.

May the stories continue as you give another ONE%!

Join the One!

Pastor Dan



ONE person giving ONE percent can make a difference.

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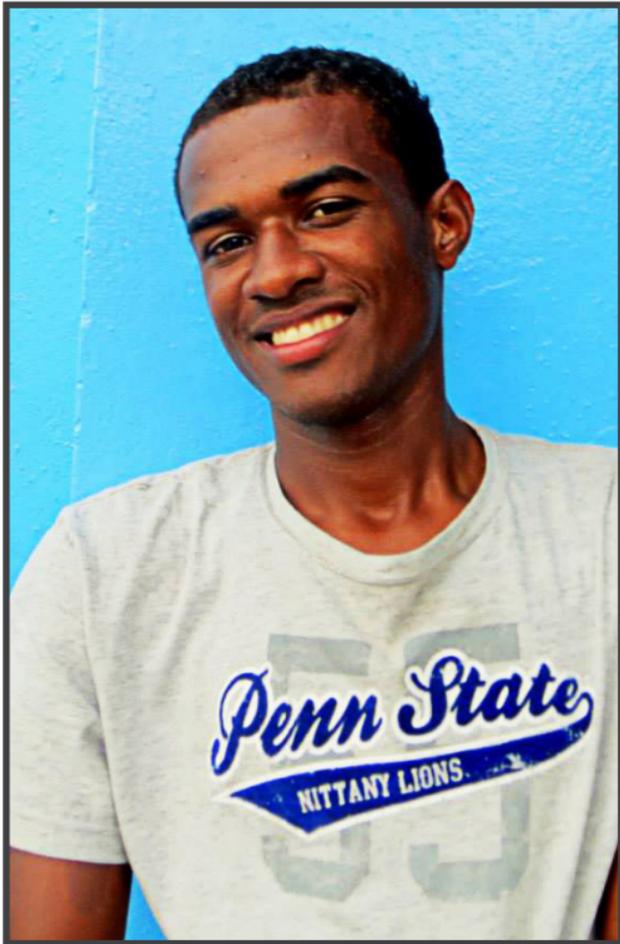
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Blaudio, 20, and Ambiorix, 19, are the first two boys at the Rose of Sharon Orphanage to complete high school and be able to attend university in San Juan de la Maguana. The obstacles they have overcome to see this dream be a reality demonstrates the amazing power of our God.

There have been many road blocks: birth certificates are required to enroll at university, tests to prove the completion (and passing) of high school, and entry exams for university—all dependent on third parties. God has faithfully led these young men over each hurdle, providing what they needed, when they needed it. They are waiting to take their university entrance exams and hope to begin attending University in 2014!

Both Blaudio and Ambiorix have shy smiles that spread wide across their faces as they talk about their accomplishments and their excitement to go to University. Ambiorix will study language and art, while Blaudio will study to be an English teacher.

Since they were five-years-old, Blaudio and Ambiorix have been loved and supported by members of the Calvary family who made a decision to Join the One and step out in faith.



Blaudio (left) and Ambiorix (above middle) are all smiles after receiving laptops for use at university next year.

And my God will
meet all your
needs according
to the riches of
his glory in Christ
Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

MYANMAR

Rhonda was only 8 days old when she came to live at Agape Orphanage. Her father had abandoned his family and her mother passed away when she was only a week old. Despite having a father who wanted nothing to do with her, she has found a way to love her heavenly Father without barriers or reservations. She sees Agape as a home that has taught her about God and helped her develop a love for God and a love for worship! She feels called to be a doctor for the people in her country and believes God will make a way for that to happen. Currently she is taking special classes to help fulfill that dream.

Rhonda is joining the One who calls her beloved... daughter... chosen one.



A **father** to
the fatherless,
a defender of
widows, is God in
his holy dwelling.
God sets
the lonely in
families...

Psalm 68:5-6

ONE CHILD

Dan and Renee Behringer began supporting Andrew Paul during the first year of the ONE% offering. In a simple act, they picked Andrew's picture off the wall and put it on their refrigerator. They received updates about Andrew periodically and continued to sponsor Andrew through the 1% offering in the following years.

Over this time, God expanded their hearts to care deeply about Andrew beyond providing financial support. They wanted to learn more about him and for Andrew to know that there was a family that cares for him greatly. God even provided for Dan to travel to Myanmar and meet Andrew Paul!

Supporting Andrew has made a powerful impact on the Behringer family—reminding them all of the joy of giving and the depth of the Father's love.

The difference ONE child has made on ONE family because of ONE Savior—of infinite worth.



Pure and
genuine religion
in the sight of
God the Father
means **caring**
for orphans and
widows in their
distress...

James 1:27



[GOALS]

ONE PERCENT

CALVARY GLOBAL KIDS SUPPORT

The first goal is the support of 225 kids in Myanmar and the Dominican Republic. Approximately \$40 a month feeds, clothes, educates and gives a child a home. Even more importantly each child is cared for and introduced to the love of Jesus.

Goal of 225 kids for one year = \$108,000

*The first monies received for the ONE% offering will go to cover the most basic needs of the kids Calvary has committed to help in Myanmar and the DR. The remaining funds will be prorated across the other ONE% goals.



Defend the weak and the fatherless; **uphold** the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

Psalm 82:3

CALVARY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

International Calvary Theological Seminary (ICTS) is a school Calvary helped start through a partnership with Burmese nationals. ICTS is training students to be missionaries, pastors, worship leaders and teachers. Graduates from ICTS have gone out to plant churches, start orphanages, and begin mission centers in Buddhist communities. Through ICTS Calvary has the opportunity to help reach one of the largest unreached people groups in the world. Calvary is committed to help 35 students gain a theological education.

At the age of nine, Timothy Aih Hlu's parents sent him hundreds of miles away to attend school to become a Buddhist monk. Instead of accepting him, the monastery put him on the street. With nowhere to go, he accepted the invitation of an orphanage worker to live at Agape Orphanage. At the orphanage Timothy not only received food, clothing, and schooling, he received the gospel and new life in Christ. Last year Timothy graduated from International Calvary Theological Seminary. He is preparing to go back to his village to tell them about Jesus.

You are part of his story.

Goal = \$35,000



And the things
you have heard
me say in the
presence of
many witnesses
entrust to
reliable people
who will also
be qualified to
teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2

CALVARY'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUND

Housing related issues are on the rise in the Centre Region. Local agencies recently found 19 people sleeping outside, homeless. Often these folks call the church looking for a weeklong hotel stay or help with a security deposit and first month's rent. Last year Calvary also gave away thousands of dollars in heating assistance.

We've helped international students, single mothers, grandparents, people living alone, people with families, people at Calvary and people outside of Calvary. The Community Outreach Fund helps our local neighbors experience the tangible proof of the One who loves them.

Here is what we've heard:

"Your church makes me want to start going to church."

"I feel very blessed; thank you for the help!"

"You'll never know how much your support means to a lonely person like me."

Goal = \$20,000

Calvary hosted a dinner for families who lost their home in a apartment complex fire.



By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love** one another.

John 13:35

COMMONFOOD

Within a few miles of our homes there are people struggling with the basic need to feed their family. People are between jobs, underemployed and often times paying high prices for fuel as they commute a distance into town to work. Nutritious food is sacrificed to make ends meet.

CommonFood is a cooperative effort between Calvary Church, Way Fruit Farm, Central PA Food Bank, and Port Matilda Baptist Church to distribute food to economically challenged families in our region. From its beginning in December 2012, CommonFood has distributed over 500 boxes of healthy food products at no cost to the recipients. Over 60 families per month are now being served and the number is expected to continue growing. This program is designed to be highly relational to most effectively serve people in need.

Goal = \$15,000





All the
believers
were
together
and had
everything in
common.

Acts 2:44

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

We have construction projects in three different countries: Myanmar, the Dominican Republic and Rwanda. These projects help us provide a greater quality of care for the kids Calvary supports while serving to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

In Myanmar, we will seek to build the second floor of the primary classroom building. The completion of this floor will allow the school to grow and send more students back to Burmese villages with the Gospel. Over 70% of the students who have graduated from International Calvary Theological Seminary have gone into ministry.

Goal = \$40,000





In the Dominican Republic, we are seeking to upgrade the girls portion of the orphanage. We will begin with a solar-powered system for electricity. We are also seeking to fund a construction project of a different kind, the eardrum of a young man named Blaudio. He needs \$10,000 for a surgery to help him hear. **Goal = \$20,000**

In Rwanda, we built a children's home and a vocational school. Now we are working to build an educational school for the children of the village. **Goal = \$5,000**



CALVARY GLOBAL KIDS

Would you like to commit to pray and build a relationship with a child? Calvary Global Kids is our sponsorship program to orphans in Myanmar and the Dominican Republic. Go to calvaryglobalkids.org to sponsor a child.

Calvary Global Kids Pancake Breakfast and Cookie Sale with Silent Auction for Adopt-a-Family

Celebrate the season, kids and community by enjoying a bountiful breakfast with friends and family while you browse and bid on items in the Silent Auction. Then select from an array of decadent holiday cookies you can't get anywhere else! All proceeds of the breakfast and cookie sale go to Calvary Global Kids. Silent Auction funds go towards our Adopt-a-Family program, giving encouragement to families in need. It's all for the kids!

Saturday, December 14 • 8am-12pm at Calvary 1250 University Dr.



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called **children of God!** And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1

Join the One. What YOU can do...

Be thankful. Spend some time thanking God for your blessings. Thank God for how He has blessed the ONE% offering at Calvary.

Calculate. Figure out ONE% of your annual income.

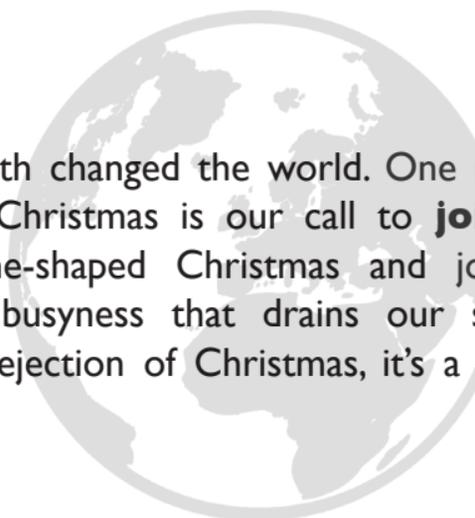
Offer your time. We all have the same amount of time in a month. ONE% of your time is roughly 8 hours monthly. There are opportunities to serve at Calvary, in our community and beyond. During the Christmas season you can ring the Salvation Army Bell or make some homebaked goods for college student care bags. You could become a “Big” with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Centre Region for 2014.

Pray. Ask God to show you how you might give ONE% of your money and ONE% of your time (i.e. spend less at Christmas, or find a place to serve in 2014).

Give. Bring your ONE% offering to any of our Christmas gatherings. Or you may include it in your weekly offering, mail it in or give online at calvarysc.org/one.

College Student Give Day. During gatherings on Dec. 15th, there will be a special time for college students to give before they leave for the holidays.

**Read stories, see pictures, watch videos of what God has done through
ONE% at calvarysc.org/one**



One day, one birth changed the world. One man gave His all to love the world. Christmas is our call to **join the One**. Step away from a me-shaped Christmas and join the One. Step away from the busyness that drains our souls and join the One. It's not a rejection of Christmas, it's a return to the One.

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