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**COVER:** A child eating in the mountain village of Badeo in the Philippines. Photo by Art Roy Remy.

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## THE CLIMBING WAY

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# Giving the gift of Life

By Gary and Elaine Fallesen  
President and vice president, Climbing For Christ



The Haitian church at Jimani, Dominican Republic worshipping on CHRISTmas in 2010, above, while members of Save Pakistan Ministries celebrate with a dance, right. Far right, Marco and Edwin Milla in the Cordillera Blanca in Peru. (Photos by Miguel Rubén Guante, Haseeb Masih and Edwin Milla.)



“Wada Din Mubarak Ho!” We wish you a happy CHRISTmas in the Urdu language of Pakistan.

While Pakistan is an Islamic republic with fewer than 2.5 percent of the population professing to be Christ followers, the birth of Jesus is celebrated in the Christian community there.

“Yes, we give gifts to one another on Christmas,” said evangelist Haseeb Masih, a Climbing For Christ member in Pakistan. “We have prayer rallies in the Christmas night, and hold candles in our hands. We do worship and walk street to street with worship.

“We share our happiness with the poor people as we are in Christ.”

Sharing the joy of our Savior on His birthday — and every day — should be as natural as breathing to those living in Christ. After all, everything is a gift to us from Him.

In preparation for this issue of *The Climbing Way*, which we have dubbed “The Giving Issue,” we asked our international workers: “What would be the best gift you could receive for CHRISTmas?”

“I would like that everyone make reflection and they can receive Jesus as Savior, not for a moment, but forever,” said Edwin Milla, our co-coordinator of Climbing For Christ Peru.

“The gift of Christ,” answered Miguel Rubén Guante, our missionary to Haiti.

Miguel’s lesson for the year-ending *Monte Pou Kris* (Climbing For Christ) seminary for Haitian pastors and church leaders was to focus in December on Matthew 4:19. “‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’”

“What that means is to try to bring new believers to Christ,” Miguel said. “The best gift for me is to bring new believers to Christ.”

Haseeb Masih shared that “my best Christmas gift is to see my people happy on the Christmas occasion.” And he desires to spread that good cheer to others.

He scheduled a program for Dec. 15 to provide warm clothing and food for two months to 100 widows and orphans. To do so, there was a need for US\$2,000.

“I think Christmas is the best time to help the poor and marginalized people to spread love and hope,” Haseeb said.

It’s also a time when hearts may be more open to receiving the Good News of Jesus, who entered the world to redeem the lost. To deliver this incredible news, Climbing For Christ would like to provide the Word to the nations. One of the gift ideas in this issue is The Bible (see page 5).

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS, from page 3

You can give, what we like to call, “the gift that keeps on living” by buying a unique CHRISTmas present for someone special in your life. Send US\$30 to Climbing For Christ and we’ll send that certain someone a gift card from you and provide five Urdu Bibles to be distributed by Save Pakistan Ministries or six Nepali Bibles to be delivered by Savior Alone Reaches Asians (SARA). Save Pakistan and SARA are two of Climbing For Christ’s partner ministries, which we have been blessed to come alongside and support in prayer, funding, and the sending of co-laborers.

“These Bibles will (be taken) to the places where others have not gone and have not given,” said Pastor Tej Rokka, the Climbing For Christ member who founded and leads SARA. “To give a way (for those who have not) heard even a single time about Jesus, who is the center point of Christmas.

“I don’t know, did I answer your question, but I am sure it is from the Lord. Because when I sat in front of my computer to reply to your question, a small voice came to my heart — though I was thinking of some other gift. Praise the Lord for His small voice.”

We encourage you, as you read through the pages of this magazine, to listen for His still, small voice. He will tell you how and where you can help.

He might direct you to support an indigenous missionary (like the men of God you have heard

The orphans supported by Project 1:27 in Malawi show off sandals, new clothing, and other gifts received last CHRISTmas.

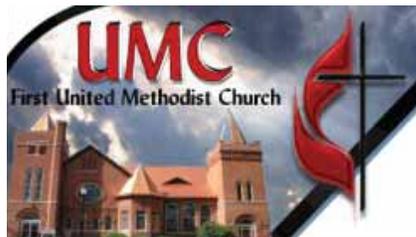
(Photo by Duncan Nyozani)



from on this page and on page 7), sponsor an orphan through our Project 1:27 (page 6), buy some bricks to help build His church (page 6), pay a teacher’s wages or provide school supplies (page 9), help deliver clean water (page 9) as well as the Living Water, sponsor a climber to GO (page 11), provide for relief work (page 10) or medical efforts (page 8), or even support this publication — which comes to you for free and is published to testify to His glory (page 10).

When you think about those in your life and what they really need for CHRISTmas, if all you can think of are things that they want, please consider blessing them with a gift to Climbing For Christ. That blessing will also be shared by those He is using us to help and to reach with His love. A love we share with others during this precious CHRISTmas season. A love that those in the world truly need.

“Krist ko Janam Ko Shuvakamana.” We wish you, in Nepali, good will in the birth of Christ. †



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An advertisement for Hope Church. At the top, there are three overlapping photos: a close-up of a man's face, a group of people smiling, and a man's face. Below the photos is a banner that reads "Because you matter... Hope CHANGES EVERYTHING". Underneath the banner is a sign for "Hope Church Weekend Worship" with details: "Saturdays at 5:00 pm", "Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 &amp; 11:15 am", and the website "www.sharethehope.org". At the bottom right, there is an address: "1301 Vintage Lane, Rochester, NY 723-HOPE".

# GIFT SECTION

## The Bible Gift that keeps on living

*"For the word of God is alive and active."*  
– Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

The Bible is, sadly, taken for granted in some places. For instance, there is an average of 3 or 4 Bibles in every home in the United States, according to Zondervan. Most of those Bibles collect dust.

**We desire to give Bibles that will capture hearts.  
We know that this is truly a gift that keeps on living.**

"When we give a Bible to someone in Pakistan, that means we are giving him or her life, so that they could come in the light by reading or reciting," says evangelist Haseeb Masih of Climbing For Christ in Pakistan.

"As we trust that the Bible keeps its own dynamic influence to change lives, it must go to every human being living on this planet."

Bibles – or at least New Testaments – are needed in the places where Climbing For Christ is serving: Haiti, Nepal, Peru, the Philippines, Turkey, to name a few. Costs range from a few dollars to \$20.

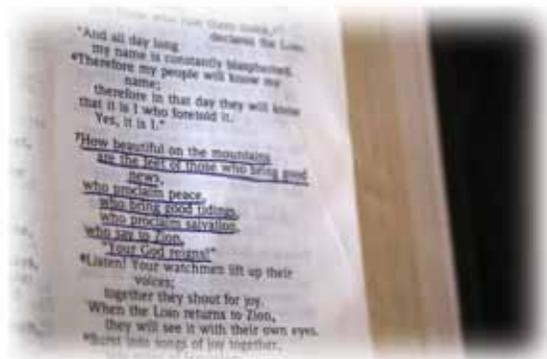
A Nepali Bible costs only \$5. Pastor Tej Rokka of Savior Alone Reaches Asians (SARA) knows of "at least 1,000 families" in need of Bibles. "One family consists of a minimum of four members," he says. "That means 4,000 people will have a great opportunity to read and understand the message of hope. This will become the true meaning of CHRISTmas for them."

An Urdu Bible costs just \$6. There are thousands without Bibles in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

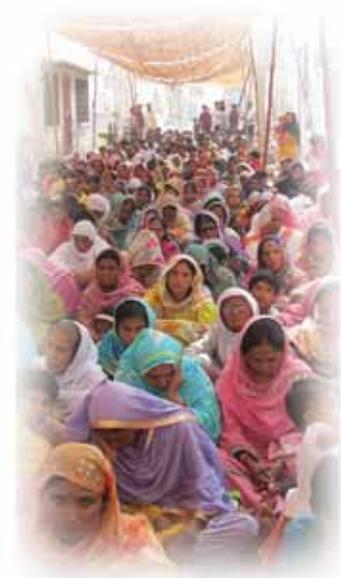
"The Lord is going to do incredible things in Pakistan through our Bible distribution mission," Haseeb says. "Please keep praying for this mission. Your prayers are much needed as we are spreading the word of God."

Suggested Gift

**\$6-\$20**



Climbing For Christ president Gary Fallesen, right, and Roshan Adhikari of SARA ministry reading from the Bible at the church of Dapcha in central Nepal in January. (Photo by Alyssa Kaelin)



Hundreds gathered for an open-air revival hosted by Save Pakistan Ministries in October. Save Pakistan founder Haseeb Masih said there were 4,000 new believers that he knew of without Bibles at that time. (Photo by Haseeb Masih)

# Project 1:27

## Sponsor an orphan

*Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
All are precious in His sight,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

– “Jesus Loves the Little Children,” classic hymn  
(words by C. Herbert Woolston)

He is called Gift. He is one of the orphans Climbing For Christ helps in Malawi, Africa through Project 1:27, an outreach based on James 1:27 (“look after the orphans ... in their distress”).

“He has had a very hard life,” one of his caregivers, Damson Samson, tells us.

Gift’s mother died and then his father was killed while he stole from someone. The young child went to live with an aunt, who mistreated him. She would allow her own children to eat and would not feed him. If there were scraps left, he might be given something to eat.

He was 4 years old when he came to Far & Wide Children’s Home, the orphanage God used Climbing For Christ to rescue in 2009 and which we support on a monthly basis.

Gift’s story is not uncommon at Far & Wide or at the SARA (Savior Alone Reaches Asians) orphanage in Kathmandu, Nepal, which is also assisted by Climbing For Christ.

“They have had to fight for everything,” Damson says about the orphans. “They fight for food, fight for water. They come here, they do the same. That is not the right life. The life here is about sharing.”

We seek to share the love of Jesus this CHRISTmas with the orphans in Malawi and Nepal. We have 15 sponsored orphans in Malawi, but many more are waiting to get into Far & Wide Children’s Home. We have a dozen or more orphans in Kathmandu also in need of sponsors.

Suggested Gift

**\$30** per month

Gift. (Photo by Gary Fallesen)

Church at Dapcha, Nepal.

The value of the church — the physical structure — cannot be understated. In places where the church — the body of believers — gathers in homes or in hiding, the idea of having a public place of worship is a piece of heaven on earth.

“These churches,” Nepali member Megh Gurung said in his Hindu-dominated country, “are the only beacons in the darkness.”

A church building stands as a symbol of hope. It is a light on a hill, shining brightly in the mountain lairs of the enemy.

Climbing For Christ has thus far funded the building of one church in Nepal and three churches in Haiti. Two more churches are in the making: another in Nepal and one for the Haitian community in the Dominican border town of Jimani.

“If God had not sent Climbing For Christ to build His church (in Gentilhomme, Haiti in June 2005) we can’t imagine if there could still be a church,” said our missionary to Haiti, Miguel Rubén Guante. “Maybe somebody could go to other churches, but many would desert.”

When the Lord led Climbing For Christ to Gentilhomme, the church there was meeting inside a thatch structure that consisted of three walls, no roof, and no floor.

“We can extend that, too, to Malasi and Thoman (where other Climbing For Christ churches have been constructed),” Miguel said.

Many villages in the mountains of Haiti have asked Climbing For Christ (known as *Monte Pou Kris* in the native Creole language) to build churches for them. This is true in other countries as well.

“They are praying to see one day a place to worship God in their village through a church,” said Jaime Servat, Climbing For Christ’s missionary to Peru.

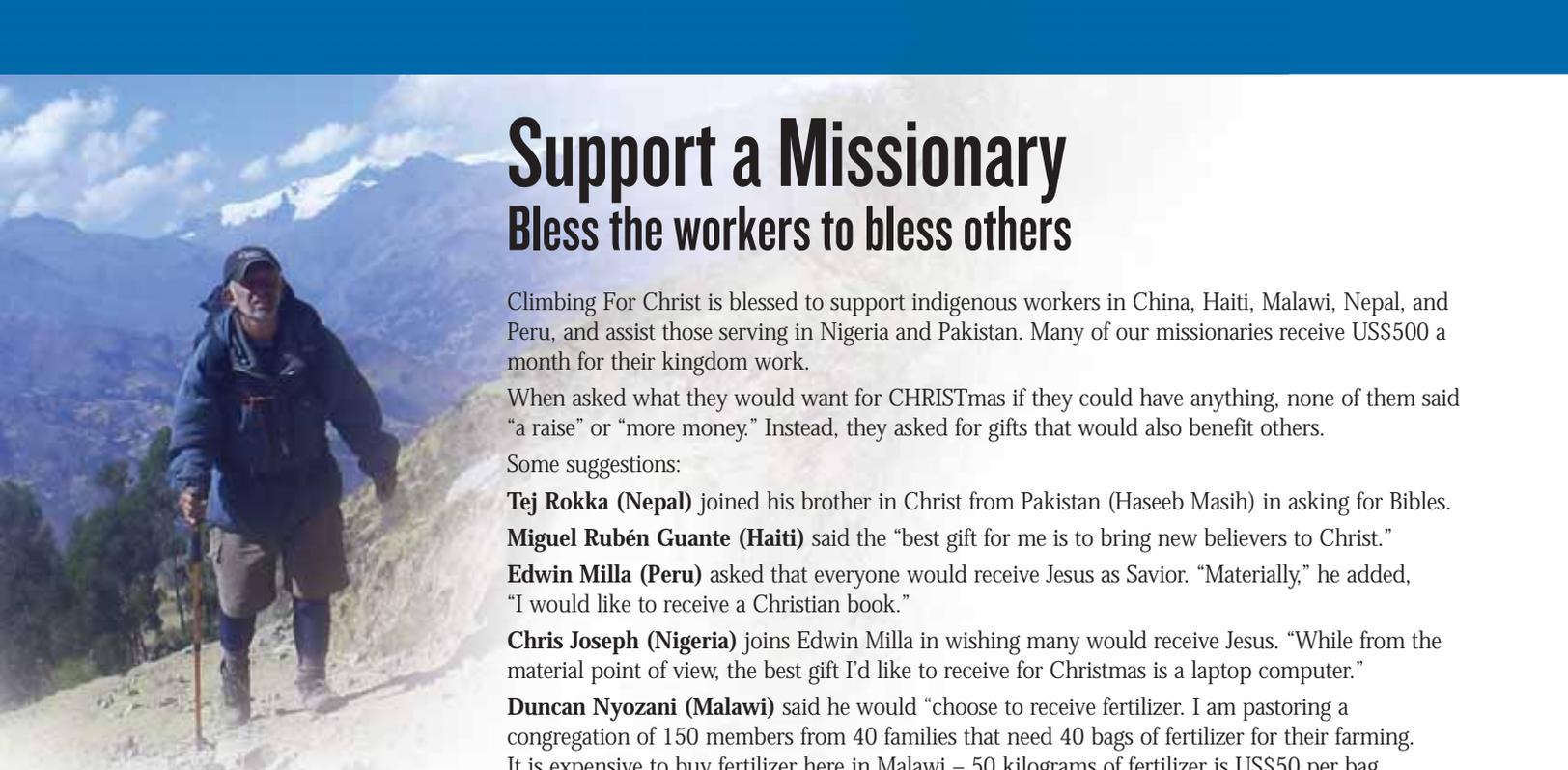
There is nothing Climbing For Christ desires to do more than to build churches in mountain villages throughout the world.

# Buy a brick

## Build the church

Suggested Gift

**\$25**



Jaime Servat.

# Support a Missionary

## Bless the workers to bless others

Climbing For Christ is blessed to support indigenous workers in China, Haiti, Malawi, Nepal, and Peru, and assist those serving in Nigeria and Pakistan. Many of our missionaries receive US\$500 a month for their kingdom work.

When asked what they would want for CHRISTmas if they could have anything, none of them said “a raise” or “more money.” Instead, they asked for gifts that would also benefit others.

Some suggestions:

**Tej Rokka (Nepal)** joined his brother in Christ from Pakistan (Haseeb Masih) in asking for Bibles.

**Miguel Rubén Guante (Haiti)** said the “best gift for me is to bring new believers to Christ.”

**Edwin Milla (Peru)** asked that everyone would receive Jesus as Savior. “Materially,” he added, “I would like to receive a Christian book.”

**Chris Joseph (Nigeria)** joins Edwin Milla in wishing many would receive Jesus. “While from the material point of view, the best gift I’d like to receive for Christmas is a laptop computer.”

**Duncan Nyozani (Malawi)** said he would “choose to receive fertilizer. I am pastoring a congregation of 150 members from 40 families that need 40 bags of fertilizer for their farming. It is expensive to buy fertilizer here in Malawi – 50 kilograms of fertilizer is US\$50 per bag. Forty bags will cost US\$2,000. Without fertilizer it is difficult to harvest these years.”

**“Frank” (China)** said he “would like to receive outdoor equipment, such as a tent and sleeping bag.” That gear would enable him to do ministry among the people God has taken Climbing For Christ to the past few years.

One of the challenges for nationals serving the Lord through Climbing For Christ is their need for clothing and gear. Few of these men of God were climbers before being directed to work with us. They also have little resources to buy what is needed.

Supporting these missionaries blesses them so they may be a blessing. You can help by becoming a regular contributor to their monthly pay or by sending a one-time gift that can go toward anything from fertilizer to a sleeping bag.

Suggested Gift  
**\$50-\$500**  
per month

## Prayer

### A priceless gift

School children in Gentilhomme, Haiti praying during a Bible school taught by Mission: Haiti 2011 team members. (Photo by Gary Fallesen)

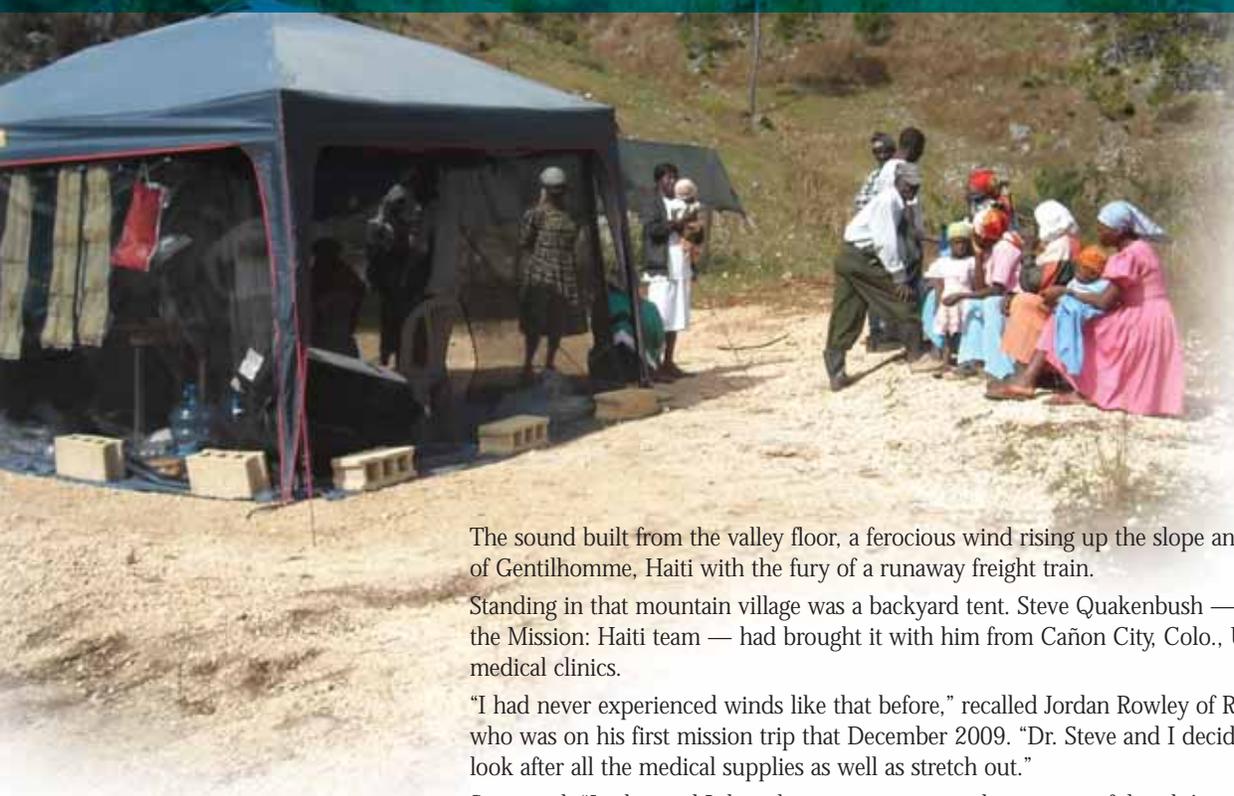
*“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men...” – 1 Timothy 2:1 (NKJV)*

Praying is both the smallest and the greatest gift a Christian can give! It’s the smallest gift because it’s such a simple thing. Prayer, after all, is in essence simply a conversation between a gracious Father and His beloved child. Praying is also the greatest thing a Christian can do because there can be great power in it and great eternal results from it. When we’re having that simple conversation, we can ask our all-powerful Father to do things like protect and provide for our brothers and sisters all over the globe; to guard and to guide the steps of His servants who answer His call to GO; and to teach and train up the children in the orphanages and schools we’re supporting.

There are many ways you can bless this ministry with your prayers. A few examples include praying over the magazine you’re reading right now, or through Climbing For Christ’s Web site ([www.climbingforchrist.org](http://www.climbingforchrist.org)), or through the ministry’s E-Newsletters. You can also sign up online for our weekly Prayer Team Updates. There are so many wonderful stories and serious needs that are shared each of these ways. However the Lord leads you, please do one thing: pray! Through your gift of prayer, you will be having a hand (or a voice) in blessing your brethren and neighbors, even to the ends of the earth!



Suggested Gift  
**PRICELESS!**



The tent that was destroyed by winds in Haiti.

## EMT A medical shelter from the storm

Suggested Gift

\$30

The sound built from the valley floor, a ferocious wind rising up the slope and slamming into the village of Gentilhomme, Haiti with the fury of a runaway freight train.

Standing in that mountain village was a backyard tent. Steve Quakenbush — the dedicated doctor for the Mission: Haiti team — had brought it with him from Cañon City, Colo., USA, to use as a base for medical clinics.

“I had never experienced winds like that before,” recalled Jordan Rowley of Rochester, N.Y., USA, who was on his first mission trip that December 2009. “Dr. Steve and I decided to sleep in the tent to look after all the medical supplies as well as stretch out.”

Steve said: “Jordan and I thought we were going to have a peaceful night’s rest before starting clinics the next day. About 1:30 a.m., the winds began to blow violently. The demonic winds began shredding our tent.”

Jordan: “The wind became fiercer as the night went on. Just the sustained winds were enough to move our things around inside the tent. The gusts felt as if they were going to pick up the tent like a sail and throw it down the mountain. I didn’t sleep one bit. Every few minutes a huge gust would shake the tent violently, jolting me to my senses. It truly felt as though this wind storm was demonic.

“I’m reminded now of the storms that Jesus’ disciples faced. Many believe that any storm with wind and waves big enough to put such fear into a handful of seasoned fishermen must have been demonic. Either way, they were in a similar ‘boat’ as we were. Our wind storm came as we were doing the Lord’s work in Haiti. The disciples’ storm came as they were doing the Lord’s work and crossing the Sea of Galilee. And as did ours, the disciples’ storm came in the dark of night. It seems that’s where most of the enemy’s work is done – in the dark. Finally, after hours of increasingly fierce winds, one final gust blew the tent over. Medical supplies were in danger of being blown away – as were the tent, Steve and I.”

Steve: “Jordan and I jumped up out of our sleeping bags, without a word, trying to hold the tent together. When Jordan and I realized that the tent would most likely blow down the mountainside, we started disassembling it.”

Other members of the Mission: Haiti team, awakened by what sounded like far-off voices, realized something was amiss. They could hear expedition teammates shouting over the din of the wind storm. Those who heard emerged from their own tents to help Steve and Jordan.

“We hauled everything back to the mission house,” Steve said, “and then ... the wind stopped.

“I remember my soul crying out that Satan could have no part of the mission. We were not going to be scared off or leave. We had come to serve Jesus and we would not be deterred. The next day we set up our clinic in the mission house.”

A valuable lesson was learned from this experience: Climbing For Christ needs a bomb-proof medical base. We identified Mountain Hardwear’s Stronghold, said to be the “most impervious, double-walled, expedition base camp shelter for day-to-day use in the Antarctic or Himalayas.”

The Stronghold is a 10-person, 171-square-foot, four-season tent that stands 89 inches. It will be roomy enough for medical personnel and supplies and the many people God is sending us to serve physically in Haiti, Nepal, the Philippines, and beyond.

This tent retails for US\$3,000. Support received for the Dr. Eric A. Cederstrom Memorial Fund will be used for this tent, which will be known as “Eric’s Memorial Tent” – or the EMT, for short. We know this tent will withstand the enemy’s gales and be a shelter and stronghold for medical care.



Mountain Hardwear’s Stronghold.

# Teachers

## The Answer to questions in Haiti

The only cure for all that ails Haiti is God. The Band-Aid that is provided through humanitarian relief will not solve that despairing nation's problems.

The lone solution is found through Bible-based education. The people must be taught, especially the children, that Jesus Christ is the ONLY way.

"Millions of dollars poured in, and foreigners flooded the country," said the director of Christian Aid Mission in Haiti, reflecting on the response to the 2010 earthquake. "But humanitarian aid alone will never solve the problems of Haiti.

"Naturally speaking, the situation is hopeless. But the Gospel of Christ brings hope."

The transformation of Haiti will be done by the Holy Spirit one soul at a time.

All we can do is GO and teach, GO and preach, and GO and support those who will preach and teach others.

We know that spiritual life affects physical life, and conditions improve from the inside out.

Climbing For Christ supports eight teachers in four schools – the *Monte Pou Kris* (Climbing For Christ in Creole) school system, if you will. Each teacher is paid US\$100 per month. Those teachers provide an education to about 300 students who had no schooling before God sent us to Haiti's mountains.

"We started education in Gentilhomme," said Miguel Rubén Guante, our Haitian missionary. "If there are other schools now (in Haitian villages) it is because of our initiative. We encouraged the people to think about education."

The cultural change from Haiti's generational wayward ways to The Way will come through educating the children.

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."* – Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NKJV)

# Water

## Share the well – and the wealth

*"Share the well, share with your brother*

*"Share the well my friend*

*"It takes a deeper well to love one another*

*"Share the well my friend."* – **Caedmon's Call, Share the Well**

Villages in the mountains of Haiti do not even have wells for water. They have primitive cisterns to catch rain and they have buckets that are carried on the heads of children and women for miles to and from mountain streams or springs.

Climbing For Christ has made some inroads to help with the water needs in Haiti in the past. There is more work to be done.

Clean drinking water – or a lack thereof – continues to be a problem in Haiti. Cholera, a life-threatening infection linked to contaminated water, had not been documented in Haiti for decades, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But an outbreak occurred after the devastating 2010 earthquake, claiming nearly 5,000 lives.

Climbing For Christ has made a water project request to Water Missions International, a U.S.-based Christian engineering organization that is working in eight countries (including Haiti). Water Missions shares the same vision as Climbing For Christ – providing water and Living Water to people in need. It is our prayer that Water Missions will come alongside us in the mountains of Haiti.

For potential water work to come to fruition, more funding is necessary.

Suggested Gift

\$25

Suggested Gift

\$100

A summer fundraising program – called "Project H2O" – yielded 1 cent for every ounce of water consumed by employees at Relph Benefit Advisors in Pittsford, N.Y. The result: \$794.51 donated to Climbing For Christ for Haiti water improvement projects.

In September 2009, Hope Lutheran Church in Greece, N.Y., did a month-long water project (called "Change ... for safe water ... for Haiti") that raised more than \$10,000.

Suggested Gift

\$11

## The Climbing Way The Truth, the Life, and the Way



*"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*  
– John 14:6 (NIV)

*The Climbing Way* is more than a quarterly publication reporting on the news in and around Climbing For Christ. It is a magazine devoted to glorifying our God.

We use *The Climbing Way* to testify to His greatness, to witness to His power, and to bring Him all the praise, honor and glory due Him.

*The Climbing Way* is one of the privileges of membership. It is a free benefit that comes with our free membership. But producing this magazine costs the ministry about \$2.75 per issue for design, printing, and postage.

We would like to make the magazine bigger or even more frequent, but the expense prevents us from doing so. We can't even afford to put out four 16-page issues each year. But we can't afford NOT to put them out, either.

Not only does *The Climbing Way* serve to promote the ministry and encourage praying, giving and going. It serves as our voice, telling the world that Jesus is the way and the truth and the life — and in so doing gives God all the glory.

You can help us do this by contributing to the cost of designing, printing and distributing *The Climbing Way*, which is just \$11 per person per year.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Have you moved? If you do, please tell us your new address. Email your change of address to [info@ClimbingForChrist.org](mailto:info@ClimbingForChrist.org). That simple email can save Climbing For Christ precious funding (US\$1.08 and more).



Evangelist Haseeb Masih presenting a Bible to a Pakistani woman.

Suggested Gift

\$25

## Relief In case of emergency

Whether it's helping a pastor in Nigeria with his annual rent ("I really thank God for you for saving me from the pit of embarrassment, which the devil dug for me") or buying Bibles to be distributed in Pakistan, how do we spell relief? S-o-l-i D-e-o g-l-o-r-i-a.

That's Latin for "glory to God!"

"Praise the Lord!" said Haseeb Masih, who was able to deliver 100 Urdu Bibles in Pakistan thanks to donations by fellow Climbing For Christ members. "That was really a great opportunity to serve these people with the Word of God.

"They were very happy getting Bibles and they promised us that they will read and recite it every day with their families."

Giving to the Climbing For Christ relief fund helps His ministry in case of emergency. Be it a drought, an earthquake, or persecution. Whatever the need. Wherever the need.

Relief has been provided in the form of food drops, Bible deliveries, church rent, and agricultural, medical and school supplies. All to the glory of God.



Suggested Gift

\$50

Jesse Fallesen, left, of Rochester, N.Y., USA – alongside Peru missionary Jaime Servat – delivering a Bible to a villager in the Cordillera Blanca mountain range in May 2011. Jesse has been supported by sponsors and received assistance from the Brian Kimble Memorial Scholarship to go on five Evangelic Expeditions since 2005. (Photo by Gary Fallesen)

## Sponsor a Climber Here am I – to send someone

We know there are would-be climbers who could be missionaries who are out there thinking: “Here am I! Send me.” But they can’t afford to go on a mission trip.

That’s why we offer “Sponsor a Climber.”

This program will prayerfully bring sponsorship from individuals, churches and businesses who want to see us “go everywhere in the world, and tell all the Good News to everyone” (Mark 16:15).

Would you like to help send a climber on a mission? You might have the financial resources, but don’t feel called by God to serve in the more remote regions of the world. Or, perhaps, you physically just can’t do this sort work, but you want to be a part of it. You can send someone in your place.

Many climbing missionaries have been sent with the help of others. Team members from Mission: Nigeria to Mission: Nepal and from Mission: Possible to Mission: Peru have benefitted from the generosity of others.

There are three ways you can sponsor a climber:

**Support staff.** Climbing For Christ president Gary Fallesen and/or spiritual coordinator Jordan Rowley take part in almost every Evangelic Expedition. The funding to send them must be generated by the ministry.

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**Brian Kimble Memorial Scholarship.** A fund established by Climbing For Christ board member Kevin Kimble and his family after the death of their son and brother Brian assists young members of C4C to go on mission. This scholarship is available to high school- or college-age (25 or younger) team members and replenished by gifts in Brian’s memory.

The cost to send one individual on an Evangelic Expedition ranges from \$1,800 for Haiti to \$3,500 for Nepal to \$5,500 for Kilimanjaro (Tanzania and Malawi, Africa). Because we know “the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few” (Matthew 9:37), we are asking that those who can help send laborers would do so.



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# Willing to go another mile

By Ace Concordia

Coordinator, Climbing For Christ Philippines

Climbing For Christ Philippines members, left, set out to provide emergency medical aid as night falls. Below, Arlene Bolante during medical clinic. (Photos by Ace Concordia)

"Please help us."

This was the worried request made by one of the local nurses in Badeo as she approached Climbing For Christ member Arlene Bolante. An old woman had accidentally removed her feeding tube and it needed to be re-inserted. The Kankanaey nurse was not trained for such a procedure, and the woman lived two hours away from where we were in Badeo proper.

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**"In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us."**  
**– 2 Corinthians 8:2-5 (NIV)**

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a whole day ministering to the people. If I let them go it would be asking for a little bit more than why they came on this Mission: Philippines "Back to Badeo" expedition.

But the three volunteers had the look of determination in their eyes. I gave them the nod, and they packed water, some trail food, a medical kit and headlamps — and off they went to help a soul in need.

There are many unpredictable events on every mission climb. You usually end up doing more than what you originally

It was 4 p.m. and most likely anyone who would volunteer to go on this mission would find themselves trekking through the night. Sensing the dire need of the situation, three members stepped up: Arlene, Jhun Hachang, and Jherald Dion.

They looked at me for approval. Deep inside, I was hesitant for several reasons. It was difficult enough climbing the Kibungan mountainside by day. It would be a slow and possibly more dangerous proposition by night.

I also wanted to rest my climbers for the long hike back home the following day. I was concerned that their energy levels would drop because they had already climbed 9 hours to get to Badeo proper, and spent

planned for. This may be because no matter how much we try to comprehend the need of the people living in the mountains, we will always fall short. That's because the need is overwhelming.

We went to Badeo in October carrying the largest number of medicines and school supplies ever donated for a mission climb in the Philippines. We had 30 boxes of blessings to bring because of the generosity of mostly unknown donors from different churches, companies, and organizations.

I am truly blessed by how people responded to our request for donations for the people of Badeo. But I also pray that this will not be the last time people will give to a mission climb. I pray that this response to the needs of other people becomes more consistent, I pray that people will not just give once or twice, but I pray that people will share with us the burden of giving to the people of Kibungan.

We pray for people who will not just walk with us a mile. We pray for people who will walk with us until the mission of reaching out to the people of the mountains is finished.

The three brave volunteers returned at around 9 p.m. that night. They were tired and hungry, and only the cheers of their fellow climbers greeted them. Yet their joy could not be hidden. They ended up giving medical aid to two locals instead of one on their mission.

It was truly extra effort on their part, but as Christians I believe this is how we should give. Not just a little, not just enough, but more than what we planned for.

We pray for more Christians to respond to God's call to give, to go the extra mile, whether by joining us on a mission climb or by supporting the ministry of Climbing For Christ. It takes more than strong legs to do a mission climb. It also takes open hands. †



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(in addition, of course, to those rewards we'll receive when we get to heaven). It's these "immaterial" gifts that will last for eternity! In whatever way God decides to return our gift, we can have faith in His promise that He will give back to those who give.

**When we give ... we get blessed!** It was our Lord Jesus who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Perhaps you've learned this firsthand as I have. I've been blessed to be a part of several mission trips with Climbing For Christ. Upon returning home from each trip I've often thought if the people I went to minister to were half as blessed as I felt, I would be satisfied with my service. I remember feeling like I got more than I gave. I'm confident that most of us have felt that way when we've done something to bless someone else. This is simply how God works! There are more blessings in giving than getting because when we give, God gives.

**When we give ... we are to give as God gives.** Jesus is our perfect example for every lesson in life, and the lesson of giving is no different. Jesus gave in love, He gave sacrificially, and He gave joyfully. We, His followers, are to imitate Him in each of these areas. Our gifts ought to be motivated by love. In fact, the word love is often used in modern translations of the Bible where the word charity was used in the King James Version of the Bible. One of these places is in 1 Corinthians 13:3, which says, "and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [or love], it profiteth me nothing." This Scripture clearly teaches us that all of the gifts we give (or charitable deeds we do) are to be given in love.

Jesus gave sacrificially as well, and He calls us to do the same. When our Lord came to this earth, He gave up His heavenly throne for a cross and His heavenly crown for a crown of thorns. He sacrificed Himself to save the world. He sacrificed Himself to redeem all who chose to put their faith in Him. Mark 10:45 tells us, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." Even through this

incomprehensible sacrifice, Jesus gave with joy! In Hebrews 12:2 we read that we are to look to Jesus who "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross."

In addition we read in 2 Corinthians 9:7 that God loves a cheerful giver. He doesn't want us to give out of obligation, but rather to give what we purpose in our heart with joy. So when we give, let's determine to give to others just as the Lord gave (and gives) to us: in love, sacrificially and with joy!

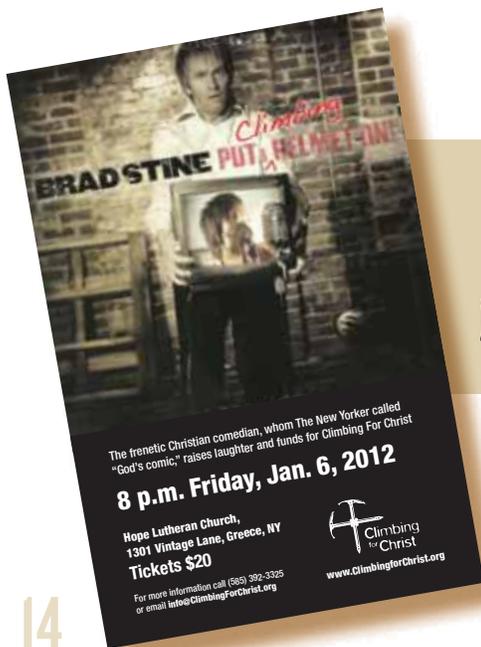
**When we give ... we give to God!** In Matthew 25, Jesus shared about those who give food to the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, take in the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and the imprisoned. He said that those good gifts and deeds will be rewarded, and that He will bless them because in doing those things to the least of His brethren, they do those things to Jesus Himself! What a great opportunity we have in serving the Lord this way. And what a tremendous responsibility we have as well, because Jesus also shared that those who do not give to the least of His brethren, do not give to Jesus Himself!

Throughout this life, whether we happen to be on the giving or the receiving end of a gift, the Bible tells us that every single good and perfect gift comes from the Father. So please be a part of God's gift to someone today.

Will God use you and your gift to help provide a church building to a body of believers with nowhere warm and dry to worship? Or through you will He give a brother or sister their very first Bible?

Will He provide a missionary with the needed monthly support so they can share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with someone who has never heard it through your gift? Or will He use you to give an orphan a hot meal and a place to live?

Throughout this edition of *The Climbing Way* there are a number of ways to give. As you read, is God moving your heart? If He does, I pray that you would heed His call and simply allow Him to bless those in need through your gift. †



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# Going out to live it and walk it

In the Gospel of Luke, the Lord said to the servant, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled” (Luke 14:23).

Certainly in this passage, the heart of Jesus Christ is expressed very clearly. He desires that His heavenly dwelling place be filled with those who have responded to His loving invitation. There are some who look at this Scripture passage and do not sense God’s leading to go out into the mission field. Then again, there are others who cannot deny the voice of God Himself that has called them to “go out.”

The vision that the Lord Jesus Christ has given Climbing For Christ is consistent with this passage:

“The Climbing For Christ mission is to take the Gospel to those visiting or living in mountainous areas of the world where other missionaries cannot or will not go.”

We at Living Water Christian Fellowship in Rochester, N.Y., had been praying for some time to see how the Lord would use our fellowship in support of a ministry that represents the heart of Jesus for the lost. The primary criteria for us was that any ministry we supported would be centered on Jesus Christ and the sharing of His Gospel of salvation through His precious Word.

He answered our prayers a year ago by placing the Climbing For Christ ministry before us. And we have been delighted and blessed to be part of this ministry by supporting them practically as well as prayerfully.

We have learned that the heart of the ministry is indeed centered on Jesus. His Word is being shared and the love of Jesus is being spread. “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal” (1 Corinthians 13:1).

**It’s easy to speak about the love of Jesus, but it is far different to live it and walk it.**

In our experience with Climbing For Christ, we have had the opportunity firsthand to have missionaries from around the world come to our fellowship and describe the work that the Lord is doing in the mountainous regions. For instance, we met Pastor Tej Rokka with SARA (Savior Alone Reaches Asians) ministries, a Godly man tilling the ground in Nepal.

The Lord’s work is far reaching and beautiful to behold and has touched the heart of our fellowship deeply. We are committed to supporting God’s work through Climbing For Christ as long as the Lord continues to lead us. We have seen the genuine love of Jesus flow from those He has called to serve and have had the blessing of direct contact and exposure to those who have served in Haiti, Nepal, Malawi and others. We continue to be amazed how God uses people just like us to accomplish His wonderful work.

We invite you to join our fellowship in prayer to see how the Lord would have you “go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.” †

## Peru

# Happy birthday, Alisson!

Alisson Estefany Moreno Obregon turned 10 on Oct. 28.

Jaime Servat, Climbing For Christ’s missionary to Peru, was in her impoverished Cordillera Blanca village of Chalhua to celebrate with Allison, her family, and her friends. By extension the family of Climbing For Christ was there, too.

“We prepared a party for Allison, praying before God so He may bless the meeting to celebrate her 10th birthday,” Jaime reported. “Really, it was a nice time to see Alisson so happy with some kids and parents there.”

Alisson is the young girl that God put in the path of our Mission: Peru 2011 team last May. She befriended us and we were able to share the love of Jesus with her and with her family. This story has been told on our Web site and in *The Climbing Way* (Volume 22, Autumn 2011, see “Showing up and watching Him work”).

The relationship we have with Alisson has grown. We helped reunite she with her mother, Taina, who left Chalhua three years ago to be hospitalized in Lima with epilepsy. After Taina was hospitalized, Alisson’s father deserted her. He has since died.

The story of Alisson’s difficult young life touched our hearts and we continue to pour out our prayers for her.

Alisson’s mother came to Chalhua the night of the birthday party. Jaime said she is “grateful so much for the presents that her daughter received from the States from May and lately from me.



“I brought a gift from brother Jans Amaya of C4C Peru, and a letter from brother Jesse Fallesen of C4C USA, and me, too,” Jaime said. “Jesse encouraged Alisson to keep reading the Bible he had given her in May. Jesse wrote — and I translated into Spanish — ‘God has a very special plan for you and your life!’ ”

God uses Climbing For Christ to touch one person at a time in a unique and special way. He sends us forth to deliver a joy unspeakable: the gift of His amazing love.

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

– John 3:16 (NIV) †



Elaine Fallesen, left, gives a prayer shawl to a widow in Haiti as missionary Miguel Rubén Guante translates. (Photo by Gary Fallesen)

## When (not if) we give

By Jordan Rowley,  
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God's Word is filled with numerous passages about giving. Many of these verses refer to the precious gifts with which He blesses His children. For instance, the Bible speaks of the ultimate gift of our salvation that was purchased for us upon the cross of Christ. It also tells about the gift and gifts of the Holy Spirit to all believers. Still other Scriptures reveal the importance the Lord places on how His followers give.

Here are a few brief encouragements for us to keep in mind when we give:

**16** **When we give... we get back.** Jesus tells us in Luke 6:38, "*Give and it will be given to you: good measure,*

*pressed down, shaken together, and running over...*" In this Scripture, Jesus isn't saying that most of the time we will get back when we give. Rather, He's making a guarantee that for every gift we give we will be given back! That's a promise that we can take to the bank.

Often times when we give, God will choose to give back in the same "currency." For example, if we share some the finances that God has blessed us with, then He may give finances back to us in return. However, other times God chooses to use a different "currency." We may give of our time, for example, and in return God may bless us with heavenly riches like a deep joy or a powerful peace

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