

THE JESUS FILM PROJECT

*Reaching the Unreached...
In their heart language...
Helping them grow!*

“By God’s Grace...Everyone, Everywhere”

A Report to Partners

TOUCH HIS GARMENT HEM



A showing of “Magdalena: Released From Shame” brought an abandoned theater back to life. Nearly 200 came to watch, curious to see a film made for women. As it began, children laughed and talked, the women turned to them saying, “Be quiet, this film is for us.” It was! They felt His love and heard the gospel. Because of you, many of them were brought back to spiritual life, in Christ! Thank you.

...IN CLOSED COUNTRIES



“**M**agdalena: Released From Shame” is a film that looks at the life of Christ through the eyes of a woman, Mary Magdalene. Through the film you see how Jesus valued women and treated them with dignity and respect. It’s a film that draws both men and women and gives them a deeper sense of their personal importance to God.

Scriptural stories like “The Woman Who Touched His Garment” are seamlessly integrated, portraying Jesus’ ministry to women. The effect is powerful as the Holy Spirit uses His Word, directly quoted from the Gospels, to transform lives.

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Unprecedented Publicity in a Closed Nation

Even though the premiere occurred in a major city of a restricted nation, publicity was wide. Theaters were always filled. After the first showing, a government official gave blanket permission to show "Magdalena" in hospitals and clinics throughout the country. National Christians were able to distribute thousands of "Magdalena" DVDs.

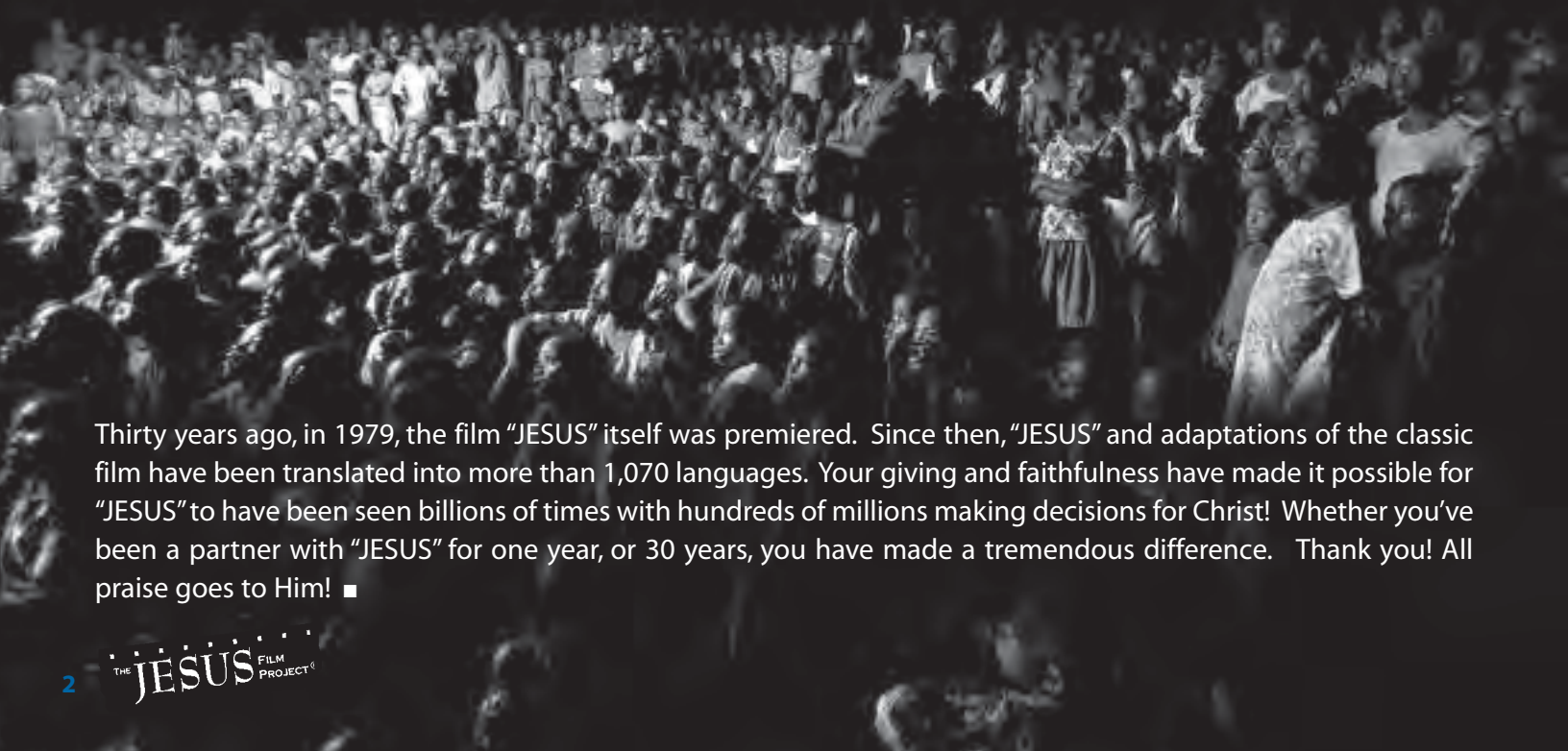
A team member said, *"For weeks, our phones rang off the hook."* Most callers wanted follow-up materials, expressing a hunger to learn more about Jesus (whom they know as the prophet *Isa*). A large manufacturing plant that employs mostly women called, asking that the gospel be presented at their factory! A newspaper reporter was so moved that she inquired when the sequel to "Magdalena" would be released. **And an audience member said after one showing, "We're very thankful to those who made this film."**

In turn, we're thankful to you. Your partnership has allowed women in closed, restricted countries to touch His garment hem. They are being delivered from various forms of bondage. Rejoice with us at what He alone has done! Thank you for your prayers and partnership! ■



We invite you to watch a special online video and learn more about the ministry of the "JESUS" film and how you can help reach people in closed countries with DVDs of "JESUS." You can view it at www.jesusfilm.org/ transform

30 YEARS OF WATCHING THE LORD WORK!



Thirty years ago, in 1979, the film "JESUS" itself was premiered. Since then, "JESUS" and adaptations of the classic film have been translated into more than 1,070 languages. Your giving and faithfulness have made it possible for "JESUS" to have been seen billions of times with hundreds of millions making decisions for Christ! Whether you've been a partner with "JESUS" for one year, or 30 years, you have made a tremendous difference. Thank you! All praise goes to Him! ■

FAITH INDEED DOES COME BY HEARING

Cultural chasms that confront new believers are vast. As newborn babes in Christ, most have only a rudimentary understanding of their new faith. Suddenly, as they watch and experience “JESUS,” by the work of the Holy Spirit, they are filled with joy, with new life. **Now begins the hard work of teaching, nurturing, and making disciples.**

“Disciples are true followers of Jesus, not just those who make an initial decision. A true follower walks with Christ. He or she studies His Word, fellowships with others, obeys His commands, living out their faith on a daily basis.”

— Jim Green



• You may have heard of The Proclaimer, engineered and made available by ministry partner, Faith Comes By Hearing. This solar-powered device contains the entire New Testament, recorded by local speakers, enhanced with music and sound effects. After people watch “JESUS,” form follow up groups, and use The Proclaimer, we’ve found stunning results. People are growing, churches are emerging, thriving and multiplying!



“Follow-Through Evangelism” is an integral strategy of The JESUS Film Project ministry. When they first believe, everything is so new. *“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature...”* (2 Corinthians 5:17, NASB). That’s why it is essential to ground them in the faith, entrust them into the care of a thriving group of believers or church—**that they may mature in Christ.**

• Several new follow-up films are currently in use in Asia and Africa. Like The Proclaimer groups, people gather around a small video screen weekly, listen and watch. Their need for knowledge is met by topics such as “Understanding the Role of the Holy Spirit,” “How to Pray” and “How to Witness.” You can view a short preview online at www.jesusfilm.org/specialreport.

• The “Rivka” follow-up project is another, much-anticipated follow-up series. A woman, whose name is Rivka, plays one of the main characters in “Magdalena: Released From Shame.” Women learn from Rivka as she learns about her own new faith, grows in Christ and the knowledge of Him.

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STEP OUT IN FAITH...

News From You—A Personal Report by Friends of “JESUS” “JESUS” Brings Life to Nicaragua



Thank you to partners of “JESUS” who send us their stories and reports of “JESUS”!

A medical-dental team sent by Northeast Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina was heading to the coast of Nicaragua. Just before leaving, team member and church elder, **Clark Farley**, called to inquire if a DVD of “JESUS” in Miskito could be rushed to him. The DVD arrived just in time. Clark told us that this single DVD became “an unbelievable blessing to the people.”

Supplementing their medical mission, the team invited a hundred pastors to a four-day



A U.S. dentist treats a Nicaraguan patient.
Photo courtesy of Clark Farley and Ben Jones.

training seminar and rejoiced when 170 attended. Some had traveled for days to the meetings. Starved for training, these village pastors were struck by “JESUS,” the first film they’d seen in their own Miskito language. Clark said that the pastors watched with “mouths wide open, not moving a muscle until it was over.”

They gave the pastor who had traveled the farthest the DVD along with a portable DVD player. He is now showing “JESUS” to his congregation and others in his isolated jungle area.

Mike McKinney told us about Burnt Hickory Baptist Church in Kennesaw, Georgia. They too send medical-dental teams to Nicaragua. Two years ago, a team visited the remote village of Santa Isabel, on the Rio Coco, where no evangelical witness existed.

A large crowd arrived to watch “JESUS,” and were deeply moved to see how Jesus had suffered for them. Many responded. The next morning, these new believers met for several hours. *“It seemed like most of the village turned out in the rain for this*

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This Nicaraguan boy accepted Christ after seeing “JESUS.” He is one of 22 who were baptized in Santa Isabel while a medical-dental team from Georgia ministered to them physically and shared the gospel.

SEE WHAT GOD WILL DO!

How you are using “JESUS”!

If you would like to share a story about “JESUS,” please email Mary.Gibbons@jesusfilm.org. Kindly include as many details as possible, along with any high resolution photos you may have. Our thanks to Clark and Mike for providing stories of their involvement in God’s using “JESUS” to influence others’ lives. ■

MOTORCYCLING FOR “JESUS”


“Some of us never really grew up,” admits John Ogden, president of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). “We liked motorcycles when we were kids. And it’s still great to get out in the breeze and ride, and see what God’s created.”

But John gets very purposeful when he talks about reaching bikers with the gospel, and organizing Christian bikers to make an eternal difference.

John reports that members of CMA not only reach out to motorcyclists at many events, but are tremendously excited about their nationwide, once-a-year ride—a fund raiser—they call “Run for the Son.” Through this annual ride, CMA has raised more than \$25 million to spread the gospel all over the world.

We’re grateful that one of three ministries the annual ride supports is The JESUS Film Project. This year thousands of CMA members raised \$750,000 so people might experience the power of the film “JESUS.”

Thank you, John. And thanks to all the members of the Christian Motorcycle Association for your desire to reach out with servant hearts to other bikers, and especially for your generosity to worldwide ministries like The JESUS Film Project. God bless you as you ride for the Son!



To learn more about the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA), go to www.cmausa.org. ■

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event.” Twenty-two people were baptized.

Before their team departed, these believers were already planning their new church. They chose Clemensio, one of those baptized, to be their pastor. For the next six months, he attended Bible institute classes. They now have built their own block-walled church. **For your part in helping to make these DVDs and other copies of “JESUS” available, thank you!** ■

View a short home video recorded by partner Mike McKinney at www.jesusfilm.org/mikevideo.

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We’re so grateful for friends like you who pray and give, who not only help show “JESUS” to unreached people, but help build them up in Christ...making lasting, maturing disciples—churches that grow and multiply. For all this, we thank you! ■

This is the second in a series of four features explaining the critical role of Follow-Through Evangelism, establishing whole movements of evangelism and multiplying churches. The next edition will highlight Church Planting, then Leadership Development.

RETIRES GIVE THEIR HOME TO REACH MORE PEOPLE TODAY



By the sale of their house in Delaware, a retired, missions-minded couple is helping people see "JESUS." Using their appreciated asset for the kingdom, this caring couple saw their tax liabilities greatly reduced.

Stan and Martha Donaldson* sensed God's leading to retire in Winter Haven, Florida, where they purchased a home near Stan's parents. But they were concerned about their unsold home in Delaware, a house that had been in the family for the past 30 years.

As they prayed, they felt God leading them to give a substantial portion of what the home was worth to the Lord's work. Stan said, *"The JESUS Film Project has been our favorite for a long time, yet, we didn't know how to go about selling our home that was now so far away."*

* At the request of this couple, pseudonyms have been used.

While they were touring the JESUS Film Master Studio at Campus Crusade for Christ's headquarters, in Orlando, they also met with staff members in the Great Commission Foundation (GCF). They had planned to give their home through their estate, but seeing the needs today, they asked themselves, "why wait?" and prayed.

They learned that God could use their unsold asset to support the work of "JESUS" and other films, like "Magdalena: Released From Shame." GCF handled all the details. The Donaldsons were not only able to donate the property, but avoid capital gains taxes on its increased value, plus be allowed an income tax deduction for its appraised worth.

We asked Stan if he had any thoughts for other partners of "JESUS." He wanted you to know that: *"It's always best to pray and get the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God will work it out in a way that will not only benefit the ministry, but He wants us to be blessed in the process. Now we have the tax advantage, and that's allowing us to have more resources to use for the Lord's work."*

Thank you so very much, Stan and Martha, for your generous gift to the wide-reaching ministry of "JESUS." ■

If you would like to learn more about giving appreciated property to the Lord's work, our team of professional advisors with the Great Commission Foundation is ready to help with this and a number of other tax-wise strategies. Please call toll free (800) 449-5454, or email your inquiry to info@gcfccc.org.

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