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FROM THE EDITOR



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The CBE staff didn't miss the irony of attending a "global celebration" less than a week after the September 11 terrorist attacks. How dare we ask the world to celebrate when nearly 7,000 people died in one day? Should we laugh and rejoice when people around the world are weeping and mourning?

In spite of these questions, the Global Celebration for Women in Houston from September 19-22 offered more healing and hope than we ever could have anticipated.

In a time of uncertainty about people from different cultures, we experienced the joy of joining with brothers and sisters from 156 nations. When we struggled with why God allows pain, we were able to make some sense of those who discover Jesus through the incredible saints who preach the good news, in spite of severe persecution. And while we continued to grieve for the loss of lives in the United States, we were also able to delight in the people around the world who were finding new life in Jesus Christ.

The timing for the Global Celebration for Women was perfect, and each of our lives was changed through it. To read more about the event, and the impact of CBE's presence there, see page 6.

The Global Celebration also reminded us of the suffering that Christians in other parts of the world face each day. While Christians often pray for the men imprisoned or martyred, Anneke Companjen reminds us on page 9 that the women of the persecuted church are often forgotten.

The global focus of this issue continues with a significant question asked by Kim Pettit: "Does CBE Matter in the Face of Terrorism?" Tragedies challenge us to determine what is truly important, and the recent events are no exception. We hope Pettit's article on page 15 encourages you to see the way CBE reaches the needs of a war-torn world.

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IN OUR MAILBOX



TURBULENT TIMES

Despite the turbulent times in which we live, I'm looking forward to God's women rising up as never before. But then, women often tend to rise to their greatest in adverse times.

Kansas

EQUALITY EDUCATION IN ASIA

Equality does not generally exist between men and women in Asia. We are trying to help believers understand there is no "men and women" in Jesus. It is very difficult in our culture. We need your prayers to educate the women of Nepal. Most of them are far from education. We have one full-time woman evangelist and are monthly supporting two widows. We are planning to establish an old-age home for widows and one of the programs of our ministry is to provide education to Christian women.

Nepal

A CALL TO ACTION

I, personally, think that this male hierarchy heresy is one of the biggest, if not the biggest, lie ever foisted upon the human race by the enemy. We must continue the fight for the truth.

Alabama

I still don't understand why this issue seems to be such a controversial spiritual battle-zone, but I think it must have something to do with the enemy's intent to demobilize half the church. I like JFK's statement [that] if some of us are not free, none of us are. If women are liberated in Christ and free from the curse of the law, then so will men be, causing us to be a unified, vigorous church, dangerous to the devil.

Hong Kong

PEW FRUSTRATION

I have been searching [for a church] for a year. I've found the churches to be rather unwelcoming, and very conservative in their policies on women. I want so much to be able to use my gifts among

God's people, and I genuinely don't know what to do at this point. I am sincerely grateful for CBE. I have appreciated the quality of [your] scholarship both on the Web site and through your publications.

New Jersey

During the last 10 years I've sat in church services, silent, sad, confused and frustrated. Little boys as young as 10 could do so much more than I'd ever be allowed to: read Scripture, serve communion, lead prayers, lead singing! *It's not right*, I wanted to scream. Our song leader moved away, and we've sat through a string of men who couldn't carry a tune or read music, while sitting quietly in our midst were many women with beautiful voices. This is the first time I've told anyone about the anguish I've felt for so long.

Idaho

MEMBERS MAKE IMPRESSION

I have been consistently impressed with the people I meet in CBE who are not the radical feminists I was afraid of. Time and again I meet people who are kind and loving, not negative and bitter.

Minnesota

YOUTH TRANSFORMING CHURCHES

My husband and I recently moved, [which] meant leaving my staff pastor position at [a] church. I was the first woman pastor at that church, and the first youth pastor in the church and town! My students there have never known anything else. When I mentioned [to them] that the next youth pastor could be a man, they stared at me with a look of amazement on their faces! Then one of them (a boy) said, "I'm not sure I know what to do with a male youth pastor!" Perhaps this new generation will continue to change things for the Christian world.

Illinois

My youngest daughter was disappointed to find that the church's young adult group (numbering about 150) is having outreach events at the beach with volleyball and testimonies, except that only guys can give their testimony! I fear that unless

changes happen in the near future we will lose many of our young women and men who just won't be interested in striving/praying/waiting.

Ontario

RESEARCH REAPS BENEFITS

I recently did a presentation at a university explaining CBE and found that I had a very strong complementarian in the group. Fortunately I had spent considerable time on your Web site and was able to speak to most of his perspectives. He finally began to accept that leadership does not always mean authority or boss, but to set an example, something all in Christ are responsible to do.

Ontario

When I took a course on leadership development, the subject of women in authority roles came up. I was horrified to read the theologies that espoused the subordination of women to such extreme degrees, so I personally set forth an intense study. I am not as proficient in all areas of exegesis, and CBE provided me with confirmations and sound biblical interpretations.

Connecticut

VIDEO REVIVES COUPLE

[My friend] loves the [2000 CBE marriage conference] tapes. She and her new husband have been having major problems. She said watching the videos together, especially "How Becoming an Egalitarian Improved Our Married Life" by Jim and Leanne Mellado, was amazing for their marriage. They were going through almost exactly what Leanne and Jim went through. It opened both their eyes so much.

Maine

EMPOWERED BY MEDIA EXPOSURE

I was thrilled to hear about CBE when a relative sent me an article from the Dallas Morning News. After reading the article and traveling to your Web site, I immediately ordered two books. Finding CBE has been so empowering and affirming for me.

Texas

CBE SAVES SANITY

You will never know how you have helped me over the years. There was a time when I felt alone in my calling. The leaders in the church kept telling me I was mistaken but I knew I had heard God. You helped me to see biblically that I wasn't crazy!

Missouri

SUBMISSIONS

Mutuality welcomes submissions of personal stories illustrating how biblical equality provides practical benefits to everyday lives. Along with your name and address, please include a daytime phone number and e-mail address where we can reach you. Mutuality reserves the right to edit all contributions so that the policies and positions of Christians for Biblical Equality are maintained and for clarity, style or length. E-mail submissions are preferred (cbe@cbeinternational.org). Mutuality reserves the right to use or not use any story and to include your full name. Materials will not be returned, unless requested and accompanied by a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

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WOMEN CELEBRATE FEMALE CONTRIBUTIONS TO GOD'S KINGDOM

By Joanne Nystrom Janssen

For CBE staff member Sarah Edwards, the significance of the Global Celebration for Women was captured in a single moment: when a group of brilliantly dressed African women began to sing and dance contagiously to the beat of a drum.

"The whole hall full of people drew their attention to the group and joined them," Edwards said. "You should have seen the line of nations marching around the hall behind the drum, singing at the top of their lungs and enjoying each other in their differences, but also their love of our Creator."

This spontaneous moment took place a week after the September 11 terrorist attacks, when approximately 10,000 women from 156 countries gathered in Houston, Texas, for the Global Celebration for Women. The event was planned to celebrate the impact women have made around the world for God's kingdom.

Christians for Biblical Equality and its members participated in the Celebration by hosting a booth, leading workshops, and providing an opportunity for those interested or involved in CBE to meet one another. In addition, the organization's "Statement on Men, Women and Biblical Equality" was included in each attendee's registration packet.

Staff and volunteers share equality with excited crowd

CBE staff members Mimi Haddad, Joanne Nystrom Janssen and Sarah Edwards distributed



Carol Gertz (right) shared biblical equality with women from around the world, including this woman from Nigeria.



Deborah Wright (center) met Mimi Haddad and Joanne Nystrom Janssen when God led her to CBE's booth.

free informational materials about the organization and sold select book titles at the organization's booth. They were assisted by CBE members Geraldine Glasenapp, Carol Gertz, Sharon New and Ruby Renz.

"When I agreed to volunteer, I frankly had not even a clue of what it might be like," said Gertz, of Beaumont, Texas. "I was ready for either cold rejection or warm acceptance from the participants."

The reception she and the others received, however, was one of support and excitement. Gertz said attendees were often drawn in by the book titles, such as "Men Are from Israel, Women Are from Moab," which then provided an opportunity to share CBE with women from around the world. She noted that she gave CBE literature to women from Africa, Europe, Australia, South America and North America.

"What a joy to watch their eyes light up, even fill with tears, as they heard that wonderful phrase 'biblical equality,' and begin to absorb what that might mean to their lives and ministry," Gertz added.

Renz, a volunteer from Barker, Texas, described the experience as invigorating: "It was an incredible privilege to introduce the God of equality to hurting women who thought they were all alone in their walk to be what God made them to be, even if it was opposite of what they had been taught by those around them."

Women say CBE was answered prayer

One of the women Renz was able to introduce to biblical equality was Deborah Wright, a pastor from Rockport, Texas. Wright said she was walking

around the booths, discouraged, praying for God to send her to just the right place. When she happened across the CBE booth, she discovered a ministry that spoke to her needs.

"I couldn't believe it," Wright said. "The Lord had encouraged me before through others, but never through an organization. Your booth was an absolute miracle to me."

Susanne Peters from Blair, Neb., was another attendee who encountered the CBE booth. She had been raised in a home and church where women were equal, but during and after college she learned about and became a member of churches where women were not allowed in leadership.

"Because of their interpretation of verses in the New Testament, Paul seemed to only allow men in those positions," Peters said. "Wives submit, never husbands. Mothers sacrifice, not fathers."

In spite of these teachings, Peters said God led her to books that taught her that the Bible teaches that men and women are created equally and that Jesus treated men and women equally.

When Peters discovered the CBE booth at the Global Celebration, she said, "I was thrilled! It was an answer to prayer. I asked immediately, 'Can I work for you?'"

Terrorist attacks reduce attendees but increase significance

Stories like these confirm the importance and impact of this event. Only a week before it was to begin, however, the event planners had to make a difficult decision: Would they hold the Global Celebration for Women?

After the September 11 attacks, the 10 founding partners in the United States had two long conference calls, according to Lorry Lutz, a CBE member who had been involved in the event's planning from its inception. They evaluated the pros and cons, checked into travel restrictions, and investigated security concerns.



LaDonna Osborn introduced herself at the CBE dinner, attended by 25 members and friends. Deborah Wright said she was filled with emotion upon hearing the women describe who they were and how they were involved in ministry.



CBE's booth featured five titles from its bookstore, including "10 Lies the Church Tells Women" and "Men Are from Israel, Women Are from Moab."

"We actually took a voice count on the phone on Friday before the event," said Lutz, "and had total agreement that we should go forward."

Fear and travel difficulties cut attendance dramatically. Lutz said they were expecting between 20,000 and 25,000 people, but approximately 10,000 came.

While the tragedy may have reduced attendance, the timing of the conference added significance for some attendees.

Wright said she became overwhelmed with emotions upon seeing a woman in a Salvation Army uniform, whose badge said she was from New York City. "We just looked at each other and wept," she said.

"It was incredible that women from all over the world were together praising God and praying for the world only one week after the attack," said Peters.

Renowned speakers celebrate women's contributions

The six general sessions celebrated women's contributions to kingdom building, encouraged them in their giftedness, raised awareness of suffering women, and equipped women to touch the world with the love of Jesus. Keynote speakers included Elizabeth Dole, Anne Graham Lotz, Judy Mbugua, and other authors and women leaders from around the world.

An especially meaningful moment, according to CBE President Mimi Haddad, was when men apologized during one of the general sessions for holding women back from ministry and for devaluing their gifts.

At least eight of the 37 workshops were led by CBE members: Mimi Haddad, Lorry Lutz, Alvera

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Mickelsen (unable to attend), Catherine Clark Kroeger, Deborah Menken Gill, Kathrine Gathro, Lianne Roembke and Miriam Adeney. Some topics included women in church history, what the Bible says about women in ministry, and understanding Muslim women.

Lianne Roembke of Campus Crusade for Christ International traveled from Germany to offer insight into how to reach women from other cultures. As she discussed cultural differences and how to overcome them, she said she was able to briefly talk about women's "gifting, responsibility and privilege to fulfill their God-given calling."

Miriam Adeney, Associate Professor of Global and Urban Ministries at Seattle Pacific University, co-led a workshop about ministering to Muslim women, attended by about 600 women. She said her workshop taught that Muslim women are not passive victims but active decision-makers.

"The response was terrific," said Adeney. "I think they left empowered to communicate with the Muslim women in their communities."

CBE friends connect over dinner

Times of learning were balanced with times for building relationships. On the second evening of the conference, 25 CBE members and friends gathered at a local restaurant for encouragement and fellowship. Each person introduced herself and shared about her ministry or her journey to understanding biblical equality.

"I was filled with emotion listening to the different women announcing who they were," said Deborah Wright, the pastor who had discovered CBE's booth only hours before. "Some were pastors and some were leaders."

"What a fascinating variety of women!" added Catherine Allen of Birmingham, Ala. "We had the gamut from CBE founding heroines to first-time inquirers. [Novices] in ministry and veterans.

Achievers and strugglers. Laughter and tears. Everybody was welcome and everybody contributed."

Haddad described this evening as one of her most treasured memories of the week. She said she was especially filled with joy at the stories of the women demonstrating how CBE encouraged their faith, strengthened their marriages and gave them confidence in ministry.



The worldwide focus of the Celebration was seen in the items available at the booths.

Celebration impacts attendees' lives

After the Celebration, attendees emphasized its overall importance for their own lives and for the church.

"Women came away with a deep sense of their responsibility to use their gifts to serve God," said Lutz. "The impact of the international women opened their eyes to the broader body of Christ."

"Everybody was able to rally around Jesus Christ and

the need for global cooperation in making a loving God known, especially to women," said Allen.

CBE's message of equality amid such a conference seemed a natural link to staff member Edwards. She said it was important for some of the attendees to be encouraged in their ministries through CBE.

"And, it was an important Christian event supporting women and their gifts and that is what we are about!" Edwards added.

To Peters, CBE's presence held evangelistic significance: "As Christianity evangelizes more and more of the world, we need to be sure we teach new converts the truth, and help women stand against abuse of any kind. We need more women in ministry to be more effective in reaching the world."

As one of these women in ministry, Wright testified to CBE's importance in helping her share Jesus with her community. "Our town is definitely a male-dominated ministry town, and women in ministry are just unheard of," she said. "But God has given this Texas lady preacher a great vision. You have sparked my boldness again."

REMEMBER THE WOMEN OF THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

By Anneke Companjen

It was Sunday evening in Harderwijk, my Dutch hometown. My husband, Johan, was away on an extended trip, one of many that he made throughout the year. It would be several weeks before he was home again.

I heard muffled giggles coming from upstairs as my three children — who were supposed to be sleeping — shared another joke. I stifled my annoyance, knowing that sooner or later they would doze off. I had managed to give them a evening meal, supervise their bath time, tell them a story, and pray with them before switching off the light and heading downstairs. Now there was only the washing up to do, and I would be free for the evening.

Once my chores were finished, I settled into bed and closed my eyes. But sleep eluded me that night, and gradually it dawned on me that I was more than tired. I was lonely and depressed.

If only Johan were home, I thought. But Johan was half a world away in Australia. It wasn't the first time he'd been gone for weeks at a time that year, and I knew it wouldn't be the last. As the minutes ticked by, I began to wonder if my future would consist of nothing more than cleaning house, washing dishes and caring for children while Johan traveled the world.

Along with my other unpleasant feelings, I felt ashamed of myself. Many women had endured much more than I was going through. I'd heard of pastor's wives separated from their husbands for years at a time because of imprisonment. I knew about women whose husbands had been murdered because of their Christian work; mothers whose handsome, gifted sons had been shot down in the prime of life for their faith. These women would suffer for a lifetime. Their pain wouldn't vanish — like mine — in a couple more weeks.

As the tide of my emotions finally began to ebb, I heard the Lord's still, small voice: *Through what you are experiencing now, you will one day be able to help other women. I am allowing you to feel this pain so you will be able to understand and empathize with them.*

Not quite sure what the words meant, I finally drifted off to sleep.

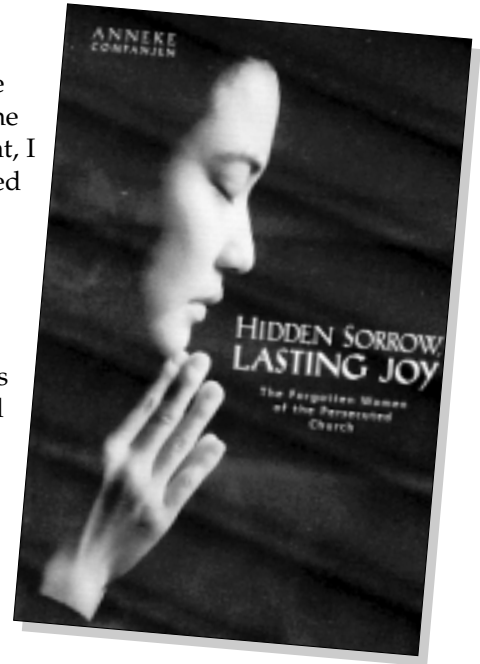
In the 1990s the persecution of Christians became well known in the United States. Led by The New York Times, major newspapers

wrote stories about the subject. In the United States Congress, legislation was passed to help control it. Christian leaders and organizations spoke out and demanded a response. After decades of apathy, the Western church finally began to awaken to the clear and present danger faced by 200 million Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

But to those of us at work in the world on behalf of the gospel, the persecution of Christians was not a new problem.

In the late 1960s and 1970s we were shocked to hear about Pastor Richard Wurmbrand's experiences in a Romanian prison. The suffering of Russian Christians became better and better known as several Russian Baptist brothers found refuge in Germany. As a result, many Christians have long been active in restricted countries, helping to provide the believers there with Bibles, encouragement and support.

My husband, Johan, was one of them, and during the years I stayed at home to look after our children, he kept me well informed. More recently, I have had the privilege of sharing in several of his



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travels, friendships and commitments. I have become more and more aware of the tragic toll that persecution takes on believers. Christian husbands — many of them pastors and church leaders — have been abused, imprisoned and sometimes martyred.

I realized that the courageous wives of these men are often overlooked and forgotten. And I began to understand the Lord's long-ago message to my heart: *I am allowing you to feel this pain so you will be able to understand and empathize with them.*

These women have struggled with painful separation, loss and uncertainty. They have been ostracized by their culture, left alone to care for fatherless children and subjected to crushing poverty. Their faith has been stretched to the limit, and yet they have rarely been the subjects of prayer campaigns or human-rights projects. At a time when women's rights have become a popular cause, these women's needs have remained virtually unknown.

I hope that we will remember the women of the Suffering Church in our prayers, support them through our churches, and provide for them in practical ways whenever possible. Perhaps even more, I pray that their courage, their faithfulness and their commitment to Christ will forever change our lives.

These are women with the same longings, desires and fears as you and me. They are mothers, daughters, sisters and aunts. Some are young, some are old; others are aging too quickly for their years. Some are rich in hope; others content with relentless depression. Above all else, they very much need our prayers. When you pray for their husbands in prison, will you also pray for them too? Let's ask God to transform their sorrow, which must remain hidden today, into lasting joy and peace.

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the King James to the New Living Translation. He showed that the use of inclusive language is historically orthodox and necessary for accurate communication.

Tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 25, 2002, Dr. Stanley Grenz will discuss key concepts from "Women in the Church: A Biblical Theology of Women in Ministry" at George Fox Portland Center. For more information, contact Lynn at CBEOregon@yahoo.com.

TENNESSEE

Smoky Mountain Chapter

Congratulations! As of August 26, the Tennessee group is officially a chapter. The group has had two steering committee meetings that resulted in the charter signing. At their first official chapter meeting in November, they introduced CBE to the community and showed video clips highlighting CBE's beliefs. They are planning quarterly meetings, for which they request prayer. For more information, contact bprenshaw@yahoo.com.

TEXAS

North Texas Chapter

The North Texas Chapter is looking forward to Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian, author of "Community 101" and co-founder of Willow Creek Community Church, speaking at their annual winter conference. The event is on Saturday, January 26, 2002, at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. A light breakfast and a box lunch will be served. For more information, contact sharonb51@hotmail.com.

CANADA

Toronto - Chapter in Process

On September 29, Dr. Chuck Guth spoke at their initial meeting, providing a balance of academic, humorous and pastoral words of encouragement. The attendees enjoyed getting to know one another and sharing their visions for the future. They request prayer as they search out more people to join them in getting the chapter off the ground.

The next meeting is planned for Saturday, December 1, at 10 a.m. in Mississauga. They hope that by that time a core group will have been formed and the application for chapter status will be official. For more information, contact mcbcs@ipoline.com.



DOES A WOMAN NEED A MALE “COVERING” OVER HER MINISTRY?

ANSWER: This is a question frequently asked by some Christians who belong to some branches of Pentecostalism. The teaching about “male covering” for women is rarely found outside of these groups and has never been accepted by the vast majority of evangelical Christians.

Those who promote this teaching base it on 1 Corinthians 11:3-16. This is one of the most difficult chapters in the Bible and is subject to many differing interpretations. In considering this passage we must remember the basic rules of sound Bible interpretation.

First, every passage must be considered within its cultural, historical and literary context. Second, interpretations must consider all passages in the Bible that deal with the subject.

The Corinthian church was a young church with many problems, and Paul deals with nearly a dozen of them in this letter! That is part of the literary and historical context.

Every culture has its own strong ideas of how people should dress, wear their hair and act in public. Paul didn’t want the gospel of Christ to get mixed up in these matters. His basic message to Christians is: Don’t offend people unnecessarily.

The term “head” appears 13 times in this passage. Seven times it clearly applies to the physical head of a man or women. Three times it is clearly metaphorical, and three times it is subject to interpretation.

The metaphorical uses appear in verse three: “The head of every man is Christ; the head of the woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God.” Those obviously cannot refer to physical heads, but mean something else — which is open to interpretation.

Head in verses four, five and six obviously refer to a physical head.

Most scholars believe the “covering” referred to in verses five and six is some type of veil, which some scholars believe married women wore at that time. Others believe the “covering” refers to a long hairstyle, which Paul talks about in verse 15: “Long hair is given to her for a covering.”

Neither short hair nor lack of a veil is an offense to our culture. There are many “commands” in the New Testament that were cultural and no longer practiced. “Greet one another with a holy kiss” appears five times in the New Testament. I know of no church where this is practiced! But it was the custom then and still is in some cultures.

The idea of a man being a “covering” is based on verse 15: “For this reason, a woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head.” But to see this “covering” as referring to a man is a long stretch and does not agree with Paul’s teaching in 1 Corinthians 12 — part of the same letter. Here Paul teaches that the Spirit gives spiritual gifts to whomever he chooses (verse 11). Paul is very insistent that all who are gifted must use their gifts for the edification of the church — no exceptions.

Some of our interpretations are handed down from one generation to another without careful examination. It is always sad when particular interpretations stand in the way of God’s loving message being proclaimed.

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By Alvera Mickelsen

For a fuller discussion of woman’s teaching being covered by a man, see Chapter 5 in “Ten Lies the Church Tells Women” by J. Lee Grady, which can be ordered from CBE.

Mimi Haddad described the Norwegian scenery as breathtaking and pristine. "It was almost as if no one's been there before," she said.



NORWAY CELEBRATES 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

At right, Ingebjörg and Halvor Draugedal from Telemark, Norway, dressed in regional clothing for the celebration.



Far right, the tables were set with fresh flowers, sterling silver and fine linen.

By Mimi Haddad

The people came to the celebration dressed in Norwegian regalia, representing different regions of the country. The tables were set with fresh flowers, sterling silver and fine linen. Each guest's name was hand-painted on a flowerpot holding a glimmering candle. An entire table dedicated to handmade desserts lined the back of the hall.



Featured guests included missionaries, authors, historians and preachers. An opera singer and her brilliant accompanist provided entertainment. The members of the Norwegian CBE Chapter were proud at this historic moment, as they celebrated 10 years of ministry in Scandinavia.

I had traveled from the United States to celebrate with CBE's longest-standing chapter. I wondered what I might offer these noble and cultured people, apart from my admiration.

As the chapter honored their leadership, remembering each one with a gift and words of appreciation, I thanked God that I was invited to this high table. As President of CBE for only a few months, I was asked to address these Christians who have been in leadership and ministry all of their lives. It was I who needed to learn from them.

The following day we commemorated the 10-year anniversary by celebrating women's contributions throughout the history of the church. My lectures on church history were enhanced by Norwegian cuisine, their dedication to scholarship and their Christian fellowship.

I noticed one man taking copious notes. He mentioned later that the material was new to him, and as a teacher he was eager to share the history of women with his students. Other distinguished guests included Dr. Helen Cairns, future co-editor of CBE's sister organization in London, Men, Women and God, and Bergljot Frøyså Olsen from Kristiansand, Norway.

After a full day of lectures, worship and discussion, the sun was still shining brightly so we decided to walk through the woods. As we ambled past the Norwegian pines with their branches bending upward towards the sky, I said a silent prayer, thanking God for this CBE chapter. Like the trees, they stand as a tall, gallant and faithful witness to the goodness of Christ.

For additional highlights from the Norwegian chapter, visit their Web site (<http://www.bibelsklikeverd.no/>).



Above, Marianne Netskar, a member of the Norway steering committee, holds an award she received.

Bottom left, Martha Irene Eriksrød received an award from Astri Fladberg for her service in the Norway Chapter.

Bottom middle, Mimi Haddad lectured on women in church history, with Astri Anfinsen translating for her.

Bottom right, a table of handmade desserts lined the back of the hall.



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BE'S LEAVE A LEGACY INITIATIVE

Each of us wants to know that the things in which we've contributed time and money will last long after we've entered Christ's presence. How wonderful to know that you can continue to give to the work of CBE, even after your earthly pilgrimage has ended. By joining CBE's Leave a Legacy Initiative you continue to exercise stewardship over the blessings of your life. By naming CBE as one of the benefactors in your will, trust, insurance policy or estate plan, you give a gift that becomes a legacy — a helping hand to those who come after you looking for answers regarding gender and the Bible.

The individuals named below are the first class of CBE's Leave a Legacy Initiative. If you would like to learn more about this plan, we would be honored to discuss the details more fully. Or, if you have already included CBE in your estate, will or insurance policy, please let us know. We would love to include your name with those below.

Simply contact Sarah Edwards by e-mail, sarah@cbeinternational.org, by phone 612-872-6898, or mail CBE, 122 W. Franklin Ave, #218, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

First class of CBE's Leave a Legacy Initiative

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CBE is Looking for Spiritual Directors Who Support CBE's Mission

If you are a Spiritual Director and would like your name added to our list of egalitarian spiritual directors, simply send your name and credentials to CBE at cbe@cbeinternational.org.
Thank you!

DOES CBE MATTER IN THE FACE OF TERRORISM?

By Kim Pettit

Kim Pettit is the coordinator for the Pikes Peak Chapter of CBE in Colorado Springs.

In Christians for Biblical Equality (CBE), we proclaim that salvation surpasses gender, social distinctions, economic differences and nationalities. CBE hosts a Web site, sponsors conferences, and serves as a resource center on biblical equality. Each year more people discover freedom through its work.

After the September 11 tragedy, discussions about the meaning of Greek words paled in the shadow of war. The interpretation of difficult passages seems like an exercise for self-indulgent American Christians, who for so long have enjoyed unequaled peace and prosperity. Did Jesus really die on the cross to see us write lengthy treatises on a few thorny passages of Scripture?

In the face of terrorism, does CBE matter? Is it worth supporting?

As I've thought about these questions, I've discovered remarkable answers. Biblical equality speaks to the questions raised by current events in ways I never would have expected.

God loves all people

At a time when thousands of people died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, how important is it to fight for the quality of life for the living?

Biblical equality gives us a new understanding of the incredible love, mercy and freedom *each person* experiences in Christ. God's unconditional love for all people reminds us how he must grieve, not only at the tragic losses of American firefighters, police and countless others, but also at the death of the



most poverty-stricken Muslim child in Afghanistan.

The morning of the attacks I was at a conference with women and men from almost 20 different countries including China, Brazil, Finland, Indonesia, Kenya and Russia. As I mourned with these friends from around the world, I remembered previous tragedies reported on the news: the earthquake in India leaving thousands dead and homeless, the toll of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, the floods in Venezuela.

The contrast between my reaction to America's terrorist attacks and resignation to the suffering around the world revealed that my heart is as polluted as the smoke that poured from the burning towers of the World Trade Center. When did I

ever pray for other Christians around the world as fervently as I have prayed for the United States in this hour of need? How should I pray now?

At this time of tragedy, CBE reminds us of our need to uphold people of all nations, ethnicities, classes, ages and genders. CBE helps us love and care for our brothers and sisters with the same tenderness God has for them.

The value of women

Janet Chismar, Religion Today editor, recently wrote about the refugee crisis worsened by the events since September 11. She reports that an Afghan relief worker said, "People are living in open fields with just a blanket or piece of plastic for shelter. Grown men came to us, crying for help. I even had to watch as an old man tried to sell his young daughter to a rich trader [so] he could have food for the rest of his children."

CBE reminds us of the worth of women and girls, traditionally undervalued in hierarchical

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churches. What value did this distraught father place on his daughter? And what value do we place on our own daughters?

Because some women have encountered equality in Christ through CBE, they have overcome abuse. They have healed their most intimate relationships and ministered in new ways in their churches.

Biblical equality gives our members, both women *and* men, biblical self-esteem as they recognize God's love for them. This incredible love has enabled some to accept a call to share that love with others locally and around the world.

Cultural context illuminates Bible

Can you imagine sharing the love of God with the women under Taliban rule? It might be surprising to recall that Afghanistan's culture today is closer to the one in which Jesus lived and proclaimed his message than our way of life in the United States.

Are we horrified at the public executions of women taking place in an Afghani soccer field? Then imagine the crowd of men holding stones in their hands, waiting for an adulterous woman to be brought to justice. Jesus faced just such a situation.

Are we shocked at the lack of education provided for women under the Taliban? By law, girls over 12 are not permitted to learn. Similarly, in Jesus' culture women were not allowed to study with learned rabbis. Yet Jesus encouraged Mary to learn.



In the face of terrorism, death and suffering, CBE emphasizes an understanding of the cultural and historical background of biblical texts in order to accurately present Christ. Without a faithful exegesis of Scripture, we cannot begin to understand that itinerant preacher who declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18,19).

Because faithful interpretation of Scripture is so important, we work to discover how Jesus' disciples preached his message or what Paul meant when he talked about veils. We ask about the meaning of Greek words or the context for Peter's letters because this knowledge has a bearing on our understanding of Jesus and our relationship with him.

What can we do?

Millions of dollars have been raised to support the victims of the terrorist attacks, but millions more are also needed for those in other countries suffering the effects of war. Give to support humanitarian aid in the wake of tragedy, but also set money aside to further CBE's national and international efforts.

While CBE may not meet the physical needs of those who are oppressed by terrorism, our message is vital. We offer Jesus. He is the only answer. He is the only liberator.

Continue to support local chapters and broader efforts that allow biblical equality to be disseminated far and wide. Pray. Volunteer. Share your heart with others. Live like Jesus lived, despite the culture of oppression and sin he faced each day.

Whether oppression is happening between men and women, races, social classes or nations, the devaluation of human beings is fundamentally the same. The dynamics between the oppressed and the dominated are the same. The rhetoric and justification are the same. In each case people are damaged, and Jesus is the only one who can restore the wounded to health again.

Do the persons who are transformed by CBE's efforts matter to God? They do, and we who are egalitarians proclaim not only that Christ saves but that he values and empowers all who receive him, without regard to gender, status or race.

SURVEY REVEALS MEMBERS COMMITTED TO CBE'S CAUSE

By Sandy Anderson and Alvera Mickelsen

Recently CBE asked some of its members, through a survey, to tell us what value they received from being a member, and how CBE could grow in usefulness to them and to the rest of the world. The survey used standard recognized sampling techniques to send the questions to 720 members in various parts of the country. 324 people responded. The answers proved enlightening and helpful to the CBE staff.

What influenced you to join CBE? (In order of importance.)

- Personal belief in CBE's cause. This was rated extremely important by 85 percent of respondents.
- Receiving Priscilla Papers and Mutuality. Fifty-six percent rated this extremely important.
- Discounts on book service and conferences. This was somewhat important to a third of respondents.

What about CBE is important to you now? (In order of importance.)

- Knowing CBE is influencing personal lives. This was extremely important to 84 percent of respondents.
- Knowing CBE is influencing the evangelical church. Seventy-seven percent said this was extremely important.
- Priscilla Papers and Mutuality. Priscilla Papers was extremely important to 59 percent and somewhat important to 32 percent. Mutuality was extremely important to 36 percent and somewhat important to 44 percent.
- Discounts on book service and conferences.

What makes CBE's Book Service valuable to you? (In order of importance.)

- Scholarly books. These resources were extremely important to 40 percent, and somewhat important to 37 percent.

- Popular books. These resources received only slightly lower marks than the scholarly books, with 36 percent thinking they were extremely important, and 38 percent rating them somewhat important.
- Discounted prices.
- Speedy delivery.

Respondents were encouraged to give suggestions about new ways of enlarging the ministry of CBE. Scores of suggestions were made, all of which are being considered by the staff, such as more advertising in magazines like Christianity Today, and more representation with booths at other conventions and conferences. Most of these are already being done to the extent that money is available.

Others, such as having a list of known egalitarian churches, have already been implemented on the CBE Web site. Many other suggestions were made concerning the Web site, and they are being considered.

The most frequent suggestions regarding conferences were to have more mini-regional conferences that would be less expensive than the CBE international conferences. Members also suggested more marriage conferences, and the next one is already in the planning stage.

The staff was impressed with members' commitment to spreading the message of biblical equality, and with their vision of reaching new audiences.

Several comments indicated that members also value opportunities to connect with one another.

CBE is deeply grateful to all those who spent precious time giving their opinions and returning the surveys. Their dedication and work will show in the future of CBE!

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HONOR WITHIN OUR RANKS



Andrea Smith, a founding member of the Santa Cruz, Calif. Chapter, was honored by The City of Santa Cruz Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women “for her work in the anti-violence movement, as a self-defense instructor, counselor, and educator, especially as it relates to the particular focus and struggle of women of color.” Andrea is co-founder of Incite! Women of Color Against Violence.

LEAVE A LEGACY

“Choose your giving while you’re living; then you’ll know where it will go.” Why don’t you consider leaving CBE in your will? It’s a wonderful way to ensure that the truth of biblical equality is passed on to future generations. Courtesy of the Presbyterian Church Foundation, the following list exposes seven not-so-persuasive excuses for not having a will.

Top 7 Excuses for Not Having a Will

1. **Procrastination.** “I’ll get to it next month.”
2. **Estate “too small.”** Still, you may wish to give certain possessions to certain people, or even make a charitable bequest to your church. Or have you thought of including CBE in your will?
3. **“My family will carry out my wishes.”** But they may not know how you wish to have your estate distributed, or your charitable intentions. The state has its own idea of how your estate should be taken care of.
4. **“I have no dependents.”** Even without them, you have the opportunity to give thought to how you want your estate distributed.
5. **Worries about legal fees.** “It will cost too much.” Making a will does not have to be expensive; call around for estimated costs.
6. **Denial of mortality.** “I’ve got plenty of time to do that.” Yet avoiding making an estate plan will not prolong your life one single day.
7. **Overwhelmed.** “Where do I start?” Start by requesting two free books: *Your Guide to a Christian Will* and *Personal Record Book*. Call the CBE office at 612-872-6898. Your lawyer or other trusted advisor can offer help. And you’ll rest easy knowing you’ve taken care of this important decision.

For more information on CBE’s Leave a Legacy Initiative, see page 14.

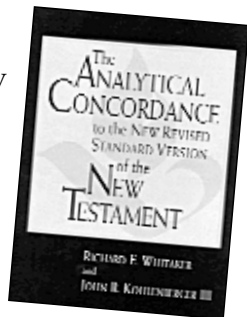


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cutting-edge biblical
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Donate \$1,000 and Receive a Concordance

Have you been meaning to join CBE's Partners Program by contributing \$1,000 or more per year?

Now is your chance. For every new gift of \$1,000 or more, between now and December 31, CBE will send you a copy of *The Analytical Concordance to the New Revised Standard Version of the New Testament*, by Richard Whitaker and John R. Kohlenberger III.



Donate online at www.cbeinternational.org, and we will send you the concordance.

Some Employers Will Match Your Contributions to CBE

Does your employer offer a matching funds program? Over the years CBE has been the grateful recipient of matching gifts from employers, United Way and the Mustard Seed Foundation, to mention a few. Perhaps your employer or your local United Way will match your contribution to CBE. Please check with your human resources department. What a wonderful way to double the pleasure of giving, making it possible for CBE to reach twice as many with the good news of Galatians 3:28.

HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL THROUGH A CBE HONOR GIFT

Honor someone you love by making a special contribution in his or her name.

Occasions to consider:

- Birthdays
- Graduations
- Ordinations
- Memorials
- Gratitude for one's parents, siblings, friends, pastors, youth leaders, choir director, mentor, or anyone who has made a contribution to your life.
- Anniversaries
- Weddings
- Birth of a new child

☐ Yes, I want to remember the following persons with a special Honor Gift

Enclosed is my tax-deductible honor gift of \$ _____

In Honor Of: _____

On the Occasion Of: _____

CBE would love to honor your someone special in the next issue of *Mutuality*. Your special message:

☐ Please send the acknowledgement to:

Name _____

Address _____

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☐ Send the acknowledgement to me, so I can present it personally:

Your name _____

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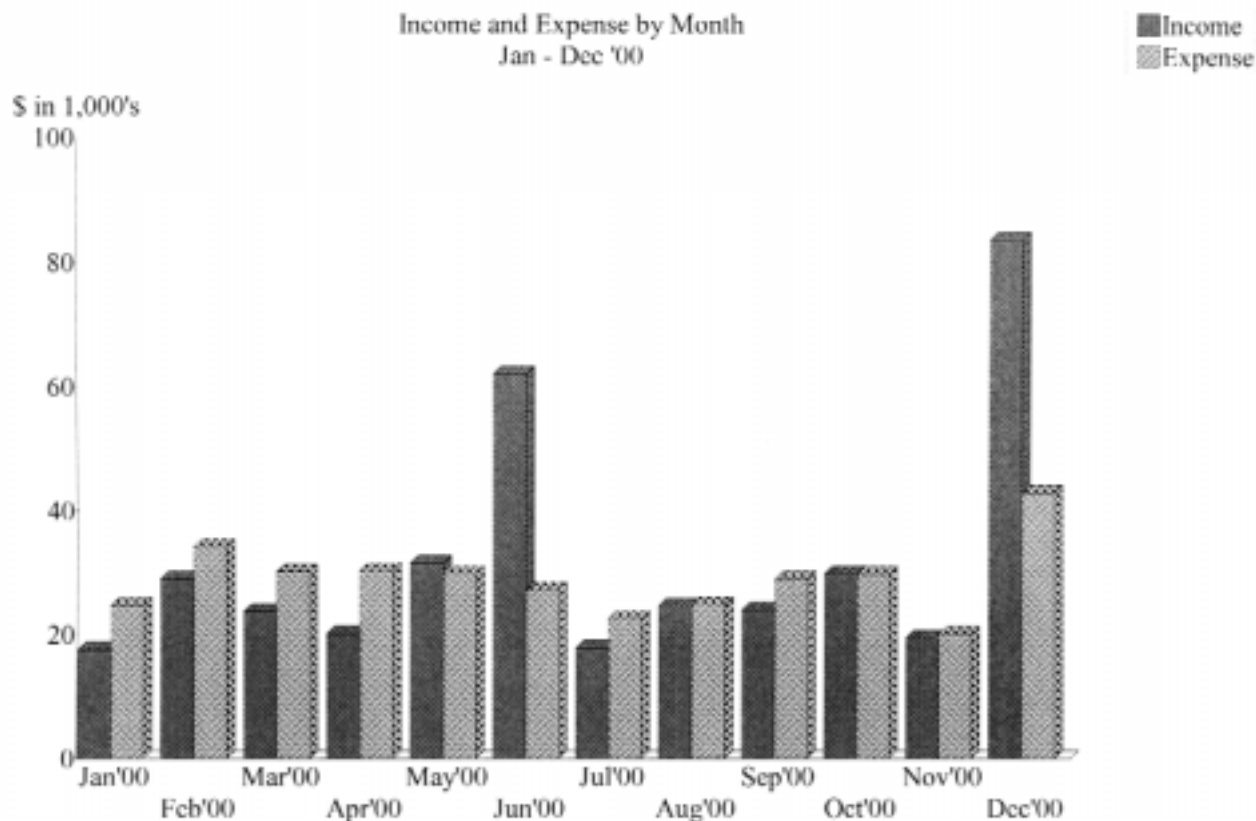
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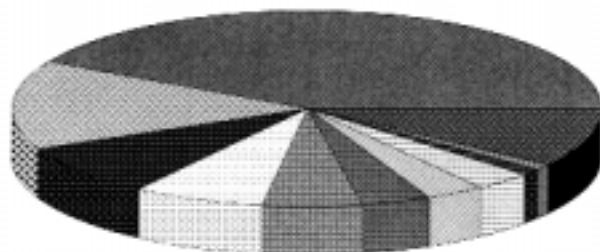
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Income and Expense by Month
Jan - Dec '00



Expense Summary
Jan - Dec '00



501 - Wages	%42.13
599 - Cost of Books Sold	14.90
514 - CBE Topical Conference	8.69
530 - Development	7.21
590 - Printing	5.48
595 - Rent	3.89
585 - Postage	3.32
502 - Payroll Taxes	3.27
525 - Depreciation Expense	1.14
544 - Health Insurance Expense	1.08
Other	8.89
Total	\$345,458.07

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH, CONFERENCES

By Mary Seltzer

As you so profoundly know, our world suddenly changed since last issue of *Mutuality*. In the days since September 11, our staff has been praying for the survivors, our national leaders and those intimately involved in the war.



Mary Seltzer
 Operations Manager

Looking back, it has been interesting to note that for a couple months preceding the terrorist attacks, CBE received an increased number of e-mails from international Christians. One Pakistani ministry requested a speaker, which we arranged through a CBE-member missionary in the country. Another Pakistani ministry regularly requests prayer for their computer and hairdressing classes designed to help Christian women obtain better-paying jobs. We have received several requests for books from Christian colleges and schools in India. Some books have been donated; now we need postage money to send them.

CBE has also reached a wider audience than ever before through hosting booths at conferences. We have promoted the ministry at denominational conferences and retreats, a global women's conference and an academic theological society. We are excited to reach out to many who are struggling with the question of what the Bible says about men and women.

Besides reaching new audiences, these conferences allow us to connect with our members and friends. At the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) last year, CBE organized a dinner for members and friends. The camaraderie, encouragement and excitement that each person brought to the table was extraordinary. Again this was done at the Global Celebration for Women (see page 8), and will be repeated at ETS in November in Colorado Springs.

Our own conferences have also been highlights. The June international conference in Dallas was a great success, as was our marriage conference one year ago. We are still receiving reports of how lives have been changed. Recently a pastor who attended the marriage conference preached a series of

sermons about women in ministry to the delight of the women in his congregation. A couple whose relationship was transformed through the marriage conference now tells how they are reaching out to their relatives.

Videos of the general sessions for both conferences are available, and until Christmas there is a "Buy Two, Get One Free" sale on every item in the catalog. Now you can purchase these videos on sale!

We are praying fervently about a second marriage conference. Attendees at the last one said we should hold a marriage conference every year. The fruits do seem to indicate this, but we need about \$15,000 seed money to proceed.

Plans for the international conference in Orlando, Florida, on August 8-10, 2003, are moving forward. Enthusiasm for the conference remains high, and there is no reason to doubt that this will be the best CBE conference yet. Recent events have shown us that this conference needs to have a greater international flavor than ever before, and we are excitedly working on this.

When contributions dropped to a trickle after September 11, it looked like we may have to make major cuts to our budget. The third quarter miraculously ended with contributions just five percent under last year's third quarter. However, this means we will need a very strong fourth quarter to meet the 2001 budget.

To help us meet this goal, an anonymous donor with a passion for CBE's mission offered to match any donation given beyond pledge amounts through the end of the year. This has a cap of \$15,000. So if you hurry, your donation will be doubled!

Another donor provided NRSV New Testament concordances by Richard E. Whitaker and John R. Kohlenberger III as gifts for new CBE Partners (those who give \$1,000 or more each year). See page 19 for more details.

Lastly, CBE's individual membership department has a "Two Memberships for the Price of One" offer for gift memberships until Christmas. This may interest you for Christmas giving.

Church Membership Application Form

CBE church membership is available to those who support CBE's Statement of Faith.

All fees in U.S. Dollars: (Please check one)

0 - 100 members	\$ 40
101 - 500 members	\$ 60
501 - 1000 members	\$ 80
1001 - 2000 members	\$100
2001 - 5000 members	\$200
5001 - 7500 members	\$300

Additional Contribution Enclosed: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CBE is an exempt organization as described in IRC Sec. 501(C) 3 and as such donations in excess of the basic membership fee may qualify as a charitable contribution where allowed by law.

Church Name _____

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Church Denomination _____

☐ *I wish to give a gift membership to the above church.*

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CHURCHES TAKE A STAND THROUGH CBE MEMBERSHIP

Pastor Gail Baisden sees her church's decision to become a CBE member as a testimony.

"Our church became a member of CBE because [biblical equality] was a founding principle," said Baisden. "Regardless of how many members we have or will have, it was important to state for future generations that we are created equally."

Baisden's church in Essex, Md., is one of the first class of members of CBE's church membership program, which debuted in 2000. The program is designed to provide both leadership and laity with the biblical tools to empower the saints for ministry.

The benefits of church membership are many: a 20 percent discount on resources, discounts for a staff member and church groups to conferences, subscriptions to CBE's publications and a special newsletter for churches, a complimentary book each year, and more.

The most important benefit Baisden has received, however, is the knowledge that others stand with her church in prayer.

"I can always leave a message if I have a concern or prayer need," she said. "Being a new pastor, it is critical to know others support you." She said her church has also received several inquiries from people who found the church through CBE's church directory.

The Rev. Diane Lutz, Pastor of Adult Ministries at First Baptist Church of Riverside, Calif., said her church's membership with CBE helps them to avoid squabbles over women in ministry.

"The issue is settled, and visitors to our church have a clear understanding of our position," she said. "We also use the printed resources from CBE to help educate our members about the biblical support for gender equality."

Lutz's church made a proactive decision to teach and model gender equality in all areas of its ministry. Joining CBE, she said, was one way to "take a stand on this issue."

"Even though our denomination supports the ordination of women, some local churches refuse to allow women to participate in certain forms of ministry," she said. "By having ordained women on staff and by joining CBE, our church becomes a model of gender equality for other churches in our region."

Please encourage your church to take a stand by joining CBE today. Please fill out the adjoining form and send it to CBE.



WE PRAISE GOD... WE THANK GOD... WE PRAY TO GOD...

O most high, almighty, good Lord God, to Thee belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing...Praise ye and bless ye the Lord, and give thanks unto Him and serve Him with great humility.

Saint Francis of Assisi 1182-1226 AD

We praise God for...

- The opportunity for CBE to participate through workshops and a booth at the Global Celebration for Women conference (GCW) in September.
- Exciting and wonderful fellowship shared at GCW; thousands of women in ministry from all over the world praying, praising, learning and teaching together.
- The opportunity to hold a CBE dinner in Houston with new and old friends, sharing testimonies about the many ways God is blessing his children and revealing his love through the ministries of women throughout the world.
- Members who helped CBE staff by receiving books for our GCW booth, assisting in our booth and providing transportation.
- The vision and encouragement of members and others to broaden CBE's territory, increase focus on missions and strengthen international partnerships.
- The vision to strengthen resources internationally for those teaching biblical gender equality, especially where suffering and oppression are great.

Giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20 NRSV

We thank God for...

- A generous donor who has promised to match new contributions to CBE through December 31, 2001 (up to \$15,000).
- CBE's board members and the board meeting held in Minneapolis in October.
- The opportunity to assist friends in Pakistan with finding speakers to teach new Christians about gender equality.
- President Mimi Haddad's opportunity to participate in the Norway Chapter's 10th anniversary celebration, and her safe return.

- The opportunity for staff to attend the Evangelical Theological Society's conference in Colorado Springs in November, and for many papers being presented that address gender equality.
- The opportunity to pray for church boards, pastors, elders, committees and task forces who are studying the Scriptures and praying that God will give clear understanding about what the Bible says regarding gender roles in homes, missions and church communities.
- Opportunities to partner with like-minded ministries towards equipping women and men for gift-based ministry and to provide practical tools towards creating institutional change.
- Constant prayer support received from donors and members.
- The many men, women and churches that support CBE financially through sacrificial giving.
- The many writers and theologians that support CBE's ministry through donating their books to our Book Service.
- The successful upgrade of CBE's computers, network and Web site (to be announced soon), and for the graphic design skills of Eric Musser and the technical skills of CBE staff member Nathan St. Clair.
- New leadership for CBE's South Africa Chapter.
- CBE members who are placing videos on local public access television stations.

Please pray daily for CBE, honoring Galatians 3:28.

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 NRSV

Please pray to God for...

Ministry

- Continued strong financial support for CBE's ministry.
- America's economic recovery and continued growth, restoring confidence in America's stock markets, financial institutions and industries.
- Increased funding for mailing materials to Christians overseas; postage costs have dramatically increased.
- Funding for new egalitarian curriculum; inspiration and blessing for CBE authors and book projects.

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Please Pray to God - *continued from page 23*

- Good health, wisdom and safe travel for CBE's board members and staff.
- Positive media coverage that accurately portrays CBE's ministry, conferences and resources.
- Pastors who equip women and men to serve the church in gift-based ministry; women who are preaching their first sermon; individuals who are "speaking up" in church for the first time.
- An increased CBE presence in colleges and seminaries in the United States and Canada; increased distribution of Priscilla Papers.
- Increased church and individual memberships.

General Office Needs

- Protection for office equipment, computers and network.
- Sufficient funds to grow staff.
- Efficient use of office and storage space.
- Funds to upgrade accounting software.
- Ways to save money on the rising costs of office supplies, postage, etc.

Conferences

- Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) conference being held in Colorado Springs in mid-November 2001.
- Funds for shipping books and materials to CBE's booth at the ETS conference; funds allowing CBE to have booths at additional conferences.
- Planning for CBE's next marriage conference (projected 2002), including location and budgets.
- Planning for CBE's 8th International Conference "Celebrating the Priesthood of All Believers" (2003), in Orlando, Florida; including speakers, workshops, scholarships and budgets.

Book Service

- Continued sales of books from 2001 catalog.
- Planning and safe travel for staff to ETS conference in Colorado Springs.
- Planning and design for 2002 catalog.

Chapters

- "Chapters in Progress" in Aspen, Colo.; Knoxville, Tenn.; New London, Conn.; Hightstown, N.J.; Seattle, Wash.; Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Newly formed chapters in Birmingham, Ala.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; the Smokey Mountain Chapter in Tennessee.
- Chapter leaders, programs, education and support to local churches and ministries.
- New chapters to form, especially overseas.

International

- Christians living in the trouble spots of the world.
- Wisdom and vision for all world leaders as they address terrorism today and into the future.
- Experts to speak, preach and teach biblical equality to churches, Bible schools and ministries, especially in places where new Christians have traditionally lived under patriarchy, racism and/or class inequality.
- Financial support and physical protection for overseas missionaries.
- More books and articles translated from English into other languages.

Prayers for Members

- **Health/Illness/Surgery**
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Deep peace of the running waves to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the smiling stars to you.

Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you.

Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

Old Gaelic Prayer

Scriptures and meditations provided by Susan McCoubrie, one of the founders of CBE and retired staff member. Prayer items recorded by Mary Gonsior from daily staff prayer.

THE CHAPTERS CORNER



ALABAMA

Birmingham Chapter

Congratulations to the Birmingham chapter for becoming an official chapter on July 4, 2001! For more information, contact ragamuffin@mindspring.com.

CALIFORNIA

Chico Chapter

The October meeting focused on "Domestic Violence in the Christian Home." Fred von Tress, LCSW, spoke about helplessness and the different ways abuse can occur. A local shelter representative also gave an overview of the shelter's services.

In November, the chapter will discuss women in missions, ministry and leadership, with Jeff Bisaga reviewing the book "Why Not Women?" The meeting's second half will be time for prayer. In December, the group will gather for a holiday party. Their chapter meets the second Friday of each month. For more information, contact hicocbe@hotmail.com or call 530-891-4425.

Greater Los Angeles County Chapter

The chapter's upcoming studies will focus on Samuel G. Hines and Curtiss Paul DeYoung's book, "Beyond Rhetoric: Reconciliation as a Way of Life." They began the study in September, learning about a number of areas where the Corinthian church needed to experience reconciliation. In October and November, they read and discussed Chapters 2 and 3, talking about areas in their lives that needed reconciliation.

All are invited to join them for meetings on the first Saturday of each month. December's meeting will be a Christmas brunch and celebration, with the following months continuing the study of "Beyond Rhetoric." For more information, contact Eglandville@aol.com.

Santa Cruz County Chapter

The chapter gathered on the beach in Santa Cruz for an informal gathering in August. They enjoyed hot dogs, s'mores and a bonfire by the ocean. Their guests included CBE members from Massachusetts, Texas and Colorado.

In September, Brian Neuschwander presented guidelines for sound biblical interpretation. They also explored "selective literalism," looking at

passages that are clearly not intended for general application.

In October, Andrea Smith reported on the Global Celebration for Women, which recognized women's achievements in evangelical circles and addressed the oppression women face throughout the world. Her presentation focused on how Christians can best respond to violence against women.

In November, they will resume their study of "Male and Female in Christ," by Carrie Miles and Laurence R. Iannacone. Their chapter meets on the second Saturday evening of the month (with some exceptions). For more information, contact cvanloon@jps.net.

COLORADO

Pike's Peak Chapter

In October, Food for Thought, a secular non-profit organization that promotes dialogue among persons of diverse backgrounds, sponsored a discussion on gender roles. Chapter member Chris Morton presented biblical equality before an audience that included many non-Christians. Because of the discussion's success, CBE member Jan Zimmerman is organizing a discussion group on "Faith, Fundamentalism, and Gender."

On November 13, the chapter co-sponsored an event with the Colorado Springs extension of Fuller Theological Seminary. The evening featured Stan Grenz, Doug Groothuis and others discussing women's ministry. On November 14-16, Doug Groothuis and Kamilla Ludwig, both Denver CBE members, spoke at the Evangelical Theological Society conference in Colorado Springs.

On December 9, Alice Scott-Ferguson is hosting a Christmas party from 3:00-5:00 p.m. For directions and to RSVP call (719) 481-9385.

The chapter has switched their meetings to the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact cbe_coloradosprings@hotmail.com.

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut - Chapter in Process

This group aired "The Egalitarian Connection" (a series of CBE videos) on Hartford Public Access

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Television Inc., Channel 5 on October 7. The five Public Access TV channels they are on now are as follows:

- Waterford, Conn., ECCTV Inc, Channel 24. Tuesday, 5 p.m.
- Groton, Conn., Comcast Cable, Channel 12. Tuesday, 5 p.m.
- Norwich, Conn., Adelphia, Channels 14 and 27. Saturday, 9 p.m.
- Hartford, Conn., Hartford Public Access Television Inc., Channel 5. Sunday, 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Westerly, R.I., Cox Communications, Channel 18. Thursday, 3:30 p.m.

CBE has received phone inquiries as a result of this programming. If you would like more information about this group or how to air videos on your local stations, please contact dnclrbry1@juno.com.

FLORIDA

Central Florida Chapter

In August, the Rev. Stacy Cline spoke about why taking a stand as an egalitarian is so vital to the health of the church. His message, entitled "Is this a battle worth fighting?," offered biblically persuasive reasons why men and women must engage their local Christian communities toward a greater understanding of biblical equality.

On September 26, three of the core chapter members, along with Lee Grady, author and editor of *Charisma Magazine*, met with Mark Pinsky, religion editor for the *Orlando Sentinel*. An article featuring them was published on Friday, September 28. Afterwards, they explored new ways to develop the chapter and expand the influence of CBE, and discussed concepts from Grady's book, "Ten Lies the Church Tells Women." For more information, contact paulinepedersen@hotmail.com.

MICHIGAN

Grand Rapids — Chapter in Process

This group is praying about whether becoming a chapter is the right step at this time. In July, they had a cookout with good food and great fellowship. They are excited to have strong egalitarians that encourage, instruct and support them in their endeavor to be of help to men and women who feel alone.

Their meeting in September consisted of reports from those who attended the Dallas conference and

their October meeting centered on the video, "The Cultural Context of Ephesians 5:18-33" by Gordon Fee.



MINNESOTA

CBE volunteer and Minnesota Institute of Arts docent Marilyn Cramolini led Minneapolis area CBE members and friends on a tour of the museum, followed by lunch together at the museum's café. Cramolini educated the group on the background of many of the pieces, as well as pointing out some hidden subtleties and symbols. The tour was so much enjoyed by its attendees that Cramolini has agreed to lead another tour on December 8. See CBE's Web site (www.cbeinternational.org) for more details.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City — Chapter in Process

On August 11, Sharon New from the North Texas Chapter led a Bible study in Oklahoma City on Genesis 2 and 3. The group decided to meet again in 60 days, establish an e-mail communication system, open a CBE-Oklahoma checking account and apply for chapter membership for CBE-Oklahoma. The group has almost completed the process to be a chapter. In their October 27 meeting, Christy Thomas spoke about Timothy and Paul. For more information, contact twrunner@hotmail.com.

OREGON

Portland Chapter

On November 11, John Kohlenberger spoke on "Gender Accuracy in Bible Translation." John demonstrated inclusive language in the Greek Septuagint, the New Testament itself, and in the entire English Bible tradition from Tyndale through

BOOK REVIEW:

TWO VIEWS ON WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Contributors: Craig S. Keener, Linda L. Belleville, Thomas R. Schreiner, Ann L. Bowman
 General Editors: James R. Beck, Craig L. Blomberg
 382 pages, Zondervan, 2001
 B201P Was \$14.99/Introductory Price \$10.99*

Reviewed by Julia Bloom

"God is not an equal opportunity employer."
 "God is an equal opportunity employer."

These antithetical statements come from the two authors representing the complementarian view in "Two Views on Women in Ministry," a new book in Stanley N. Gundry's "Counterpoints" series.

"Two Views" provides an interesting overview of the issues surrounding the current debate on a woman's place in the church. The book's co-editors introduce themselves as a hierarchicalist (Craig Blomberg) and an egalitarian (James Beck), "though each ... would generally find more in common with relatively centrist perspectives on the other side than with extremists in his own camp" (p. 20). In the book's introduction, the editors call for "a new (or renewed) commitment to an irenic spirit in this debate."

Craig Keener and Linda Belleville write the egalitarian essays. Both provide clear biblical support for their views. Keener gives an overview of the many places in Scripture where women served in various capacities, including apostle (Junia). He also reminds us of the need to carefully distinguish between transcultural mandates (easily applied to any culture) and culture-specific ones.

Belleville contributes some valuable material in her discussion of the general nature of authority in the church, showing from Scripture that "it is the church that possesses authority and not particular individuals (or positions, for that matter)" (p. 106). In pages 130-139, Belleville answers well all six questions from Wayne Grudem's "An Open Letter to Egalitarians" (Journal for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, March 1998: 1, 3-4).

Complementarian Thomas Schreiner begins his essay by reminding us that the church has a long history of defining women's roles in a certain way. He then proceeds to respectfully focus on the "dignity and significance of women" (pp. 183-188),

followed by a section outlining many of the ways women ministered throughout Scripture.

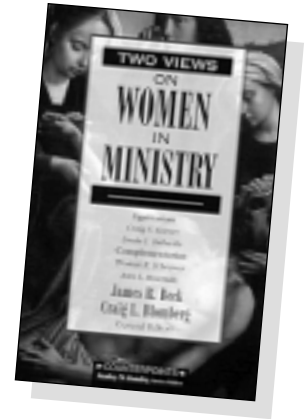
Then, explaining the difficult passages on women by building on the idea of a "creation order,"

Schreiner concludes that women should not teach or exercise authority over men, choosing to explicitly apply this statement only to the pastoral office.

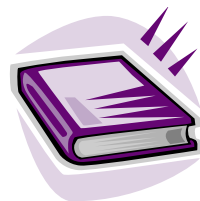
Ann Bowman's essay seemed inconsistent, as I read page after page of what appeared at times like egalitarian thought and at times like a general handbook for anyone entering the ministry, having little to do with the topic of the book. Her support of male authority seemed out of step with much of her argument, and her conclusion that women should not serve as senior pastors made the essay even more bewildering!

An egalitarian myself, I admit the possibility of reading my own bias into this book, but I did finish disappointed. The format of the book places the egalitarian essays first, followed by the complementarian essays. The last part of the book is an appendix written by Craig Blomberg, entitled "Neither Hierarchicalist Nor Egalitarian." The editors believe this represents a third viewpoint, one that maintains a woman may serve in any capacity except that of senior pastor. Blomberg, however, along with Schreiner and Bowman, heavily employs the idea of fundamental female subordination (a "creation order") to support his case. This seems to fall quite naturally in line with the complementarian view. The end result is that complementarianism gets the last word, and in disproportion to the two essays written by the egalitarians.

Disappointment notwithstanding, I recommend this book to those wanting a good overview of the issues involved in the current debate on women in ministry, specifically in the context of evangelicalism. Academic in its approach, it is readable enough for the average layperson; and its call for respectful dialogue between those of different viewpoints is admirable, especially to a former "fighting fundamentalist" preacher's kid like me.



BOOK SERVICE NEWS



New Books

Ordinary People, ExtraOrdinary Marriages

Brian Nystrom, MSW

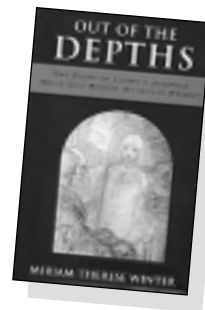
Written for married couples by a marriage and family therapist, this book introduces couples to self talk, family of origin issues, good communication skills, and principles to build and strengthen marriages. The author emphasizes that the Bible's design for marriage is an equal partnership. 131 pages, Writer's Showcase, 2001. B198PWas \$15.95/**Introductory Price \$11.95***



Out of the Depths: The Story of Ludmila Javorova, Ordained Roman Catholic Priest

Miriam Therese Winter

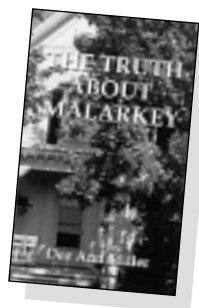
This compelling chronicle tells the story of Ludmila Javorova, secretly ordained as a Roman Catholic priest in Czechoslovakia's underground church. Although the Vatican barred Javorova from functioning as a priest, proponents of women's ordination will applaud her courage and be impressed with her spirituality and humility. 260 pages, Crossroad Publishing Co., 2001. B201HWas \$19.95/**Introductory Price \$14.95***



The Truth About Malarkey

Dee Ann Miller

In this novel, author Dee Ann Miller weaves an artful tale about the way a large Protestant church handles the news that a trusted minister was also a sex offender. The narrator, Great-Grama Cora, speaks her mind in a way that leaves the reader pondering deep spiritual insights. 123 pages, 1st Books Library, 2000. B200PWas \$14.95/**Introductory Price \$11.25***



Hidden Sorrow, Lasting Joy: The Forgotten Women of the Persecuted Church

Anneke Comanjen

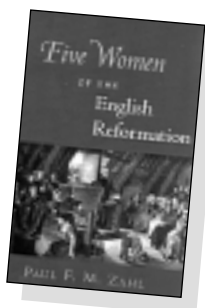
This is a powerful tribute to 20 forgotten women from such places as Vietnam, China and Iran — all women whose husbands were imprisoned or killed for their faith. While these women experienced tremendous sorrow and fear, their stories also are a testimony of great rejoicing and unexplainable peace in the midst of affliction. 225 pages, Tyndale House Publishers, 2001. B202PWas \$10.99/**Introductory Price \$8.25***



Five Women of the English Reformation

Paul F. M. Zahl

This volume spotlights five strong and intellectually gifted women: Anne Boleyn, Anne Askew, Katharine Parr, Jane Grey and Catherine Willoughby. Because of their unconditional commitment to the advancement of Protestant Christianity, they paid the cost of their reforming convictions with martyrdom, imprisonment and exile. 120 pages, Eerdmans, 2001. B199HWas \$18.00/**Introductory Price \$13.50***



Building Credible Multicultural Teams

Lianne Roembke

This book explores the unique advantages and challenges of missionary teams composed of people from more than one culture. Written by a missionary with more than 25 years of experience, the book combines research, personal insights and practical tips. Roembke also highlights women in leadership and women missionaries. 287 pages, William Carey Library, 2000. B203PWas \$17.99/**Introductory Price \$13.49***



Mutuality *Winter 2001*

Instruments for His Glory: Releasing Women to Minister in Harmony with God and Man

Joyce Strong

Using the metaphor of a symphony, Strong shows how the body of Christ is made up of diverse instruments and notes, unified under the maestro's direction. The part we play in God's symphony is determined by our gifts, not our gender. Strong shares her story of moving beyond traditional expectations and offers practical pointers learned along the way. 224 pages, Creation House, 1999.

B204PWas \$12.99/**Introductory Price \$9.75***



A Passion for Fullness: Examining the Woman's Identity and Roles from Biblical, Historical and Sociological Perspectives (Chinese)

Cecilia Yau, Dora Wang and Lily Lee

Journey with three Chinese Christians, who studied for six years to realize God's passion in restoring the woman's fullness, as intended in creation, redemption and eternity, demonstrated by his gracious acts on their behalf throughout the ages. 375 pages, China Graduate School of Theology, 1997.

B196PWas \$21.95/**Introductory Price \$16.45***

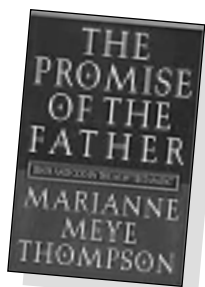


The Promise of the Father: Jesus & God in the New Testament

Marianne Meye Thompson

Thompson offers a careful study of the biblical meaning of God as "Father." Scholarly but readable, the book explores Jesus' use of Father language, as well as the fatherhood of God in the Synoptic Gospels, Paul's epistles and John's writings. Instead of connoting a "masculine" essence to God, Thompson identifies what it means to be a father in the biblical context and culture. 196 pages, Westminster John Knox Press, 2000.

B205PWas \$16.95/**Introductory Price \$12.95***



New Video

Ablaze with Love: The Living Legacy of Our Nazarene Foremothers

Janine T. Metcalf

This professional documentary features the contributions of women leaders in the Church of the Nazarene, which opened all offices of ministry to men and women from the beginning. Broad in its appeal, the video also offers biblical and historical support for gender equality in ministry, as well as an inspiring reminder of what God can do with willing servants. Length: 1:12:00.

VJM01Was \$20.00/**Introductory Price \$16.00***



New Foreign Language Listings

Femenino Plural: Las Mujeres en la Exegesis Biblica (Spanish)

Marga Muniz Aguilar

In four sections, the author discusses key topics related to the Bible and gender. These include discussions of the biblical creation account and the debated biblical texts. She also looks at how women of the Bible provided leadership examples, and how Greek thought has influenced biblical exegesis, especially relating to women. Published by Editorial Clie.

B197PWas \$11.95/**Introductory Price \$8.95***



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Celebration Empowers Women Across the Globe

Only one week after September 11, few were willing to board a plane. While most cancelled travel plans, three CBE staff members headed to Houston for the Global Celebration for Women. We offered a biblical basis for women's Christian service to 10,000 women from 156 nations.



*Mimi Haddad
President*

Global Celebration for Women was a partnership of over 13 Christian organizations. Women from places like Kenya, Serbia, Egypt, Honduras, Hong Kong, South Africa and Canada united in a common commitment to serve Christ, regardless of the cost. CBE was honored to be part of this coalition of women leaders.

While the conference was called a Celebration for Women, we came to see the term "celebrate" through a new dimension: courage. For many women, it demanded courage to board an airplane and travel, in some cases for several days, to a country whose internal security had been ruptured. Yet, their love for Christ and service in his name, and our intent to celebrate this reality, resulted in an event that nothing could stop or silence.

Christian service took on new meaning too, as we watched the faithfulness and sacrifice of women who work as emissaries of the gospel, never knowing what the future might hold. Service also meant solidarity, as we stood together in our single hope in the Lord Jesus, united as his daughters, and builders of his church around the world.

CBE's mission was evident at every turn. We held out the promises of Scripture that our Creator and Sustainer has declared from Genesis to Revelation, the promises of ministry and giftedness for the task at hand. Clearly our task was to urge

our sisters onward, with the full assurance of the Scriptures, that they have been called, gifted and anointed for such a time as this.

For days, thousands were introduced to CBE through our book table, in many workshops, and because CBE's "Statement on Men, Women and Biblical Equality" was included in over 10,000 conference packets.

CBE's book service was one of the most engaging places in the exhibit hall. Few could resist taking a second look at titles such as "Ten Lies the Church Tells Women," or "Men are from Israel, Women are from Moab."

Once engaged in conversation, often with tears, we met women in need of encouragement as they served Christ around the world. CBE's bilingual staff was heard explaining biblical equality in Spanish and French.

Who would have imagined the number of CBE members participating in workshops? Miriam Adeney, Catherine Clark Kroeger, Grace May, Lianne Roembke, Deborah Menken Gill, Lorry Lutz, Elke Werner, Kathrine Gathro, Beulah Herbert, Chyanna Mull-Anthony, Alvera Mickelsen and myself were included as workshop speakers.

CBE members were featured in "Celebration of Women," a commemorative book of women's greatest feats, favorite stories and richest legacy. Members of the press also interviewed CBE leaders about the outcome of faith, particularly as it relates to women.

CBE speakers, authors and members addressed the many issues women face around the globe. Never was there a time or event better suited for CBE's message and envisioned future — where all believers will exercise their gifts for God's glory with the full support of the Christian community.



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Core Values

Christians for Biblical Equality is an organization of Christian men and women who believe that the Bible, properly interpreted, teaches the fundamental equality of men and women of all racial and ethnic groups, all economic classes, and all age groups, based on the teaching of Galatians 3:28 — *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Core Values

We believe...

- The Bible teaches the equality of women and men.
- God has given each person gifts to be used for the good of Christ's kingdom.
- Christians are to develop and exercise their God-given gifts in home, church and society.

Mission Statement

CBE equips believers by affirming the biblical truth of equality. Thus all believers, without regard to gender, race and class are free and encouraged to use their God-given gifts in families, ministries and communities.

Core Purpose

To broadly communicate the biblical truth that men and women are equally responsible to use their God-given gifts to further Christ's kingdom.

Envisioned Future

CBE envisions a future where all believers will exercise their gifts for God's glory, with the full support of the Christian community.

Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, is reliable, and is the final authority for faith and practice.

We believe in the unity and trinity of God, eternally existing as three equal persons.

We believe in the full deity and full humanity of Jesus Christ.

We believe in the sinfulness of all persons. One result of sin is shattered relationships with God, others, and self.

We believe that eternal salvation and restored relationships are possible through faith in Jesus Christ who died for us, rose from the dead, and is coming again. This salvation is offered to all people.

We believe in the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation, and in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers.

We believe in the equality and essential dignity of men and women of all races, ages, and classes. We recognize that all persons are made in the image of God and are to reflect that image in the community of believers, in the home, and in society.

We believe that men and women are to diligently develop and use their God-given gifts for the good of the home, church, and society.

We believe in the family, celibate singleness, and faithful heterosexual marriage as the patterns God designed for us.

CBE membership is available to those who support CBE's Statement of Faith. Members receive quarterly issues of CBE's newsmagazine, *Mutuality*, and CBE's educational journal, *Priscilla Papers*. Members are eligible for discounts on items from CBE's Book Service, including books, articles, tapes and videos. Members are also offered discounts on all international CBE conferences.

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Celebrating Around the World

Global Celebration for Women

Grace May, LaDonna Osborn and Chyanna Mull-Anthony celebrated women's contributions to God's kingdom with women from 156 countries. See page 6.



Norway's 10-Year Anniversary

Astri Anfindsen, Astri Fladberg and Mimi Haddad celebrated Norway's decade of commitment to biblical equality. See page 12.