

January 3, 2012

Dear Family and Friends of CCLE,

On behalf of the staff and leadership, thank you for your support of Calvary Chapel of Lake Elsinore. Your fellowship, your prayers, your service, and your giving, make it possible for CCLE to continue to be a special place to worship our Lord Jesus Christ, and grow in our relationship with Him. As we share some of the details of the past year, we look forward to what the Lord might have planned for 2012.

Helping those in need within our CCLE family, along with seeking to spread the gospel around the world, continue as our two primary commitments. To that end, before any other bills are paid, a specific percentage of every week's offering is set aside for both of these two purposes. We plan to continue this practice throughout 2012.

Our Helps Ministry aided many within our church family in the purchase of food, gas, and other essentials. CCLE also assists the needy in our Lake Elsinore community, partnering with local agencies, as well as one-on-one with visitors in need. We provided aid in Mexico through the ministry of Juan Domingo. In addition, as in past years, CCLE continues to support our founding pastor and wife, John and Debbie Duncan.

In 2011, CCLE continued our commitment to the ministry of the Quarles family in Romania. We purchased the needed materials for a new building, and a team of four men traveled to Romania for its construction. This building, located behind their sanctuary, will serve as both a dorm and meeting place, thus providing opportunity for the church to disciple and equip others in spreading the gospel, while also strengthening the faith and commitment of the local believers through special conferences.

Starting with only a concrete slab, in just one week this team was able to frame and roof almost the entire structure. A second team of three men, with skills in hanging drywall and electrical wiring, followed a couple months later to work towards its completion. In giving to CCLE, you personally, along with these seven committed volunteers, helped Steve Quarles turn a ministry dream into reality. Already the new building is being used, with plans for 2012 being developed. If you have not already done so, please view the photos of the work at the church website.

Speaking of building projects, one also took place on our own property. The Gatehouse was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 2011. Our new multi-purpose room is being used on Sundays for overflow seating during the first three services, and then becomes the home for our Spanish service at 11:45. The Spanish fellowship is growing and being blessed under the leadership of Pastor Alfredo Martinez, and will be celebrating its 2-year anniversary this year. The Gatehouse also provides valuable space for ministry during the week and on special occasions. No debt was taken on by the church in its construction, nor did the church incur any new debt for any reason.

2011 was an anniversary year for CCLE as well, our 30th year together. We continue to seek opportunity for community and fellowship as a church family. To that end, we plan to have more BBQs and another movie night as the weather warms. If you haven't had a chance to yet, hopefully you can stay after service on a Sunday, enjoy a donut and some coffee, and introduce yourself to those you worship with each week.

In looking back on 2011, a story too often repeated involved the failings of institutions of trust, whether educational, governmental, or religious. Society looks to its leaders for accountability, and as the pastor of CCLE, it is my commitment to provide that accountability for you all. Your receipt for 2011 is enclosed, and I have no knowledge of the amounts. As always, if you have any further questions concerning the stewardship of your offerings to CCLE, please do not hesitate to ask. May the Lord bless you, and CCLE, in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Pastor Steve Wright
Calvary Chapel of Lake Elsinore