

God's Gifts and Callings are Irrevocable

For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. **—Romans 11:29**

How to Recognize God

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." **—Genesis 28:16**

Remedy for Burnout

The bolts of your gates will be iron and bronze, and your strength will equal your days. **—Deuteronomy 33:25**

As God Forgave You

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **—Ephesians 4:32**

What Really Matters

We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you. —2 Corinthians 10:13

Water ignites spiritual flames



Water is often used to extinguish fires, but Water Mission International has been using H₂O to ignite Holy Ghost blazes around the globe. Founders George and Molly Greene closed their lucrative engineering firm in 2001 to engineer safe water filtration systems in areas where children die daily of water-borne illnesses. What they discovered was astonishing: The more water they purified, the more communities were open to hearing the gospel.

“People are always questioning about how this [water] system works and asking how they can acquire it,” Uganda’s Glory Center pastor Charles Neddje says. “We always tell them about our great God. Can you imagine that even nonbelievers come willing to offer us land to plant churches because of this water system? It is an iron tool for the gospel.”

But with 884 million people without clean water around the world, there is much work still to be done. So the Greenses are enlisting Western churches to help during Water Sunday, March 22. Congregations are dedicating a portion or an entire service to raising funds and awareness to help end the clean

water shortage. Through video and photos, attendees are shown how quickly the gospel is spread by giving an impoverished area a purified water source.

“The goal of our projects is not just to provide physical water, but to share the Living Water message as well,” says Kevin Herr, a Water Mission representative. “When a project is completed we have a special celebration ceremony and when appropriate, show the *Jesus* film.”

Water Mission has provided clean water in 49 countries and hopes to be a world leader in water filtration by 2017. -
-Felicia Abraham

Uncharted Territory

Dubbed as one of the fathers of the modern praise and worship movement, renowned worship leader Don Moen returned this spring with his first studio release in three years.

With 13 new songs packed on the producer/songwriter's March 27 release, *Uncharted Territory*, the album has a classic Don Moen sound that includes uplifting lyrics written to encourage believers facing uncertainty and fear. The record houses a mixture of uptempo Sunday service praise songs and get-you-through-the-tough-times ballads.

“With all the uncertainty today, many find themselves in uncharted territory due to circumstances beyond their control,” Don Moen says. “It is my prayer that these songs will help people offer sincere praise to God, even in the most difficult situations.” *-Felicia Abraham*

Heroes and Monsters

Josh James Riebock



A compelling look at a Gen-Y author's journey toward understanding himself and his faith, *Heroes and Monsters: An Honest Look At The Struggle Within All of Us* engages the reader with vivid stories of childhood hero worship—and anguish at his father-hero's failures.

When Riebock's father's drunken driving left the two of them stranded in a cornfield and his father unconscious, a young, frightened Riebock focused on a scarecrow whom he imagined to be named Jack. Riebock's relationship with his father was shattered, but throughout his young years, he maintained a relationship with "Jack."

Riebock relives his youth and early adulthood as he struggles with his failures and downplays his successes. Later in life, his wife and friends assist him in exploring his inner "monsters," while his growing intimacy with Jack leads him to self-revelation and maturity. Jack's desire to be a part of every area of Riebock's life illuminates God's desire to be known personally.

Riebock's struggles are familiar but unique, and the help he receives from Jack is reminiscent of William P. Young's portrayal of God in *The Shack*. Readers may also appreciate the pencil drawings throughout the book. —Eilene Ishler

The Frontier Boys

When John Grooters and his then-young-teen son, Jedidiah, lamented the lack of a suitable movie for a guys' outing, they didn't just grumble—they ended up making their own. Released in February, *The Frontier Boys* aims to “fill a gap” for teen boys, according to the writer and director father of the pair.

The PG-13 full-length drama follows a group of high school athletes whose friendship and faith is rocked when one of them is critically injured in a gang-related shooting. The 112-minute film was shaped to appeal to teenage boys without being too edgy. “We almost ignored the girls” in making it, with no love interest, said Grooters, but the resulting movie has proved popular with teen girls as well.

From a biblical perspective the film deals with death, faith and loyalty, and violence, and delicately shares the love of Jesus with viewers.

The cast features country artist Big Kenny and Christian singer Rebecca St. James. Both musicians contribute to the soundtrack, which also includes music by Switchfoot, Jesus Culture and Superchick

Paul Baloche: Same Worship



Paul Baloche's worship songs are staples in churches around the world, including favorites such as “Open The Eyes of My Heart,” “Hosanna,” “Above All” and “Our God Saves.” On March 13, Baloche releases *The Same Love*, featuring 13 new songs,

including tracks co-written with Kari Jobe, Jason Ingram, Lincoln Brewster and others.