

# The Covenant World

Winter 2010



Australian National Supervisors Jay and Lynn La Rue with their son, Michael

## God is on the Move!

God is working, changing, transforming, and we want to share with you just a sampling of the blessings seen in the hearts of those we serve, and some special impacts from our audiences.

In Australia, we've experienced a major breakthrough. Debbie Allen, our British and Irish Office Supervisor, has been a tiger in working through the maze of changing visa issues in this challenging post 9/11 world.

She says, "After nearly two years of exhaustive work, and in the face of numerous obstacles, Covenant Players was granted a license to sponsor and receive visas under the new immigration regulations. This effectively opens up a mission field which appeared to be closing to us."

Not only did National Directors Jay and Lyn La Rue received their visas, but our work has opened the doors for other missionaries—not necessarily Covenant Players—to apply and receive visas also.

*"That was absolutely fantastic! The plays that you are doing are very applicable and appropriate for the situations we are facing at this school. I noticed that the kids were responding very well to all your plays, especially the ones with conflict, the ones with arguing, because they really identify with that. You have done a brilliant job. I am glad you came. I hope you can come back again next year."* (School in Broome, Western Australia)

In the British Isles, God provided a three-year grant by the Anchor Foundation. The \$8000 per year grant is intended mainly to sponsor programs for groups and people who are marginalized or disenfranchised, such as prisons, at-risk youth, or those in detention. And in Germany, the European Continental Office staff received a gift of new computers for their office.

*"The method seems as fresh as ever... Very well delivered, modern, relevant, thought provoking and spiritual. I was watching the inmates – very attentive and appreciative."* (Brixton Prison in London, England)

Our South African Office received a surprise blessing. Faced with some unexpected bills, they received a very timely contribution of \$3000 from a church in Canada.

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## London Marathon

One of the top five most prestigious races run each year is the Virgin London Marathon and ... (drumroll please) Covenant Players has been granted one of the coveted places in this exciting event!!

On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, over 35,000 will gather at the start line and among the world's elite athletes, para-athletes and members of the general public - running for thousands of good causes - will be a CPer.

This last year, through the work of Debbie Allen, North American Covenant Player Robin Goettl was invited to run in this race on April 25th. Then a certain Icelandic volcano erupted, and the planes were grounded.

In Debbie's own words, "to fulfill the spirit and intent of the event we determined that Robin would run 'a marathon' at a venue in the USA, whilst 5 Covenant Players committed to walk the entire London Marathon course on Saturday May 1st..."

This is exactly what happened.

With the blessed reissuing of this prestigious invitation, we look forward to once again sending a CPer to run in London.

Our deepest thanks and appreciation go to everyone who participated in and supported this event last year. The money raised here in the US as well as in Europe has been a real blessing in helping "make ministry happen." Would you consider sponsoring this event?



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## Honor Gifts

*Covenant Players recognizes the following gifts given in honor of special occasions or persons. Gifts given as of August 11, 2009 - October 10, 2010.*

Rachel Hoskins and Jamie Ford Allen  
*Sondra Petty White*  
Salt Lake, UT

Devin and Jody Bader  
*Anonymous*

Bob Blough  
*Anonymous*

Melodie Grant-Chapman  
Portsmouth, NH

Gerard Bynon  
*Patricia Denny*  
Vienna, VA

George and Jean Christman  
*Randall and Linda Irwin*  
Granite City, IL

Gail Crabtree  
*Mr R Edwin Crabtree*  
Westlake, OH

Bill and Marian Coburn  
*Karin and Don Mai*  
Piedmont, CA

Pam and Bart Cowser  
*Elise Prayzich*  
Jackson, WY

Lynn Van Emmerik  
*Anonymous*

Arister Dos Santos  
*Marion H. Swarthout*  
Laguna Hills, CA

Robin, Suzanne, and Erin Goettl  
*Robert and Jean Holmes*  
Loveland, OH

Steve and Kristin Heineman  
*David and Debra Showalter*  
Lusby, MD

Rachel Hoskins  
*Sondra Petty White*  
Salt Lake City, UT

Peter and Denise Iverson  
*Anonymous*

Mark and Bobbi Johnson-Tanner  
*Anonymous*

Chris Kiepper  
*Judy Wyrick*  
Springfield, MO

Elijah P King Family  
*Bilbye Rayno*  
Littleton, NH

### God is On the Move! (Continued from page 1)



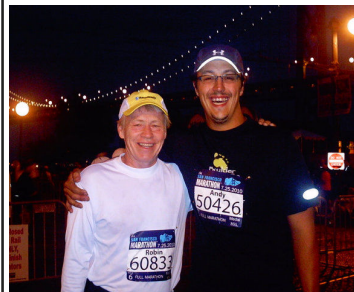
*“The learners listened spellbound. They participated with enthusiasm when required. Even our teachers came back enthusiastic about the plays just seen and were full of praise for the performance. We were very happy to have the group with us We wish them God’s blessings. We are looking forward to having them with us again.” (School in Vryheid, South Africa)*

Here in North America, we received two blessed donations. One was an unexpected grant from the Chatlos Foundation, and the other was sponsorship funds from our good friend and supporter - Andy Smith. Already this money is at work opening doors for Covenant Players across North America.

*“Those plays really told it like it is. Man, when she got up on that ledge it was electric; I don’t know if you could feel it, but something went through the audience. I’m telling you, greater love has no man than he will lay down his life for his friend. At your school, there are a lot of people like her; no one likes them or takes time to be with them. Can you be like that woman and be the one that climbs up on the ledge?” (Pastor to his congregation in Shawnee, Oklahoma)*

Erin Goettl of the Catalysts East unit reported that they performed for a children’s revival. At the altar call, ALL of the children present came forward, either to receive prayer or to dedicate their lives to Christ.

*“I gotta tell you, it was interesting how I kept thinking about what you shared. It really got to me. I kept processing it and that really is different for me. I mean, I didn’t receive the way I usually would have, but this got to me through the back door. And that’s cool.” (A church in Pahala, Hawaii)*



## Marathon and Swimathon 2010



### San Francisco Marathon

Both Robin Goettl and Andy Rice ran the full race across the Golden Gate bridge on July 25, 2010.

### Camarillo Swimathon

This year we had 18 swimmers swim a total of 22.67 miles on July 25, 2010. Enough money was raised this year to cover the cost of every CPer for our annual spiritual retreat. Praise the Lord!



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## ***SPONSORSHIP IMPACTS!***

### **From Development Director, Chris Whistler**

As a Unit Leader, I was blessed to make use of Sponsorship Funds provided by our special, faithful partner in ministry, Andy Smith. An experienced donor, Andy (father of veteran CPer, Tom Smith) has provided funds for the Covenant Players Sponsorship program for the past three years. I am excited to be able to use this forum to tell you about the impact these gifts have had.

#### **First, Correctional Facilities - where we have divine opportunity to reach out to the "lost".**

From the Bare Hill Correctional Institute in Malone, NY:

*"I was not gonna come tonight, but my brother asked if I was coming and I said yes ...I don't understand how it happens, but God had a plan for me coming here. That play [CHANGEOVER] is what I'm dealing with now... I need to go home and work on building that relationship with her (my daughter) and my son."*

From North Central Correctional Institute in Marion, OH:

*"Tonight you really got through all my defenses. Those plays - they had a specific impact for me (tears) they really hit me hard and I know I am changed. Thank you so much."*

#### **Then, the seed of nurture – ministry in schools – made possible through sponsorship.**

The music teacher of Shiloh Christian School in Bismark, ND said:

*"We have speakers come in sometimes ...they have a harder time connecting with the elementary school. That was not the case for you guys at all. You had them from the very beginning."*

The Senior Pastor at Bay Shore Christian Academy in Fairhope, AL responded:

*"...We are having some problems with some of these topics with the kids right now and what you did will really help us to deal with them."*

The blessings and the effects of this and other sponsorship gifts are astounding. Those of you who have participated in sponsoring Covenant Players have been a tremendous blessing—thank you! If you haven't before, would you prayerfully consider sponsoring a program, and playing a part in the changing of lives?

## ***A Date to Remember***

### **Get out your calendars now and hold January 15<sup>th</sup>!**

That is the day when all Covenant Players gather for a **Banquet** to celebrate the wonders of the Lord through the ministry of Covenant players during the year just past. It is a time of celebration, thanksgiving, affirmation and recognition for the hard work and faithfulness of the great family of Covenant Players – hosts, supporters and full-time missionaries.

In true CP tradition – the event is long, and powerful and we guarantee you won't go hungry. We'd love to have you with us. Go ahead – make OUR day!

**When:** January 15, 2011, 11:00 am – 11:00 pm **Cost:** \$ 25

**Where:** Coastline Bible Church • 426 South Mills Road • Ventura, California

The main meal will be served at noon; snacks and lighter fare happen throughout the Banquet.

Just let us know when you'll be there and we'll save a seat for you!

For more information, please contact: [development@covenantplayers.org](mailto:development@covenantplayers.org). We hope to see you there!

## **Honor Gifts**

*Continued*

Sarah and David Kitch  
*Anonymous*

Mike & Donna Laipply  
*Thomas B. Fox*  
Westerville, OH

Steve & Elaine Leroy  
*Bill and Inez Leroy*  
Tucson, AZ

Alicia Livingston  
*Doris Ward*  
Jacksonville, FL

France Marcott  
*Don and Shirley Elliott*  
Concord, CA

Jan and Jim McGinnis  
*Charles and Ruth Nichols*  
Kent, OH

Mel and Helen Melahouris  
*Anonymous*

Lloyd and Anita Mix  
*Ed and Adrienne Stallworth*  
Pooler, GA

Beverly and Allan Noel  
*Anonymous*

Mr. and Mrs. EW O'Connor  
*Philip O'Connor*  
Walworth, WI

Martha Orick  
*Joe and Martha Mosakowski*  
Florence, AL

Kurt and Cathy Purucker  
*Dave and Ann Ayling*  
Kailua, HI

John and Lowaine Robison  
*Anonymous*

Tom and Shari Smith  
*Joyce Kindt*  
North Tonawanda, NY

*Andrew W. Smith*  
Pittsburgh, PA

*Elise Prayzich*  
Jackson, WY

Robert K Stanton;  
Mr. and Mrs. William E Stanton  
*Bill and Marian Coburn*  
North Hollywood, CA

Chuck and Sonya Tommervik  
*Anonymous*

WHQ Staff  
*Gary and Wendi Barcus*  
Ventura, CA

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## Memorial Gifts

*The following gifts were given in tribute to the memory of loved ones. Our heartfelt prayers go out to the families of those honored here.*

**Micah Black**

*William and Sandra Shumate  
Eden Prairie, MN*

**Michael R. Burton**

*John Simson  
Fayetteville, NY*

**Kathy Biedron Christensen**

*Ann Lee and W R Konneker  
Saint Louis, MO*

**Michele Clouse-Hill**

*Jim and Liz Jolliffe  
Tullahoma, TN*

**Sara M Crail**

*John Crail  
Walnut Creek, OH*

**H J Dell**

*Doris Dell  
Hampton, VA*

**Harvey and Lena Hewitt**

*Gertrude Lathrop  
Bristol, VT*

**Donald E. Johnson**

*Anonymous  
Tempe, AZ*

**Susan Purucker**

*Kurt and Cathy Purucker  
Oxnard, CA*

**Her Mother**

*Barbara and Philip Rees  
Temecula, CA*

**Harris Shay**

*Patricia Shay  
Chesapeake, VA*

**Bev Sloggett**

*Bonnie and Bernie Kruiuzenga  
Walworth, WI*

**Charles M. Tanner**

*Dan and Jane Jones  
Thousand Oaks, CA*

**Leslie C. and Marvin H. Ter Best**

*Mary Lou and Dean Ter Best  
Medford, OR*

## Coburn Silhouettes - A Double Gift!

Bill Coburn, long-time CP supporter and Los Angeles area performer, has once again offered his unique drawing talents to benefit Covenant Players. For a donation of \$25 (or more), Bill will create a personal figure silhouette out of a first, middle and last name of anyone you choose.



These figures are very popular as gifts, and your donation becomes a gift as well - the Lord's message to waiting hearts around the world. For a donation of \$50 (or more), Bill will create a matched set of 'his-and-hers' silhouettes, as pictured below. What a great way to double your gifts to family or loved ones!

To request a silhouette, please send the following information to:

**William S. Coburn - 12802 Landale St. - No. Hollywood, CA 91604**

Your Name, Address, Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of silhouette you'd like: (IE: Male, Female, Couple) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size (8½" x 11" or 11"x14") \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recipient's First, Middle, and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wedding Date and/or Birthdate as applicable \_\_\_\_\_

## We need your prayers!

Covenant Players will be holding their annual January Training from January 17 - 23, 2011. This week will be a vital time for CPers - a chance to hone and enhance their performing skills, to share in valuable fellowship, and to focus on the coming Spring (Genesis 2011) mission.

How can you take part? Well, if you're in the area of Ventura, California, you are cordially invited to our evening showcase. Contact our World Headquarters at [Development@covenantplayers.org](mailto:Development@covenantplayers.org) to find out the location. If you're not in the area, please pray for our Training. Your ongoing prayer support will help strengthen the Lord's work in us, so that we may serve Him more strongly on the road. Thank you!

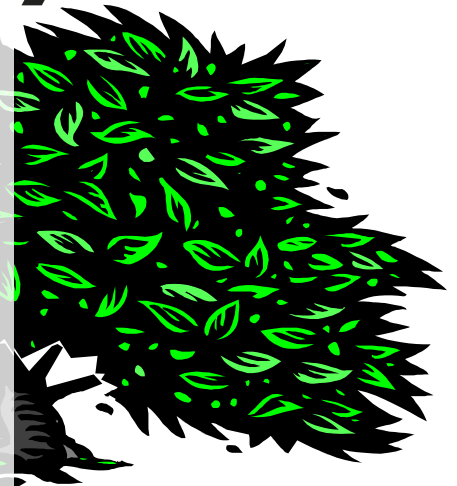
## Growing Mighty Oaks from Tiny Seeds

### THANK YOU!

In April, we sent out a letter asking people to consider a monthly gift of \$10 or so towards the general operational costs of Covenant Players.

We are so pleased to report that the "seeds" of your responses are already beginning to bear fruit.

There is still a need and we'd like to see even more people commit to this monthly gift. Together we can grow a veritable forest of ministry!



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