

## weekly focus: rohingya refugee crisis

D and S are Calvary missionaries who serve with Closed Door Ministries (CDM), assisting key clergy, professional and business leaders to reach their own in countries restrictive to traditional missions. D travels throughout the world identifying partners and projects through which he can help to catalyze growth of the Kingdom of God, by coaching and raising funds.

CDM's newest project helps in one of the most desperate situations facing the world today. In the midst of natural disasters right here in the US, the epic scale of the Rohingya refugee crisis in South Asia can get lost in the news cycle. The Rohingya, a mostly Muslim ethnic minority in Myanmar, have been called the "world's most persecuted minority," and recent events have added dramatically to their misery.

At least 500,000 Rohingya have fled to neighboring Bangladesh since August 2017. Although the targeted, sometimes violent, discrimination of this minority group has been going on for decades, it ramped up on August 25 after a small faction of Rohingya militants attacked police posts, killing 12 members of Myanmar's security forces. In retribution, Myanmar's military vowed to root out militant groups, and they've responded on a massive scale that has left many innocent civilians dead, injured, or homeless as entire villages have been burned.

Closed Door Ministries has Christian partners on the ground in southern Bangladesh who have already visited the refugee camps. They have located family members of Rohingya refugees who live right here in Grand Rapids. CDM's partners are seeking ways to help meet their basic necessities, as a way of showing Christ's love both to these most needy and to their family members in our community. They are delivering relief packages which include rice, oil, and lentils; a cooking pot; men's, women's and children's clothing; a tarp or tent; and a blanket.

If you would like to know more about how you can help with this crisis, you can contact D (abovebeyondthecall@yahoo.com).

## christmas giving OPPORTUNITIES

Give a gift that will go to bless our missionaries; indicate Missionary Christmas on your check or on the Giving Envelope and drop it in the offering plate. You can also give online at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org), or text the amount you would like to give and GIFT to 616-294-0700. We will accept donations through October 31.



## congregational care

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED PRAYER LIST

If you have been hospitalized, or anticipate hospitalization, and would like to be added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 956-9377.

**Blodgett:** Nicole Philips-Smith

**DeVos Children's:** Uriah Steffens

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you need prayer, contact Don & Cindy Marrell ([cmarrell@calvarygr.org](mailto:cmarrell@calvarygr.org)) at 450-9622.

### BEREAVED

We extend our Christian sympathy to Ray Dson at the homegoing of his wife, Dorothy, on October 14; to Nyla Rypma at the homegoing of her husband, Chuck, on October 15; to Mike and Jennifer VanderKlipp at the homegoing of Mike's mother, Donna, on October 17.

### THANK YOU

Thank you Calvary Church for the lovely flower arrangement. It meant so much to our family and

was an encouragement to me.

Joyce Johnson

With heartfelt thanks for the beautiful flowers, cards and prayers. Made mom's homegoing a blessing to all of us.

Mike & Pam Sigafosse

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, for all the help in arranging the service in the Chapel, lunch and service. It was wonderful. We are so blessed to be surrounded by caring people and constant prayer.

Phyllis, Todd & Doug Powell and families

Thank you so much for your flowers, prayers and visits during my recovery at Mary Free Bed after I had my stroke. I'm home now and completing my recovery. The Lord has been so good to me and I'm grateful for everything you have done for me. I hope to see you soon.

Ruth Woolpert

### FOR THE RECORD

|                              | Projected Offerings | Actual Offerings | Surplus/ (Deficit) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Last Week                    | \$ 144,656          | \$ 157,442       | \$ 12,786          |
| Fiscal YTD Sept. 1 - Oct. 15 | \$ 982,954          | \$ 946,739       | (\$ 36,215)        |
| Missionary Christmas         |                     | \$ 20,659        |                    |

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**October 22, 2017**

9:00am & 10:45am

*Spiritual Sickness  
and Spiritual Warfare*

Mark 1:29-31

Jim Samra, *Senior Pastor*

RESCUED  
RESTORED  
READY  
STORIES OF REDEMPTION

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# welcome

If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here. For information about our many groups, programs and events for all ages, pick up a copy of the quarterly *Calvary Life* magazine, visit us online at [calvarygr.org](http://calvarygr.org), or stop by the Connection Point (located in the Gathering Place across from the main Sanctuary entrance). We would love to meet you! If you need hearing assistance, listening devices are available at the Welcome Center in the Crosswalk.

## this morning

The ordinance of baptism will be observed in today's service. Baptism is an important aspect of church life at Calvary. It is an ordinance which uses water to demonstrate the spiritual cleansing that has taken place in a person's life. It provides an opportunity for individuals to publicly declare that they have placed their trust in Jesus Christ and that they have experienced God's forgiveness of their sins. Baptism is a great time for the church to celebrate the change that God has brought about in an individual's life. If you would like to participate in our next baptism service, please contact Kristen White ([kwhite@calvarygr.org](mailto:kwhite@calvarygr.org)) at ext. 5013.

## serving opportunities

Have you been praying about a way to develop a greater connection to what God is doing at Calvary Church? One way in which God may lead you to engage more fully with His church in this place is to take up one of the following volunteer opportunities:

### Clean up Calvary

Help us maintain our beautiful facility. Volunteers can sign up for two-hour shifts once a month (or more) to help vacuum, clean bathrooms, dust and shine windows. Visit serving opportunities at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) or contact Brian Novak ([bnovak@calvarygr.org](mailto:bnovak@calvarygr.org)).

### Calvary Kids Needs Small Group Leaders

Our biggest need currently is for small group leaders in elementary. Small group leaders build relationships with kids, facilitate lesson stations, and show the love of Christ. Leaders serve every other week during the 9:00 or 10:45 service. Email [calvarykids@calvarygr.org](mailto:calvarykids@calvarygr.org) to receive a volunteer application.

## coming events & announcements

### Generation Rising:

#### Progressive Dinner

November 3 | 6:00-9:00pm | \$10

Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org)

Join Generation Rising (young adults 22-34) as we run around to several local restaurants. We will sample food while sharing in fellowship as we go from restaurant to restaurant, eating and talking!

### OASIS (Senior Adults) Luncheon

November 6 | 10:00am

Room 108

This month's speaker is Judy Schruer. The cost for lunch is \$8 and you must make reservations one week in advance by calling: Howard & Arlene Timmer ([hrtakt@iserv.net](mailto:hrtakt@iserv.net)) at 365-0728.

### Prepared to Carry On

November 9 | 7:00-8:30pm

Christ Chapel - Cornerstone Univ.

Register at

[preparedtocarryon.eventbrite.com](http://preparedtocarryon.eventbrite.com)

While understanding your finances and creating an estate plan is important to both men and women, lack of financial involvement and preparedness often affects women more profoundly. Statistics show 95% of women will be the sole financial decision maker at some point in their lives. This evening is an opportunity to hear personal testimonies about the importance of being prepared, learn how to be a good steward of your finances and learn about estate planning and transition of assets in order to steward your possessions wisely.

### GRACE BEYOND

Grace Beyond is Calvary's journey of faith that started with a building project. On paper, it's about renovating our building to facilitate new ministry opportunities. On a heart level, it's about God remaking us as a people. It's about Him making us into followers of Jesus who walk obediently and give generously, trusting He will be with us along the way with His abiding presence and faithful provision.

We are not the same church we've always been. God is doing a new thing here. Will you join us on this journey? This is a season to reaffirm your commitment, to consider giving more. It's also a chance to take part in what you may have missed. More information on how you can take part in the Grace Beyond journey is available in the back of the Sanctuary or online at [gracebeyond.org](http://gracebeyond.org). Currently we are praying about how God would have us respond on Commitment Sunday, December 17.

## this week at calvary

- 1 Small Group Launch**  
**October 29 | 12:30-2:30pm**  
**Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) by the end of today!**  
Join a small group! The launch is a chance to meet your new group and begin to get acquainted. Bring your calendars as you will be deciding when and where to meet. Most groups meet every other week. Group placement is based on geographic location and most groups are multi-generational.
- 2 Freed-Up Financial Living**  
**Begins October 25 | 6:30pm**  
**Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org)**  
Freed-Up combines encouraging, grace-filled teaching with an excellent balance of biblical principles and practical application. The five-session course enables you to reflect on your relationship to money and how it impacts your relationship to God.
- 3 Lasting Impressions Workshop**  
**October 28 | 9:00am-2:30pm | Gathering Place**  
**Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) | Lunch provided!**  
Join us for this workshop with author and Pastor Mark Waltz, on creating a culture of belonging. Learn practical tips for demonstrating hospitality in your area of ministry. Gain insight on how you can care for individuals from the moment they walk into church.
- 4 OASIS (Senior Adults) Presents The USO Show**  
**October 27 | 5:30pm | Room 208**  
The night will feature: Music - Comedy - GI Dinner - Stories From the Front. Veterans, dress in uniform if possible. Admission is free. Tickets are available at the Reception Desk (Entrance H) or any OASIS event.
- 5 High School: Fall Retreat**  
**October 27 - October 29**  
**Cost: \$90 | Register at [mycalvarygr.org](http://mycalvarygr.org) by Oct. 24**  
Enjoy getting to know your fellow high school UNITED friends better and find out what God has in store for you this coming year.