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CHRISTIANS IN ACTION MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

## CinAMI LEGACY OF PRAYER

Sixty years of Christians in Action Missions International (CinAMI) success sharing the Gospel, around the world, is built on the solid foundation of prayer. The first CinAMI president, Lee Shelly, established not only regular days of prayer and fasting, but also a prayer command center manned by CinAMI staff who interceded every hour of every day on behalf of CinAMI missionaries. Following in this rich tradition, last November our new president, David Ingerson, gathered our staff, board of directors, and friends of CinAMI as well as various fielded missionaries for a three-day prayer summit. Armed with prayer requests from across the globe, we sought to inquire of the Lord.



*Prayer Requests from across the Globe.*

Nearly thirty dedicated hearts joined us in prayer as we focused on the theme: "Say among the nations, 'The Lord Reigns,'" Psalm 96:10a. Drawing near to God, we sensed His voice encourage us to repent from sin and apathy, seek Him wholeheartedly and thank Him for His steadfast love not only for us but also for those Jesus sees as harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Ultimately, we sensed the Holy Spirit encourage us to recognize His heart for the lost and ask Him to send forth laborers into His harvest.

Our brethren in Sierra Leone, under National Superintendent Issa Kargbo's leadership, inspired us to celebrate God's mighty power as we asked Him to seal "...the next generation [that they] might come to know...[and] not forget His works, but keep His commandments." Psalm 78:6-7. The team in Guatemala, with Area Director Miguel Toledo leading, rejoiced with the CinAMI vision to reach the next generation as it resonated with their burden to see their youth move beyond complacency. They further encouraged us to engage in spiritual warfare by praying against enemies of complacency, crime, idolatry, and various dangerous addictions. CinA Ghana President Julius Nangai urged us to pray that they will reach not only Ghana but the entire African continent and beyond!

Believe with us that God will answer those prayers by sending laborers into His harvest.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." 1 John 5:14-15. As our new president says, "Keep on praying."

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## A LEGACY OF HOPE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



Anita holding Dulce left, Kayla right

Missionary Anita Byle, founder of Destiny of Hope orphanage, Guatemala City, celebrates the New Year by thanking God for new life and new beginnings. In her arms she cradles Milagro Dulce and Kayla, the orphanages' newest arrivals, while in her heart she holds bright hope for their future, a hope that will not disappoint because it is rooted in the steadfast love of God.

Widowed later in life, Anita committed herself to full-time missions with CinA when, six years ago, she helped make Destiny of Hope a reality in northern Guatemala City. With the assistance of Missionary Norma Hunt, Anita has established a ministry that is more than a building where abandoned children are housed and fed. It is a haven of hope in a place where violence toward children is great.

At Destiny of Hope the lost are found, abused loved, and abandoned find hope and belonging. Anita's burdened heart cries out to God for these children—tossed away like yesterday's trash. In His faithfulness, God recently placed little Milagro Dulce into her outstretched arms.

At nine days of age, a baby girl, with no background information except her name Milagro Dulce or Sweet Miracle, was brought from a nearby hospital to the orphanage. It wasn't until three months later, after a series of mixed-up court appearances, when Anita and her staff learned the unusual circumstances that had brought Dulce to Destiny of Hope.

The judge explained that Dulce was abandoned, found in a public toilet at the local mall. A surveillance camera showed a woman entering the restroom, then leaving an hour later with a different hairstyle and set of clothes, but the same shoes and handbag. It appeared that this woman attempted to get rid of Dulce by flushing her down the toilet. Thankfully, Dulce was too big and survived with minimal injuries.

Anita cried out, "Thank-you God for Milagro Dulce. She is as her name declares, a Sweet Miracle from Heaven."

Like Dulce, each child comes to Destiny of Hope with a story, often dark and full of despair, and each in need of the unconditional love of God. Anita and her staff pour a foundation of sacrificial love. Through persistent prayer, they trust God to build on that foundation and belonging as each child is placed into a caring family home.

While it is difficult to say good-bye, Anita knows that the children leave not as they came, taking with them something of immense value. They take a legacy of hope passed from one generation to the next.



Norma holding Dulce Milagro  
3 months

## UNNI'S STORY

By teaching life skills and the Word of God, CinAMI Missionaries Paul and Leela Chandran bring hope and healing to troubled boys at Ashabhaven Home for the Hopeless in southern India. Paul, the director of Ashabhaven, shares Unni's story of hope and healing: How God saved—not just once but twice—an unruly and disobedient seventeen-year-old boy.

Although Unni frequently came to the boys' home to visit his friend Subi, he refused to participate in any prayer or Bible related activities. This all changed when during a recent walk with the boys in the nearby woods, Unni fell headlong, hit his head on a rock, and broke his arm. Paul feared for the boy's life. As blood gushed from a deep gash in his head, Unni was rushed to the hospital. Only by the grace of God was Unni's life spared that day.

After he was discharged from the hospital, Unni remained at Ashabhaven until fully recovered, affording him the opportunity to listen to the prayer meetings and Bible lessons he had previously rejected. As Unni began to ask thoughtful questions, Paul answered, eventually leading him to Jesus. Unni was saved a second time—this time for keeps—when only by the grace of God, he chose Jesus as his Savior!

Please pray for Unni as he learns to stand in his new faith and for his parents and sister who are yet to embrace Christ. Nothing is impossible for our God. May His name alone be praised!



Paul and Leela Chandran with Unni

## CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHRISTIANS IN ACTION (CinA) AFRICA



*Christmas Camp Worship*

Christians in Action Liberia, West Africa: CinA Liberia hosted a Youth Christmas Camp to celebrate the close of 2017: Standing While Others Bow. The camp attracted 100 young people, mostly girls between thirteen and twenty-two years of age. Many victims of abuse, some pregnant, others already teenage mothers. Counselors offered encouragement and solace to campers seeking someone to talk to. Seminar Topics included: Passing exams and choosing a career, healthy dating and courtship, youthfulness and its challenges, and standing for God in a crooked and corrupt Society. CinA missionary Christian Kallon thanks God for the opportunity to minister to these young stars, encouraging them to recognize that all is not lost despite

the trials they've faced. God loves them and has a plan for their lives.

Christians in Action, Sierra Leone: During Christmas break--often characterized by time spent in secret societies, negativity, and evil distractions—CinA Sierra Leone, Freetown, hosted a weeklong Children's Camp: Transforming Children for Continuous Spiritual Growth. Daniel and Timothy character studies reinforced the theme and provided a platform from which camp counselors explained the truth of the Gospel to the 127 children in attendance. Those who did not know Jesus as their personal Savior accepted Him into their hearts and lives, starting a brand new relationship with the Son of God. The successful camp activities included games, sports, dancing, quiz, arts and crafts, and much singing. Laughter and fun filled each day as the campers formed friendships with kids from other churches. Missionaries Issa and Daphne Kargbo send a big thank-you to you, their financial and prayer partners. The camp would not have been the success it was without your generous gifts and prayer.



*Sierra Leon  
Small Girl*

## IN MEMORY OF RONALD RAY RINNERT



*Ronald Ray Rinnert*

Missionary Ron Rinnert passed into the arms of Jesus Monday, January 8th, 2018. Born in New Boston, Texas, in 1933, during the Great Depression, Ron lived 84 years as a bright light in a dark world. After graduating from Texas A & M in 1954, Ron was commissioned an US Air Force second lieutenant. Soon after transfer to Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, Ron was powerfully converted to faith in Christ.

He often spoke of the evening when Christ took hold of his life: Aimlessly wandering the streets outside the air base, Ron was drawn to the unusual testimony of a young Okinawan woman. Her words of faith compelled and illuminated his heart with the Gospel like a brightly lit jack-o-lantern on a dark, cloudy night. Immediately following his dramatic conversion, Ron began sharing Jesus with everyone he met. He talked about Jesus all the time—so much that his superior officer quipped that Ron was better suited to be a missionary than an Air Force officer.

Recognizing God's call to missions, Ron resigned from the military in 1960 and commenced training with Christians in Action Missions International (CinAMI). Soon thereafter, he married Elaine Haley and together they returned to Okinawa where they labored passionately for 24 years reaching US servicemen and local nationals with the Gospel. During those years, they planted three churches and several coffee shops.

In 1969 they established Kadena Circle Community Church, primarily targeting US servicemen. Known today as Yomitan International, the church is pastored by CinAMI Missionary Glenn Kennedy, who leads our annual medical/dental outreaches in the Philippines. Ron's legacy of winning lost souls continues, not only in Okinawa but also across Asia.

Whether in a one-on-one conversation, in the pulpit, in the middle of the street, or carrying a large cross, Ron was natural and winsome as he introduced hundreds to Christ. Preacher through and through, he was always ready to share the truth of the Gospel. Following his thirty-minute sermon and altar call, Ron would often preach another twenty minutes at the altar. Thoroughly prepared or spontaneously given, Ron's messages were riveting and fascinating, drawing many to Christ.

Living a Christ-centered life, Ron mobilized and energized generations of evangelists who continue his legacy. Only eternity knows the thousands spiritually impacted by this great man and ministry—Ron's legacy.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER, *David Ingerson*

**LEAVE A LEGACY—LASTING IMPACT ON YOUR WORLD BY EMPOWERING CINAMI TO REACH THE UNREACHED!**

As CinAMI Missionaries Anita Byle and Norma Hunt, through Destiny of Hope orphanage, have lovingly carried their legacy of precious babies in their arms, and as the celebrated Ron Rinnert carried his legacy as he lifted up the Cross and Gospel of Christ, so you too can make a mighty impact by dedicating a portion of your estate to the worldwide work of Jesus through CinA.

Not everyone can go to the mission field, but thoughtful estate planning can create a legacy that reaches this lost world through laborers like Anita, Norma, and Ron. You can touch the lives of needy people 'round the world and at the same time provide for future income, reduce or eliminate certain taxes and enjoy other potential benefits through careful estate planning and giving.

Whether you respond to the Great Commission mandate by going, sending, or praying, just how far will your legacy extend? You can multiply and extend your impact for generations by dedicating a portion of your estate. Don't underestimate the long-lasting legacy value of your assets, whether stocks and bonds, houses and land, or life insurance and annuities. Your estate can make a profound difference, even years after you've gone to your great reward as has our beloved Ron Rinnert.

Contact our missions coordinator at [cinamissions@cinami.org](mailto:cinamissions@cinami.org) or 559-370-4103 to get started. Be sure to consult your financial and legal advisors before making any final decisions.



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