

Herald of Truth



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SHARE THE STORY OF JESUS!

Herald of Truth Ministries, Inc. began serving the Lord in 1952. Now, 70 years later, we still have the same mission and focus: **EVANGELISM!**

Read more about how we are striving to follow Jesus' Great Commission and tell His story around the world!

MISSION HONDURAS

by Chase Turner, Director of Digital Missions

Have you ever been on a mission trip to the third world? Do you want to? At the Herald of Truth, we are not only proactive in evangelism, but we also have a heart to make a difference in the circumstantial poverty we see in the third world. We are actively preparing to change lives in Honduras this June, and we would love for you to go with us. Our trip dates are June 4 through June 12. If you would like more specific details, please visit our website or give us a call.



Chase Turner

Whether you speak Spanish or not, there is a place for you on this trip. We can put our physical and spiritual gifts to good use to help others come to know our Savior. If the trip isn't an option but you still want to be involved, please reach out and let us know how you would like to partner with us. We look forward to hearing from you!

Learn more at heraldoftruth.org/international-missions.

The deadline for signing up is May 15. If this year doesn't work for you, we would love for you to block off the first part of June next year and make plans to join us on a journey to change eternity for the lives of many in Honduras.

This year, we will be building several houses, providing two weeks of food for over 200 families, providing clothes for those in need and clean water for families that have none. We will also be visiting a children's home to encourage those who are living without their family. Every house we build and every family we provide food for allows an opportunity to share the gospel in a tangible way as we are the hands and feet of Jesus. We always invite the gospel conversation at each stop and show the love of God to people in desperate need.



HERALD OF TRUTH MISSION

Our mission is to equip others to evangelize more effectively, encourage others to evangelize more often and to be engaged in evangelism ourselves around the world and here at home.

WE ARE LIVE!

by Will Hester, Director of Church Relations

77 years ago, in 1947, two regional radio programs came together to form what would later become Herald of Truth. In 1952, the official broadcast of Herald of Truth was launched, and the organization was founded. By the 1970's, HTM was on more than 460 radio stations and more than 100 television stations. Herald of Truth committed to revolutionizing how the story of Jesus was being shared to the lost of the world. After several decades, Herald of Truth stopped producing the radio program.



Will Hester

Since then, Herald of Truth can still be heard in Central and Latin America and Cuba. This program is recorded and produced by Tim Archer. This radio program is heard by thousands each week and has been a source of great good for the church. We are thankful for Tim's efforts to keep telling people about the story of Jesus! Herald of Truth strives to be the leading voice of revolutionary innovation in the church when it comes to sharing the story of Jesus. To that end, we have an exciting announcement!

Truth Digital Media is **LIVE!** We have talked about it for nearly a year, but Herald of Truth's 24 hour a day, 7 day a week radio station is here! You can listen to acapella singing, sermons (Batsell Barrett Baxter plays every morning at 8 CST), podcasts, devotional talks, and SO MUCH MORE! For those of you who donated to make this happen, THANK YOU!

Herald of Truth has been blessed with 72 years of continued service to the kingdom of God. Our mission is to equip, encourage, and engage the church to do evangelism and live out the Great commission. Our aim is to share the story of Jesus and we believe that Truth Digital Media radio will be advantageous in achieving that goal. We believe that Truth Digital is going to be a blessing for the Kingdom, and we would love for you to join us on this journey to share the story of Jesus!



Listen live at truthdigitalmedia.org.

HOW HAS IT BEEN TWENTY YEARS?

by Steve Ridgell, Ministry Coordinator

I have just started my twentieth year working for Herald of Truth. I have been blessed to be in most of the United States and in dozens of countries around the world to talk about Jesus. I have seen many souls come to Jesus. I have seen so many Christians equipped and motivated to share their faith. I have never for a moment regretted my decision to work here.



Steve Ridgell

But things can sure change over twenty years. For one, I am twenty years older of course. I used to record programs for the radio. Now we have Truth Digital Media. I used to have professional videos produced. Now I often use my cell phone to record.

But some things do not change. I came to work for Herald of Truth because they had a vision to carry the good news of Jesus to all the world. They had been doing it for fifty years when I started. We are still do-

ing it. We encourage and equip believers to share their faith. We produce various materials that can be used to interest people in Jesus. We talk about Jesus.

That has been our passion. It is our passion. It will continue to be our passion.

I have worked with a lot of Christians committed to the visions of carrying the good news of Jesus around the world. The current staff of Herald of Truth are all committed to this. And I have no doubt that God will continue to call Christians to work in this ministry that are just as committed.

I have met many of you over the past twenty years: donors, supporters, and partners in the great work of sharing God's message of reconciliation to this world. Thank you for loving this ministry as I do!

OPERATION: SEND THE LIGHT

by Greg Swindle, President of the Herald of Truth

There are no more stirring lyrics of song to compel obedience more so than the old favorite hymn, "Send the Light." (Written by Charles H. Gabriel, pub.1888)

*There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,
"Send the light! Send the light
There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,
Send the light!
Send the light!*

Ironically, when I began this article, I was watching the dramatic rescue of a driver from a semi-truck dangling over the side of a suspension bridge. Watching, I found myself holding my breath as the crane lowered the first responder who pulled the driver to safety. It was very heartwarming. I am thankful to have such brave and dedicated people to come to our rescue. Certainly the point must not be missed here. In a far more critical way, the need for first responders to go to rescue the souls in sin and in peril. This must be our priority as disciples of Christ.

For over seventy years, it has been the mission of the Herald Truth Ministry to answer the call and make rescue. As always, this ministry strives in every possible way to not only encourage and equip others for evangelism, but to engage in evangelism around the world.

As a partner to Herald of Truth, I want to share a great opportunity to be more involved. **Operation: Send the Light** will provide the ability to send the blessed gospel light further and reach wider around the world than this ministry has done before.

Operation: Send the Light involves the combination of Evangelism Efforts and providing Bibles and Study Materials in a focused and effective way. Specifically, the intention is to continue providing Bibles where this ministry is conducting evangelism efforts. As you likely are aware, HTM is working on the ground in Cuba, Africa, Central America, and the USA.



Greg Swindle

Also, HTM will send the light over the Internet with Truth Digital Media. This is a worldwide station that generates requests for Bibles, study materials and personal visits. And when HTM receives a request of a Bible, we will provide it! We will also provide study materials and will do all possible to ensure there is personal follow-up. Furthermore, HTM often receives special requests for Bibles and materials in the language and dialect of remote groups. For example, there are over 70 dialects in Zambia Africa. We now have requests for Bibles in Tonga, Lozi and Bemba languages. We are still providing Bibles in Cuba, Central America, and Spanish speaking churches in the U.S. at no cost to the recipients!

Finally, we can and will support mission efforts, churches and individuals who request our assistance. We are working with local churches in the U.S. through both Mission: Evangelize America and Mission: Evangelize Spanish America (MESA). There is great potential in **Operation: Send the Light** to bring souls to Christ, Christians to a stronger faith, and more churches being planted. Please pray for the effort and consider how you will support this ministry.

TRIP REPORT

by Tim Archer, Director of International Missions

A big part of what we do at Herald of Truth is engaging and equipping local Christians for the tasks of evangelism and making disciples. We carry out that ministry in varying ways, both home and abroad. In February, Bruno Valle and I traveled to El Progreso, Honduras, to teach and energize the Christians in that region.



Tim Archer

Monday through Friday, Bruno and I taught classes at the Biblical Institute of Central America (BICA). Bruno worked with the first-year students on oratory, while I guided the second-year students in a study on making disciples. These students are preparing to work as evangelists throughout the region, so the time invested in

them is sure to have a far-reaching impact.

On Saturday, more than 135 church leaders from over 30 different congregations gathered to learn more about sharing God's Word with others. Bruno and I presented lessons, led discussions, and answered questions as the group enthusiastically participated in this equipping session. One exciting outcome was the decision by the group to continue gathering on a regular basis to challenge one another to grow in discipleship.

During this year, Herald of Truth will continue sharing the Word around the world, with a concentration on Central America and the Caribbean. Pray for our ongoing ministries in these areas.

DON'T SKIP THIS ARTICLE!

by Glenn Newton, Director of Individual Advancement

I know what some of you may be thinking, "Why does each newsletter end with something about money?" And I know that you already know the answer, "Because we cannot carry out our mission without money." And to be very honest with you, this is a very critical time for this ministry. I live in Saint Augustine, Florida. If you have been here recently, you know there is a homeless problem. I have talked to many of them as the congregation I preach for provides cold drinks on hot days. Most of them really are in need. I know some people with the "Homeless, Need Help" signs are scam artists, but many of them aren't.



Glenn Newton

a wishy-washy stock market, and the upcoming election; but what is certain is that people need Jesus now more than ever!

If every church and individual that received this letter would donate \$100, over \$100,000 would be available to share the story of Jesus! To those of you who give on a monthly basis, you could do this by increasing your monthly donations by only \$12.50 for the rest of the year.

This is an important article! Because everything you have read in this newsletter can only continue with your support. Thanks to you all in advance!

When I say we need your help to carry out this mission, allow me to be frank; we really do! Last year we ended our year in the red and this year we are struggling as well. Why? Because the cost of EVERYTHING has increased while our donations, for the most part, haven't. I know this is an uncertain time with inflation,

You can learn more about the efforts being supported by your donations on our website, heraldoftruth.org or become a donor today by calling us at **800-234-7995** or visiting heraldoftruth.org/donate.

WHY I LOVE OUR DONORS

by Kay Talley, Donor Relations Coordinator

We serve a God of "new beginnings". Eighteen years ago, when I was at one of the lowest points in my life, I answered the phone at the church where I was volunteering to work part time. The voice coming to me through the receiver requested that I post in our church bulletin that Herald of Truth Ministries needed an Executive Assistant. Since I was in dire need of income, rather than posting the appeal in our bulletin, I sent my resume to Herald of Truth Ministries. God had set in motion long before I even knew I would need a job, a plan to put me in a place where I could fulfill my passion for ministry. I interviewed for the position and walked away with the plan to start a "new beginning" the following week.



Kay Talley

looked like and how much the gift would be.

Receiving support on such a regular basis told me a little about each donor. The world is full of people who no longer understand what commitment is, or sacrifice, or dedication. I saw in our donors those who know sacrifice and the blessing that comes through it. My heart grieved when we would get news of one who had committed for many years to the ministry of Herald of Truth and had left their estate to it, wanting their life to continue to make an impact on those who need the love of the Lord and the salvation that comes because of it.

There are days when it seems that so much is wrong in our world. To pick up the mail and see familiar names, those I have seen for almost two decades, some of whom have given for more than six, brings a new start to my day.

Little did I know at the time all the blessings that would transpire through my time here. I soon was given the blessing of recording the donations that came in to support our ministry of taking the "Words of Jesus to His World Everyday". There were those who sent in their gifts of support every month. Arrival of the blessings of support came as faithfully as the sunrise. It would be difficult to type in a name and record the gift very many times without learning something of the donor. Soon the names on the return addresses were so familiar, I knew before I opened the envelope what the check

You donors are much more to me than a check. Though I have never personally met you face to face, you are friends, brothers and sisters who have had a great impact on my life, placed in my life by the Master to make all things new, helping me grow to become more like Jesus. I love you, give you thanks, and to God be the glory.