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A Letter From our Founder

Dear Beloved Supporters,

As we continue to serve the Lord in the Released Time ministry, we are amazed and grateful that He has kept this door open for **20 years!** We know that our Hope is in the Lord and He alone calls us, provides for us and sustains this vital work for such a time as this. Moreover, the Lord has called everyone, who participates in this ministry or supports us, in some special way. We cannot thank you enough for your prayers, service and support, which blesses this work immensely.

In 1998 when the Lord first gave birth to the Chino Valley Released Time program, He started us off slowly by taking baby steps. During that first season, we had 11 elementary students from two schools and four volunteer teachers. But, once the Lord found us faithful, He slowly started expanding our territory. Today, we praise Him, because 20 years later, we are at all 22 district elementary schools and were invited to bring our ministry to a local charter school until it was closed. While our student audience when we first started was 5th and 6th graders only, today we encourage all 3rd through 6th graders to come to the Bible Bus once a week for an hour and learn about the love of God, the Gospel of Jesus and the plans He has for their young lives.

As we look ahead, our 39 domestic missionaries are so enthusiastic and excited to see what God has in store. We realize that we have a mighty work ahead of us in this mission field since approximately 70% of the students who participate in RTCE are un-churched. We realize today's youth are faced with challenges, and alarming problems that were unheard of a few years ago!

In closing, we want you to know that while we have a great work ahead of us, we do feel extraordinarily blessed to have been called by our Creator to be His light and voice to children. Also, each of you provides an extra blessing by standing in the gap for us in a variety of different ways. Again, we thank you over and over for your support and faithfulness.

May our Lord continue to guide and lead us all in 2018! Furthermore, may we produce much fruit for His great Kingdom.

Gail Blake-Smith
Founder and Director



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Farewell Carolyn by Ellie Strader



Released Time Christian Education is sad to announce the recent passing of Carolyn Palmer a retired, long-time volunteer who served in our RT ministry in the capacity of bus driver and teacher assistant at both Levi Dickey and Hidden Trails Elementary Schools. Carolyn loved being a part of teaching the Bible to the children and made sure to arrive promptly with the bus each week.

Carolyn's faith in God was strong. She regularly attended

Calvary Chapel Chino Hills and served in many of the church ministries. For years, she faithfully gave of her time to vacuum the sanctuary, bake turkeys for the homeless outreach at Thanksgiving, bake a variety of homemade cookies for our troops, and helped in the Support Our Troops Ministry.

Carolyn had an upbeat, positive attitude, and spoke in a cheerful laughing manner. Those of us who knew her have lost a dear friend, but we rejoice that she has been welcomed into her Savior's presence in Heaven.

Carolyn is survived by Jerry, her husband of 55 years, daughter Deb, son-in-law Richard and three grandchildren.

We miss you Carolyn!



A Released Time Family by Ruth Beaugh

I have been privileged to be a volunteer with RTCE since 2009, and at Rhodes Elementary since 2010. I have been blessed with so many wonderful students! This year I noticed something extraordinary: I am teaching the third student/sibling from two different families in RTCE!

Karina, Justin, and Katie Trinh have all been in RTCE at Rhodes. Currently, Karina is in 9th grade at Ayala High School. She sings in the choir and plays AYSO soccer. Her favorite part of RTCE was meeting new people in class that she hadn't known in school. Justin is in 7th grade at Canyon Hills. He also plays AYSO soccer. Justin memorized every scripture verse for the three years he was in RTCE, and had perfect attendance! His favorite part of RTCE was competing against his younger sister Katie in memorizing the verses. Katie is in the 5th grade at Rhodes. She also plays soccer and loves learning the RTCE verses. She, too, memorized all the verses and had perfect attendance in her 4th grade year and is headed that way this year as well!

In the Maiz family, Iliana, Ricardo, and Viviana have attended RTCE. Iliana is now in 10th grade at Ayala High School. She is very active in the Forensics Club. She is involved in her church, Montecito Baptist, in their feeding the needy ministry and the Pearls Club, which is a youth group for girls. She loves evangelism and winning souls for Jesus. Iliana won the verse memorization contest in the 4th grade and still has the bracelet she was awarded. Ricardo is in the

7th grade and is currently being homeschooled. He is involved in his church's teen group. He also helps his grandfather on Sundays as he drives a shuttle bus to Los Angeles picking up people and bringing them to church in Ontario. Ricardo loved the worship songs in RTCE. Viviana is in 3rd grade at Rhodes. She has only been in RTCE for a few months but is already an asset to our RTCE class. Just like her older siblings, Viviana knows the Bible!

These families are my first experience with having two sets of three children from the same family. This year I also have two students whose older sisters have been in our class. What a blessing to see God's Word passed down through these families and to know that the siblings just keep recruiting one another.



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1John 3:1

Annual Bible Campaign



There are over 350, 3rd through 6th grade students within the Chino Valley School District enrolled in Released Time classes at all 22 elementary schools. Every year, we are able to provide all first year students with their very own HoneyWord Children's Bible.

It is our prayer that we will be able to continue providing Bibles, to the new students each year, so that they will leave the program with the Word of God planted deeply in their hearts

Again, approximately 70 percent of our students are un-churched and RTCE is the only Christian training they receive. To most of the students, this is the very first Bible of their very own and they are so excited to receive this gift. We are only able to do this through your generosity! Our annual Bible Campaign will launch in May. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Did You Know?

A few years ago, Wayne Joseph, Superintendent for Chino Valley Unified School District, created an organization called HOPE (Helping Other People Everyday). It was Mr. Joseph's dream and passion to have a district facility where students and family members could come and receive assistance with minor needs.

Mr. Joseph formulated a plan and invited businesses, churches and non-profit organizations to work together to provide supplies for basic hygiene needs, clothing, shoes etc. that could be used by various recipients.

As RTCE volunteers, we saw this as an excellent opportunity to get our students and their families involved in helping others. So, last year, we worked with the HOPE Center to ascertain their needs. Once we had that information, we gave the list to the students, and in turn, they took it home and worked with their parents to provide

the needed items. In 2017 hundreds of items were turned in by our kids to help fill the HOPE Center shelves. This project was so well received by RTCE students we plan on doing it again this year.

We are exceedingly blessed to participate in this very worthwhile cause knowing that many of our students are in foster care, homeless or their families have incomes below the poverty level.



*"The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me".
Matthew 25:45*

Comments On The Jesus Film by Dana Isaman



Dana Isaman was a first year teacher at Levi Dickey Elementary last year when she showed the kids The Jesus Film as part of the Easter lesson. She saved time to discuss the film and answer questions after it was over but she also wrote down the kids' comments and observations that they blurted out during the video. The Spirit really moved them as some saw Jesus' story for the first time. Here are some of their comments and reactions:

"Oh my gosh!" When the stone was rolled away from the tomb

"OH....!" At the first sight of Jesus being alive.

"That's not fair that Jesus had to die for us. Why didn't He fight back?"

"He's the Son of God. They should have known by now He's immortal."

"If He's not a criminal, why is He on the cross?"

"He's a traitor of Jesus?! No!" Speaking of Judas as he approached Jesus to betray Him with a kiss in the Garden of Gethsemane

"Where was Jesus those three days?"

The kids made the connection for the first time through the worship song they've been singing for the last two weeks: "1-2-3 Jesus is alive. 1-2-3 He died for you and me, but on day 3, Jesus rose again, Jesus is alive!" Dana said "They get it! God



Here I Am Lord, Send Me by Lisa Enda



I first felt a tug for the Released Time ministry several years ago when seeing Gail give an annual update and appeal to the congregation at church. RTCE struck a cord with me. A couple years earlier my husband and I pulled our children from the public school to homeschool them so that I could infuse as much Jesus into their foundation as possible. And here was RTCE presenting the opportunity to witness to kids in those same schools we had left! As the time for me to get involved was not right due to family commitments, RTCE was filed away in my mind for future. Fast forward to 2017 when all my kids had transitioned back to the school system - and here's Gail at church again! I had excuses floating through my mind, but I remembered that call on my spirit and it had been so

clear that this is where I was to serve. I shoved away my fear and feelings of inadequacy and told Jesus, "Here I am, send me!" and marched up to the RTCE table immediately after service and signed up. And they took me!

I have come in with no formal teaching experience, but instead with a lot of self doubt! I didn't want to just "teach", but to truly reach the hearts of these kids for the Kingdom. I knew that I alone was not capable of this; but rather I must surrender and let the Holy Spirit do His work! I remind myself that God chooses the weak and the least to do great things. This was going to be exciting! So much so, that I was asked to teach not only at one school, but two! I was given a school with a maxed-out bus of 25 students, and the other school

with only two, wondering if we'd even be able to hold a class at all (it has now grown to 6.) Working alongside my drivers/assistants, we have exhilarating classes watching the Lord show up. We get to witness the childrens' eyes and faces watching intently, their voices singing worship, the laughter, and the eagerness to ask questions they (and their parents!) have been wondering about. I will never forget the first class when we stepped into the school office to collect the kids: we were immediately greeted by 20+ pairs of eyes belonging to fidgety but quiet, expectant children who were there to be taught the Bible - at public school no less! Awesome! To be a part of this is incredibly special and an honor! God spoils me!

"Fix these words of Mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Deuteronomy 11:18-19