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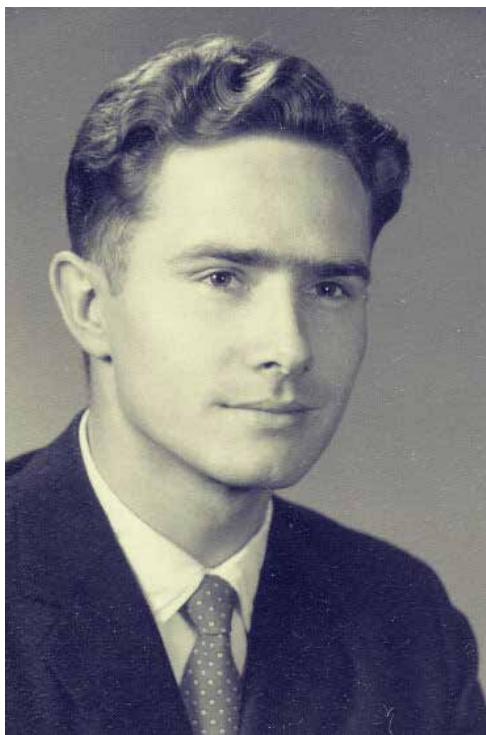
## OBITUARY: Luis Palau 1934—2021

(PORTLAND, OR) March 11, 2021—After a three-year battle with stage IV lung cancer, evangelist Luis Palau died today at his home in Portland, Oregon. He was 86 years old.

For more than 65 years Palau played an influential role in Christian missions and worldwide evangelism as a powerful speaker, teacher, and author. His work took him to more than 80 nations and his campaigns allowed him to present a clear case for Christianity to an audience of more than 1 billion people through television, radio, print, and live events.

Standing strong for issues of faith and the importance of a vibrant, healthy spiritual life according to the teachings of the Bible, Palau was well regarded by leaders around the globe, including presidents, nobility, business leaders, and church clergy.

Originally from Argentina, Palau was born on November 27, 1934, in Ingeniero Maschwitz, a small town outside Argentina's capital of Buenos Aires. He became a follower of Jesus Christ at the age of 12, just two years after his father's untimely death. Palau began preaching on street corners as a teenager and hosting his own Christian radio program by the age of 19. He was invited to the United States in 1960 by Ray Stedman, a pastor and missionary leader from Palo Alto, California, who met Palau while in Argentina and



Luis Palau, international evangelist and author, dies at age 86

began mentoring him shortly thereafter. While studying at Multnomah School of the Bible (now Multnomah University) in Portland, Oregon, Luis met his wife, Patricia Scofield, and together they embarked on a life of missions – first going to Latin America and eventually to more than 80 nations around the world.

"I have no regret in pouring out my years, from the time I was a boy, for the sake of the Good News. If I was given a thousand lifetimes, I would dedicate them all to the same calling." – Luis Palau

Early on in ministry, Palau served as an intern with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, occasionally helping as the late Reverend Billy Graham's Spanish translator. Mr. Graham and his team played a significant role in opening doors of opportunity for Palau as he launched out with his own ministry efforts, and eventually helped him start his own evangelistic organization in 1978. Throughout their lives Palau and Graham stayed close friends.

With a special heart for his home country of Argentina, and Latin America as a whole, much of Palau's work over the years focused on the Spanish-speaking world. His two daily radio programs in Spanish, Cruzada con Luis Palau and Luis Palau Responde, have aired in millions of homes for decades. He had

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## NO COMMENT - Response Of White House Secretary

Friday - March 5, 2021

**NO COMMENT-  
RESPONSE OF  
WHITE HOUSE  
SECRETARY  
TO QUESTION  
ON ANTI  
SEMITISM:**



White House Press Secretary Jennifer Psaki declines to have her picture or video with me because of her Covid-19 concerns or comment when I ask for a response to my questions on the Jewish cemetery desecration in Vilnius, Lithuania and Lviv, Ukraine, BDS and UNRWA regarding Anti-Semitism Friday March 5, 2021 while at her office.

Watch this report by clicking on the following YouTube link:  
<https://youtu.be/EtsgnkGUkmY>  
Press Conference of White House Press Secretary Jennifer Psaki:



Watch this report by clicking on the following YouTube link:  
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For more info regarding the Jewish cemetery desecration in Shnipeshok, Vilna (Lithuania), click on the following YouTube link:

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# 2021 Easter Service at Lizard Butte Cross



## Easter Service at Lizard Butte Cross

Marsing, Idaho  
84th Annual  
Sunrise Service  
Sunday - April 4th, 2021  
7:15 AM

We are overjoyed to announce that we will be having the 84th annual Easter Sunrise service on the Butte this year!

Service will begin at 7:15am with gates open for parking at 6am. Please consider that the short trek up the Butte does take a few minutes so plan to be parked with some time to get settled before the service begins. Please dress warmly and bring blankets or low chairs to sit in.

Given the space available and the open air venue, we simply ask that you make the health choices that are right for you. Please maintain social distancing and use good hygiene etiquette.

Thank you! For more information or to make a donation visit <https://lizardbutesunrise.com> or email: [LizardButteSunrise@yahoo.com](mailto:LizardButteSunrise@yahoo.com)

# Christian Leaders Ask President Biden to Support Israel and Combat Anti-Semitism

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WASHINGTON, March 5, 2021 /Christian Newswire/ -- On Wednesday, March 3, 2021, American Christians Leaders for Israel (ACLI), representing hundreds of Christian leaders, sent a letter to President Biden proposing a number of guiding principles that ACLI sees as significant for his administration regarding the security of the United States, Israel, and the Jewish people.

The guiding principles include: not re-entering the Iran nuclear deal; requiring bilateral negotiations to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict; honoring the Abraham Accords; adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of anti-Semitism across all Executive Branch agencies; and, committing to work to combat anti-Semitism at all governmental levels here and abroad, in particular to oppose the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement (BDS).

Dr. Susan Michael, Director, ICEJ USA & ACLI commented, “ACLI is deeply concerned with the rising incidents of anti-Semitism in the United States and around the world. We want to ensure this administration works to combat this evil and also keep the United States’ relationship with Israel strong.”

Read the full text of the letter here:  
<https://aclforisrael.com/letter-to-president-biden>  
Last month ACLI sent a letter to the full Senate encouraging Senators to ask Biden nominees if they are familiar with, and will adhere to, the working definition of anti-Semitism developed by IHRA in the performance

of their duties. That letter can be read here.  
About ACLI  
American Christian Leaders for Israel (ACLI) was founded in 2015 to be a unified voice of truth to the American public in support of Israel and the Jewish people. Through a series of initiatives, ACLI leaders have shown a consistent, principled effort to ensure that when making key decisions on Israel, the leaders of this nation are informed of the position held by the many American Christians represented. ACLI is a project of the US Branch of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem.  
Mission: On behalf of the tens of millions of American Christians that we collectively represent, we the members of ACLI seek to provide a unified voice of truth to the American public in support of Israel and the Jewish people. Learn more at <https://aclforisrael.com/>

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## Dear Jen

Submitted by White House journalist Brian Karem  
Website: <https://www.justaskthequestion.com>

IMCNews publisher Dr. M. Anthony Harper note: This following journalist complaint letter about restricted White House press access is addressed to the current White House Press Secretary Jennifer Psaki written by White House journalist Brian Karem that I and other news reporters are co-signers on.



“Dear Jen;  
I’d like to address your new press policy regarding access to the White House and particularly in the briefing room.

The new policy solves a problem that doesn’t actually exist. Not one reporter in the White House has transmitted the coronavirus to another in a year. Overall the infection rate has been minimized because we’ve policed ourselves very well. Some of us, like myself, pay for our own testing. We wear masks and socially distance. The problem, prior to this administration’s arrival was in the White House staff. They never wore masks or bothered socially distancing and as a result they got sick. Even then, the press rarely did - though we were in close proximity.

I am also concerned about the decision to use the

WHCA as a gatekeeper. The White House has delegated to the WHCA the responsibility for determining which journalists can access the White House on a daily basis. The WHCA is conducting a lottery to distribute access to the COVID tests you now demand in order to work on the White House campus. As you know, the WHCA is made up of White House correspondents – journalists who cover the White House and the government generally. Journalists should never act as government agents - deciding who actually has access to the White House complex and when. The Secret Service does this quite well and there have been several court cases that address this issue.

Moreover, it would be a mistake to think that the WHCA speaks for all journalists or even all White House correspondents. Further, the idea of allowing just 80 reporters into the complex seems arbitrary. While I have no reason to doubt what you told me, that the number was reached by talking to experts, that doesn’t really answer the question. An email from the WHCA says “Press access on the White House complex is limited to

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March 19, 2021 Newsletter  
Source: newsletter@lgo.idaho.gov

**Session Delayed!**

The big news today is that the Legislature has recessed until April 6 in response to a number of reported COVID cases among legislators and staff. This means another two and half weeks (at least) before the Legislature will take up proposals for tax relief, education reform, and efforts to constrain executive emergency powers. Wouldn't it have been better to accomplish these goals over the last ten weeks instead of putting them off until (what was supposed to be) the very last week of the session?

**Defending the Second Amendment**

It was wonderful meeting with enthusiastic patriots Friday morning who are passionate about protecting our right to keep and bear arms. They were at the Capitol to express their support for House Bill 300, the Small Arms Protection Act, sponsored by Sen. Christy Zito. This legislation is designed to protect the rights of Idahoans from the regulation and registration schemes (and eventual confiscation) that are already moving forward in Washington, D.C. There is another proposal in congress to ban hundreds of firearms, including all modern sporting rifles. We can't waste any time in fighting back and doing whatever is necessary to protect and preserve our rights.

Unfortunately, this important piece of legislation has been languishing because certain committee chairs have been refusing to give it a hearing. I hope these

issues can be resolved during this recess, so Idahoans can get the public hearing for the bill that they deserve.

**Remembering the Fallen**

On Sunday, I had the honor of attending a Celebration of Life for Idaho's fallen soldiers Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jesse Anderson, Chief Warrant Officer 3 George "Geoff" Laubhan, and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Matthew Peltzer, all who lost their lives in a tragic training exercise last month. Over 200 riders participated in the event, which raised more than \$30,000 to support the families.

A big thank you to all who helped make this event so successful! Jesse, Geoff, and Matt you will never be forgotten!



**Capitol Clarity**

For the tenth edition of Capitol Clarity, we heard from Dr. Ryan Cole, who has recently found himself

the target of smears and falsehoods alleged by critics and perpetuated by the mainstream media. (I can relate!) We also discussed some important legislative issues. Rep. Karey Hanks (R-St. Anthony) spoke about her bill, HB 339, which would protect individual rights and bodily autonomy by preventing government mask mandates.

You can watch the video of this week's Capitol Clarity at this link.

**Capitol Clarity Radio**



Can't get enough Capitol Clarity? Join me every Thursday from 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Mountain Time) on 670 KBOI as we take Capitol Clarity to the next level. You can also stream the show at kboi.com.

If you missed my first radio show, you can still listen by visiting this link and clicking on the "Capitol Clarity" headline. This week, Sen. Christy Zito was my guest and we had an excellent discussion about Second Amendment issues.

Sincerely,

Lt. Governor Janice McGeachin



**National Day Of Prayer in Boise - May 6, 2021**

by Dee Sienknecht Meridian, Idaho

Once again, the nation joins together on the first Thursday of May to come before God, humble themselves, and seek His face so we can hear from heaven. And rarely before, have we been more in need of God's touch and intervention.

In this anniversary year when we are celebrating 70 years, seven decades of prayer for America, it would be easy to rest on our laurels, but we cannot. We must press into each day and the coming decades even MORE fervently, knowing that the challenges for our nation are INCREASING, not DECREASING!

Per the NDP's website: "Imagine what our nation would look like if God's people had not been praying. From the beginning, prayer has been



woven into the very fabric of our nation ... it has been the thread that God has used to knit us together and to hold our nation together. Now imagine America without prayer – if weary hearts were tattered and torn into silence. We are the ones who are called to mend the fraying fabric of our culture, by appealing to our God who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above what we can even ask or think! Now that's an America that I want to imagine!"



Boise and the surrounding Treasure Valley will again be joining other believers on the Idaho Capitol steps for a revamped event, encouraging prayer from every participant woven with powerful worship from a worship team and a large community choir made up of singers from all over the valley. If you are in the Treasure Valley join us at 6 pm on Thursday, May 6 at the Capitol in downtown Boise.

Let's all activate our prayers and put our voices and faith to work...find a local event where you can participate. Ephesians 6:18 reminds us to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."



# ACSI Launches New Flourishing Schools Institute for Christian School Leaders

News Provided by Association of Christian Schools International

March 1, 2021

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 1, 2021 / Christian Newswire/ -- ACSI is pleased to announce the launch of the first Flourishing Schools Institute (FSi), a new professional development opportunity for Christian school leaders who want to transform their school culture to flourish.

The FSi will take place in Dallas, Texas, from June 16-18, 2021.

The FSi is part of ACSI's Flourishing Initiative—a multifaceted approach to assessing and improving school culture so that all members can collectively



thrive.

The institute is organized around five research-based domains that contribute to the development of a Christ-centered flourishing school. The FSi correlates

with the research validated Flourishing School Culture Instrument (FSCI) and the resulting Flourishing School Culture Model (FSCM). The FSCI provides a comprehensive analysis of a school's strengths and areas for growth, while the FSCM serves as a model comprised of five domains—Purpose, Relationships, Teaching & Learning, Expertise & Resources, and Well-Being, as stated on the ACSI website.

Experts including John Stonestreet, President of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview,

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## Denomination's 'Steep Decline' Goads This So. Baptist Leader

Monday, February 15, 2021 | Steve Jordahl (OneNewsNow.com)  
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The executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention has been nominated to lead the entire Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). In this second profile of candidates for the presidency of the SBC, One News Now caught up with Randy Adams.



Randy Adams (pictured) is father to two grown sons. He grew up in Montana and in his current position serves about 500 churches and church plants in Oregon, Washington, and northern Idaho. What is a Western boy doing vying to be president of the Southern Baptist Convention?

"We actually have more churches than any other Protestant group, certainly, in the Northwest," he replies. "We began in 1948 in the Northwest with 15 churches. Now we have about 500 – and almost about a third of our churches worship in a language other than English."

Adams graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth. He shares that he has great concerns about where the SBC has been going the last decade. He describes the denomination as "in steep decline."

"I believe, personally, we need more transparency in our finances in our Southern Baptist entities, and more accountability in our finances as well – and not just in finances, but also performance," he explains.

One News Now asked Adams his thoughts on Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality as it pertains specifically to Resolution 9 passed by the denomination in 2019.

"The Bible doesn't define people according to their identity – [their] immutable characteristics,

for example," he responds. "So, any theory that would place a person in a group according to [their] immutable characteristics ... I think is dangerous."

When asked about the controversy over Russell Moore and the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, he says church leaders shouldn't endorse candidates. But his biggest beef with the ERLC is an amicus brief the Commission filed in a lawsuit involving the SBC. He says it wrongly argued that the SBC is a hierarchy- when, in fact, Southern Baptist churches are autonomous.

"To me, that is the biggest and most egregious mistake the ERLC has made, maybe in its entire history – [and] certainly in the last year," Adams concludes.

The denomination meets in Nashville June 15-16, during which SBC messengers will elect its next president.

Listen to the entire interview with Randy Adams  
<https://onenewsnow.com/media/17260405/randy-adams-interview.mp3>

### PSALM 1

- 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

### PSALM 2

- 1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
- 6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
- 7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.
- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
- 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

JESUS is the Son referenced in verse 12 above.

John 5:23 (KJV) - "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him." To honour the Son means to respect, trust in and be obedient to Him as a servant confessing his sin, asking forgiveness and asking the Son (JESUS) to be your Savior.

You can pray this Sinners Prayer below: *Father, I know that I have broken your laws and my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my past sinful life toward you. Please forgive me, and help me avoid sinning again. I believe that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to become the Lord of my life, to rule and reign in my heart from this day forward. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me obey You, and to do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*

Check out the following website to learn more about JESUS and sharing your faith or call 562-207-9300, 800-437-1893:  
<https://www.livingwaters.com/outreach/way-of-the-master/>

To learn more about developing a personal relationship with JESUS as your Savior, text at (320) 345-3455 or Call toll free 888-633-3446.



# Vision Beyond Border News

Casper, Wyoming

## Prayer & Praise

March 19, 2021

From the Brothels of India



“Walking through the streets and brothels of an Indian Red Light District (RLD) is like a bad dream. Suddenly, you are transported into a foreign culture - foreign to every good thing you have been taught. Women line the streets with apparent emotional detachment. Throngs of men, young and old, walk side by side - groups of young men laughing, older men walking with purpose. There is no alluring of the men necessary. The men are there for sex. The women are there to provide it.

These women and children are real, living, breathing human beings. But their bodies have been devalued in the eyes of man - reduced to a short term, physical purpose with seconds of pleasure. Seconds of pleasure compared to the life of a young human being, made in the image of God. It is not surprising that a woman would devalue herself when treated like an object with no worth.

These ladies are rejected as the worst of society. Doctors do not want to touch them or pay attention to their physical complaints, so they frequently misdiagnose and mistreat them.

Even Non governmental Organizations (NGOs) take advantage of them with photo shoots of spending a few minutes with them bringing in thousands of dollars for other causes within their organizations.

There is, however, one NGO committed to truly serve the ladies and the children of the RLD. This organization is Christian and led by Suzie and her husband Jo. For their protection, I shall refer to this NGO as AT, and the real names of the leaders have been changed. They partner with Vision Beyond Borders (VBB). Suzie and her staff visit the area daily. She has opened a salon, which serves as the center of her ministry. Young girls are trained and hired to run the salon, which serves women from the RLD, charging only a minimal amount. They feed and teach children of the workers six days a week, displaying genuine love and caring, demonstrating God's love for them in the flesh.”

-Nessa

## Prayer

Please join us in praying for our contacts in Pakistan. They are currently praying for a vehicle, as they have been using a motorbike for all their transportation purposes.

Please be praying for our contact in India as we recently found out she has tested positive for COVID-19. She has been experiencing pain and we are praying for relief and healing.

## Praise



Praise God that we have been receiving lots of donations for our shipping containers! Our next container in Casper will be specifically filled with food to be sent to Honduras.

Praise God for all that was accomplished in 2020 through our partnerships

with children's homes! We are so encouraged by the support and love for these kids. To see our 2020 Vision for Children report click here!

## Pray & Praise



## Updates



On Saturday April 10th, Vision Beyond Borders and Highland Park Community Church are hosting a gathering in partnership with Rescue America and the HER Campaign, to pray and discuss the Anti-Human Trafficking Movement in Casper. If you are interested in this event click the button below for more info or to register! Space is limited!

Vision Beyond Borders

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Website: [www.visionbeyondborders.org](http://www.visionbeyondborders.org)

Why Am I Here?  
How Do I Beat This  
Blindness?  
Who is Jesus?  
Where is That One  
Special Relationship?

**JESUS is GOD the SON**  
(CREATOR of the Universe and all Life!)

Hebrews 1:2-3

2 ...in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 3:3-4

3. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

4. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

**THE SAVIOR (GOD in human form)**  
**born of the Virgin Mary**

Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" - which means, "God with us."

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 8:23-24

23. But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

24. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*No other person can save you or give you hope and eternal life.*

**How to know JESUS as your personal Savior:**

The *only* document on earth that is a reliable source for knowledge on who JESUS is, is the Holy Bible. If you would like to know JESUS as your personal Savior from sin, pray the following prayer followed by studying The Holy Bible and get involved with a local Christian church that believes in the entire Bible as literally true. Be a doer of the word and share The Gospel with others.

Pray this sincere prayer, meaning it with all your heart, and God will give you eternal life, right now!

*"Dear JESUS, I am a sinful person who needs You. I turn from my sins and surrender my heart and life to You, right now. Save me dear JESUS and make me Your child. Thank You for coming to Bethlehem, and for dying for me to pay for my sins. Help me to live for You all the rest of my life." Amen*

If you would like to talk to someone further about how to begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, please call toll free **1-888-NeedHim** and view the web sites:

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ACROSS
1 Absalom had appointed \_\_\_ over the army in place of Joab (2 Sam 17:25)
6 some pistachio \_\_\_ and almonds (Gen 43:11-12)
10 he who \_\_\_ righteousness reaps a sure reward (Prov 11:18)
14 The people will not \_\_\_ eating until he comes (1 Sam 9:13)
15 son of Isaac (Gen 27:5)
16 Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or \_\_\_ off the edges (Lev 19:27)
17 \_\_\_ that will not be moved; its stakes will never (1,4) (Isa 33:20)
18 But if you can do anything, take pity on us and \_\_\_ us (Mark 9:22)
19 As soon as the grain is \_\_\_, he puts the sickle to it (Mark 4:29)
20 A \_\_\_ betrays a confidence (Prov 11:13)
22 so also these men oppose the truth, men of \_\_\_ minds (2 Tim 3:8)
24 Can you make a \_\_\_ of him like a bird (Job 41:5)
26 the western foothills and the mountain \_\_\_ (Josh 10:40)
27 Satan might not outwit us. For we are not \_\_\_ of his schemes (2 Cor.2 :11)
31 They were all filled with \_\_\_ and praised God. (Luke 7:16)
33 their \_\_\_ were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire (Dan 3:27)
34 What strength he has in his \_\_\_, what power in the muscles (Job 40:16)
37 Stinging insect (Isa 7:18) KJV
39 The sun turned black like sackcloth made of \_\_\_ hair (Rev 6:12)
40 with trumpets and the \_\_\_ of the ram’s horn (Ps 98:6)
41 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me \_\_\_ (Matt 25:35) KJV
42 from one \_\_\_ of the heavens to the other (Matt 24:31)
43 to perform the daily duties of their various \_\_\_ 2 Chron 31:16)
44 the \_\_\_ forest has been cut down (Zech 11:2)
45 was the golden \_\_\_ that had manna (Heb 9:4)
46 What he toiled for he must give back \_\_\_ (Job 20:18)
48 They are like plants in the field, like tender green \_\_\_ (2 Kings 19:26)
51 long period of time 52 they hid in caves and \_\_\_, among the rocks, and in pits (1 Sam 13:6)
54 A man who loves \_\_\_ brings joy to his father (Prov 29:3)
59 Can a man \_\_\_ on hot coals without his feet being scorched? (Prov 6:28)
60 my ears have heard the \_\_\_ of my wicked foes (Ps 92:11)
62 thy brother was dead, and is \_\_\_ again (Luke 15:32) KJV
63 We hear that some among you are \_\_\_. They are not busy (2 Thess 3:11)

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1 with dishonest scales, with \_\_\_ of false weights (1,3) (Mic 6:11)
2 “What do you want \_\_\_ do for you?” Jesus asked him. (2,2) (Mark 10:51)
3 mystery that has been kept hidden for \_\_\_ and generations (Col 1:26)
4 to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your \_\_\_ are forgiven.” (Matt 9:2)
5 You did not renounce your faith in me, even in the days of \_\_\_ (Rev 2:13)
6 abbr. for the 16th book of the O.T
7 Show me the coin \_\_\_ for paying the tax (Matt 22:19)
8 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ \_\_\_ (1 Tim 4:7)
9 trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly \_\_\_ (Jer 9:4) KJV
10 I will \_\_\_ away her rubble and make her a bare rock (Ezek 26:4-5)
11 I am like an \_\_\_ tree flourishing in the house of God (Ps 52:8)
12 I will wipe out Jerusalem as one \_\_\_ a dish (2 Kings 21:13)
13 The creatures \_\_\_ back and forth like flashes of lightning (Ezek 1:14)
21 one beka \_\_\_ person, that is, half a shekel (Ex 38:26)
23 with four \_\_\_ of cedar columns supporting trimmed cedar beams (1 Kings 7:2)
25 gives honest testimony, but a false witness \_\_\_ lies (Prov 12:17)
27 he \_\_\_ him to take it; but he refused (2 King 5:16)
28 called on the name of Baal from morning even until \_\_\_ (1 King 18:26)
29 Like \_\_\_ tooth or a lame foot (1,3) (Prov 25:19)
30 they shall \_\_\_ thee with the dew of heaven (Dan 4:25) KJV
32 Each frame is to \_\_\_ \_\_\_ cubits long and a cubit and a half (2,3) (Ex 26:16)
35 He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or \_\_\_ (Isa 44:14)
36 married a wife, deceased, and, having no \_\_\_ (Matt 22:25)
37 As she wept, she \_\_\_ over to look into the tomb (John 20:11-12)
38 now therefore \_\_\_ thou somewhat the grievous servitude (2 Chr 10:4) KJV
40 The city is left in ruins, its gate is \_\_\_ to pieces (Isa



24:12)
41 Give \_\_\_ sign of your goodness, that my enemies may (2,1) (Ps 86:17)
43 David \_\_\_ the spear and water jug near Saul’s head (1 Sam 26:12)
44 Peter made three \_\_\_ about knowing Christ (John 18:17,25,27)
45 your enemies he will hurl away as from the \_\_\_ of a sling (1 Sam 25:29)
47 those who believed \_\_\_ came and openly confessed (Acts 19:18-19)
48 shelter from the storm and a \_\_\_ from the heat (Isa 25:4)
49 wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the \_\_\_ (Amos 9:13)
50 men \_\_\_ into the city that day as men steal in (2 Sam 19:3)
52 ship with the figurehead of the \_\_\_ gods Castor and Pol-lux (Acts 28:11)
53 Xerxes reigned from his royal throne in the citadel of \_\_\_ (Est 1:2)
55 The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not \_\_\_ (Ps 37:31)
56 So the king and Haman went to \_\_\_ with Queen Esther (Est 7:1-2)
57 They are all adulterers, as an \_\_\_ heated by the baker (Hosea 7:4)
58 a time to tear and a time to \_\_\_ (Eccl 3:7)
61 exiles who lived at \_\_\_ Abib near the Kebar River (Ezek 3:15)

A Golfing Ministry

By Warren L. Grover Horseshoe Bend, Idaho



Pictured above Treasure Valley Links Fellowship president, Tom Purdy, lines up a chip shot at River Birch Golf Course in Star, Idaho, on Sept. 14, 2020

Approximately 850 men and women from throughout the Treasure Valley and surrounding area in southwestern Idaho have signed up to receive emails to participate in the events offered by a unique Christian organization known as the Treasure Valley Links Fellowship. This non-profit organization began in February of 2016 when three men were discussing how they could link together two of their favorite things—their love of Jesus Christ and their love of golf. These three, Michael Gee, Tom Purdy, and

Donnie Gregerson formed the nucleus of the group that has grown to its present state with chapters at seven courses in Idaho and conducting ten or more events at golf courses around the state. Interestingly, LINKS is an acronym which stands for: Love God and others, Integrate Christ’s reign and integrity into all life, Network friends together in Christ, Kindle compassion for the poor and needy, and Share Christ through the great game of life. The written mission of TVLF is to encourage Christian golfers to use this great game as a mission field to share their love of Jesus with other golfers (Christian and non-Christian) through on course fellowship and prayerfully, by encouraging others to join us as we study the Word of God. So exactly how does TVLF achieve these goals? According to Tom Purdy, president of the organization, “We try to reach out to other golfers who wish to share their love of God while acknowledging that, while golf is a great game and allows us to get out and enjoy God’s creation, it is not the primary reason we get together. Our seven chapters conduct Bible studies to enable us to learn more about how to incorporate the Word of God into our daily lives. Most of the chapters hold these studies on a weekly basis, even in the off-season, as we find the members become friends and do not want to wait until golfing weather returns. In fact,

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# InterMountain Rescue Mission Testimonies

## COLORADO

From Denver Rescue Mission, Denver, Colorado

### Evans' story



It's midnight and Evans finds himself walking around, going no place in particular. Evans has no home to call his own—no support system to help him.

He lived at The Crossing when he was part of Denver Rescue Mission's New Life Program, a long-term rehabilitation program for men, but after using drugs, he had to leave the program.

Evans, a 23-year-old Mission guest now staying at the 48th Avenue Center, grew up in Kenya in a strict, Christian household. His family moved to Texas in 2009 when he was 12. Although his parents raised him to be Christian, Evans fell away from his faith around the age of 14.

For Evans, his addiction began with peer pressure. At the age of 16, he started smoking marijuana with friends, which led to struggles with drug addiction. After graduating high school and joining a fraternity in college, his addiction only became worse. "That's all they did, 24/7, is just drink. I could have said no, but," he said hesitating, "it's not as easy as it sounds."

Evans decided that it would be best to leave college and move to Denver to live with his parents. He thought living with family would help him overcome his drug addiction, but he continued to struggle. In December of 2019, Evans lost his home. With nowhere to go, he found the New Life Program at the Mission.

Months later, Evans found himself on the streets again. One night as he walked aimlessly, Evans questioned everything. Why had he gone out and used drugs when he was so close to finishing the program? While reflecting on his time in the program and the counseling he received, Evans knew he couldn't spend time with friends who peer pressured him into a destructive lifestyle any longer.

Now, Evans is working at the Women's Bean Project in Denver with plans to go back to school to study information technology. He is also lining up a place to live. Denver Rescue Mission gave him an opportunity to get back on track.

"When I started [at the Mission], I was not in the right state of mind," he said. "Ever since being [here], I'm ready to go back to work and actually function."

Evans continues to grow in his faith as he navigates pushing through difficult days. By keeping the word of God close, he knows he can endure anything.

"There [have been] many times that I wanted to say screw it and just go out and drink and do all sorts of drugs because I was at my lowest," he said. "But instead, I picked up the Bible and read a couple verses in Proverbs or Samuel, which pushed me through it."

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## WYOMING

From Central Wyoming Rescue Mission, Casper, Wyoming

### Jeremy's story



At a very young age, Jeremy was hurt by an adult he looked up to and trusted. "And it really emptied my soul," he says. As he grew older, he tried filling the void with "every drug you can imagine." Instead it resulted in homelessness, incarceration and suicide attempts – years of self-destruction, suffering and sorrow.

"I remember walking the streets thinking, 'I don't want to live this way,'" he says.

Yet through it all, he sensed God's presence. And when a friend told him about Wyoming Rescue Mission and our Bible-based Discipleship Recovery Program, he felt the Lord guiding him to our doors.

Now in our care, "I'm being renewed by God's Word," he says. "I'm soaking up everything because I've just been so empty."

As he strengthens his relationship with the Lord, he has forgiven the adult who betrayed him and is healing from the wounds of the past. And inspired by our faith-filled teachers, he is embracing tools to build a godly life.

"I feel like I'm getting a doctorate in their classes because they're so filled with the Holy Spirit," he says. By their example, too, he has also found God's purpose for his future. He plans on continuing his education to become a substance abuse counselor. "I'm going to have a ministry in Jesus' name," he shares. "I know in my heart that's the only reason I'm still alive."

Thanks to the blessing of your support, Jeremy is celebrating Easter as a new creation in Christ. "I've been such an empty vessel in the past that all I want is for Christ to fill me up so I can help somebody else. I'm very hopeful... very happy!"

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# Gideon Testimony: God's Word for All Sinners

by Mandy Liebig

Source: <https://gideons.org/blog>

## Carmen

Powers was born and raised in Duluth, Minnesota. She was the eldest of five children and attended a Catholic school for most of her early childhood. Her dad was an alpha male.



Mandy Liebig

Though a very successful businessman, he always valued family life. He put God first, and he had a special gift of always fixing things. He often took Carmen and her siblings with him when he traveled. Each time they would stay in a hotel, she would check for a Bible in the drawer—something about it gave her comfort and assurance she was staying in a good place. When she married her high school sweetheart, Jon, her dad became a strong example of male leadership to him. Jon came from a broken family, and he admired Carmen's dad and looked to him for guidance in many ways.



Not long into their marriage, Carmen's father was diagnosed with cancer. The family knew he wouldn't make it, but when he passed away shortly after the birth of Jon and Carmen's first child, it hit them extremely hard. They grieved his death. Suddenly, the person they had always leaned on wasn't there anymore, and their lives became confusing. They struggled to maintain their finances. As they were trying to put together a plan, a friend came to them and offered them a deal. He told them they could make US\$100,000 by completing a one-time "transaction" for him. It sounded simple, until they were informed the transaction was selling cocaine. Jon and Carmen knew the offer was wrong, but it was too tempting to refuse. With that kind of money, they could build a house and start a savings account.

## ONE TIME TOO MANY

Before Jon and Carmen knew it, one transaction turned to two and then to many more. Eventually, the product transactions turned to product using. They discovered it doesn't matter who you are or what you tell yourself, once you have that much cocaine in front of you, it becomes hard to resist. This behavior lasted for about three years. Jon and Carmen had two children, and she would use drugs at night when they were sleeping. They were profitable, but we were far from satisfied. They continued spending more than they were making. Now, they were again in financial trouble and also addicted to drugs.

Wanting to get out of the situation, Jon and Carmen visited a friend in Florida, hoping time away would help them get some clarity. During that time, and with her friend's help, Carmen decided she and the kids were going to move out of Minnesota, regardless

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# OBITUARY: Luis Palau

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the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ personally with dozens of Latin presidents, dictators, and heads of state. He was regularly called upon by leaders and media alike to share words of wisdom and insight during times of crisis. And his Spanish-speaking festivals and gatherings



throughout the Latin world will forever be known as some of the largest, most historic of their kind.

Palau's heart for the world and passion for sharing the life-changing message of Jesus pushed him beyond Latin America as well. Over his decades of worldwide ministry, Palau and his team have held more than 500 evangelistic campaigns, festivals, and rallies in more than 80 nations, including historic campaigns in leading world cities such as New York City, Buenos Aires, London, Madrid, Singapore, Hong Kong, Cairo, and Mexico City.

During the '70s and '80s, Palau was one of the few foreign preachers allowed to hold spiritual campaigns within the old Soviet Union, and when the iron curtain came down in 1991, he was among the first to hold open-air stadium campaigns in the region. Similar campaigns in seemingly "closed" nations in the Middle East and Asia also helped break down barriers and set new standards for mass evangelistic efforts. As a result, the name Luis Palau is now synonymous with innovation, collaboration, and cutting-edge evangelistic models that challenge stereotypes and reach all levels of society.

In addition to citywide evangelistic festivals, Palau's worldwide ministry has grown to include three international daily radio programs in both Spanish

and English, reaching more than 48 nations; a Global Network of Evangelists, inspiring and encouraging thousands of evangelists around the world; a City Gospel Movements effort, focused on training and equipping city leaders to better engage with their community; extensive television outreaches; and a digital evangelism effort which reaches

millions of individuals each year through social media.

Through all these efforts, Palau and his team have partnered with tens of thousands of churches to lead millions of individuals in decisions to follow Jesus Christ.

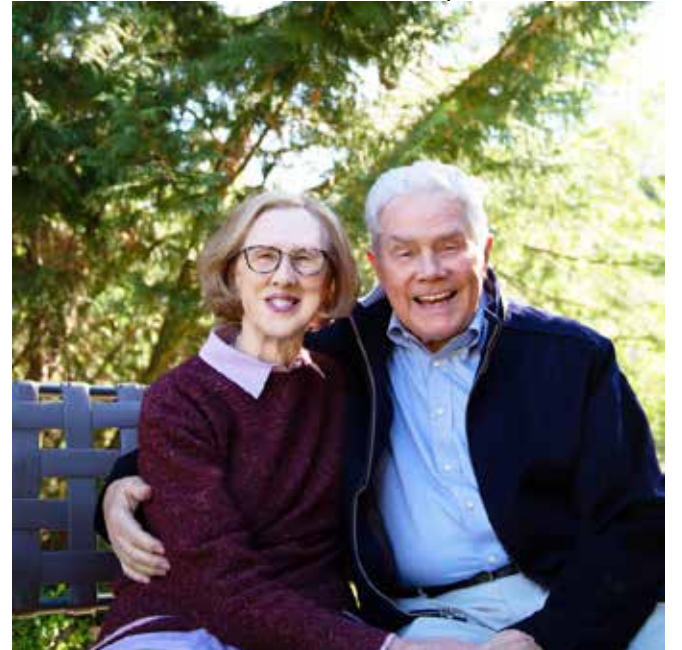
As an author, Palau published dozens of books and booklets throughout his lifetime. Some of his most well-known books, including *God is Relevant*, *¿Con quién me casaré?* (Whom Shall I Marry?), *Where is God When Bad Things Happen?*, and *Say Yes!*, have been translated into dozens of languages and distributed into the hundreds of thousands. His Bible commentary in Spanish is recognized as one of the best in the field. His *Starting Point Study Bible* (published with Zondervan) was a 2003 Gold Medallion finalist for best Bible of the year. His video courses in Spanish have helped train tens of thousands of pastors and church leaders. And more than 10 million copies of his most popular booklet, *What is a Real Christian?*, have been distributed in over 60 nations.

Palau was president of OC International (previously known as Overseas Crusades) in the late 1970s. He served on the boards of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary,

and Multnomah University. He also served as an elder in his home church of Cedar Mill Bible Church in Portland, Oregon, and has been the recipient of several honorary doctorates from institutions such as Wheaton University and Talbot School of Theology.

In 2019, Palau published *Palau: A Life on Fire*, a deeply spiritual and intimate biography tracing his faith journey from humble beginnings on the streets of Buenos Aires, Argentina, to sharing the Good News with millions around the world. In the same year a feature-length movie about his life was also released in theaters throughout North and South America.

For the past several years, Palau's sons have run the day-to-day operations of the ministry based in Portland, Oregon. Kevin Palau serves as the president and CEO. Keith serves on the Development team. And



Andrew, Palau's third son, has followed in his father's footsteps as a well-respected evangelist, leading similar evangelistic campaigns around the world. Stephen, Palau's youngest son, faithfully serves as an elementary school teacher in the Portland area.

Luis Palau is survived by his wife, Patricia; his sons Kevin, Keith, Andrew, and Stephen; his daughters-in-law Michelle, Gloria, and Wendy; his sisters Matilde, Martha, Catalina, Margarita, and Ruth; his brother Jorge; 12 grandchildren; and many beloved extended family. A private memorial service will be held in Luis' hometown of Portland, Oregon, and will be livestreamed for the general public at [www.luispalau.org](http://www.luispalau.org). In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the ongoing ministry of the Luis Palau Association, online at [www.palau.org](http://www.palau.org), or via mail, sent to the Luis Palau Association, PO Box 50, Portland, OR 97207. Notes of remembrance can be left here.

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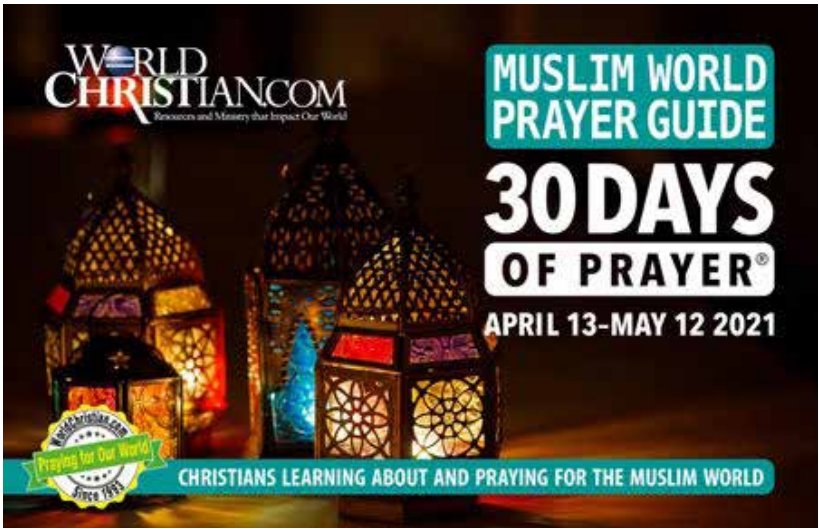
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# Global Prayer Event Calls Christians to ‘Learn to Love’ Muslims



Focusing on North America’s 4.5 million Muslims, ‘30 Days of Prayer® for the Muslim World’ launches April 13 to coincide with Ramadan

‘LEARN TO LOVE’ MUSLIMS: Christians are being urged to shun “suspicion and fear” of Muslims -- and “learn to love” their Muslim neighbors during the Islamic religious festival of Ramadan, April 13 - May 12. The challenge comes as mission leaders launch the 30th edition of 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World (www.30DaysPrayer.com).

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 3, 2021 /Christian Newswire/ -- Christians across the U.S. and Canada are being urged to shun “suspicion and fear” of North America’s 4.5 million Muslims -- and “learn to love” their Muslim neighbors during the Islamic religious festival of Ramadan, April 13 - May 12.

The challenge comes as mission leaders launch the 30th edition of 30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World (www.30DaysPrayer.com) -- aimed at helping Christians in North America learn about Muslims and pray for them.

“While some people demonize Muslims in the name of Christ, 30 Days of Prayer is designed to help Christians understand and love their Muslim neighbors, and dispel suspicion, fear and hatred that’s rife in America today,” said Paul Filidis, coordinator of the event with his wife, Mary.

Each year during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan -- a time of prayer and fasting for Muslims -- hundreds of thousands of Christians in churches around the world join the 30 Days prayer movement, using an illustrated Muslim World Prayer Guide booklet to learn about and pray for specific Muslim populations.

### Muslims in North America

This year’s prayer guide content -- provided by pioneer

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# A Golfing Ministry

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with the advent of golf simulator, we are even able to practice our games over the winter. Members come from all denominations and churches throughout the region and it is great to see the love and fellowship that develops among them. I like to point out that we even have members who are not golfers, but who just enjoy the fellowship and study of the Word. While we encourage all members to join one of the chapters to get the full benefit of our organization, it is not required, so feel free to join with us for our golf events in 2021 just by signing up to get our emails at our website, [www.LINKSFellowship.net](http://www.LINKSFellowship.net).”

As to showing compassion for the poor and needy, Gerald Johnson, a member of the current board of directors, noted “we are all about using our fellowship to support Christian organizations. Each chapter chooses a Christian charity to support with donations throughout the year and members are only asked to give what they can; there are no membership fees or dues. Some of the charities supported in 2020 included the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Boise Rescue Mission, Love Inc. Nampa, Love Inc. Boise, and Mission Aviation Fellowship. In addition, TFLV has supported five other Christian organizations hosting their own golfing events: Boise Bible College, Cole Valley Christian schools, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mission Aviation Fellowship, and Chrysalis by direct donations and by

hole sponsorships.”

Johnson added, “If you prefer to play golf with like-minded people, we have Christians meeting and playing golf (indoors in inclement weather) every day of the week, except Sunday, and you are always welcome to join in the fun. Simply go to the TVLF web site, [www.LINKSFellowship.net](http://www.LINKSFellowship.net), click on the day you want to play, and an email will be created to send you the details. Also, our website is where you can sign up to receive email notification of our ten golf events and the five annual Christian charity sponsored events we support each year. This is an excellent way to get notification of Treasure Valley Christian Golf opportunities throughout the 2021 golf season.”



Pictured here: Women golfers at the TVLF event at Ridgecrest Golf Course in Nampa, Idaho, July 9, 2020

# Just Days Before the Passing of Famed Evangelist Luis Palau, His Son Andrew Was Carrying on the Work with Festival in Florida



News Provided by Luis Palau Association  
March 22, 2021

BREVARD COUNTY, Fla., March 22, 2021 / Christian NewsWire/ -- With news of the passing of famed evangelist Luis Palau, some have wondered what will happen with the ongoing work of the Luis Palau Association. For more than ten years now, three of Luis Palau’s sons--Andrew, Kevin, and Keith--have been leading the day-to-day operations and vision of the team. In fact, just days before Luis’ passing, his son Andrew was in Florida, working with more than 200 churches on a citywide evangelistic festival that reached thousands of individuals with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Andrew Palau, who was himself led to Christ through one of his father’s campaigns in Kingston, Jamaica in 1993, has held the role of co-evangelist with Luis for the past 15 years. The two have often partnered together on citywide campaigns, including massive efforts in New York City, Grand Rapids, Alaska, Argentina, Chile, Spain, Vietnam, and beyond. Andrew has also led many of his own festivals, including historic efforts in Uganda, Jamaica, Burundi, Malawi, Haiti, Tanzania, Indonesia, Ethiopia, and Colombia. The two have shared the work of the team’s extensive radio ministry, while Andrew and his wife, Wendy, have taken the lead role in Palau’s digital evangelism efforts known as Hope with God.

Andrew’s latest effort, March 6-7, was known as Space Coast CityFest. It brought together thousands of Christians from throughout Brevard County, Florida, and included several evangelistic outreaches in the region.

The campaign was originally scheduled for March 2020. But with Covid-19 hitting Florida just days before the festival, the local committee decided to push it to 2021. In the meantime, more churches joined the effort, more local believers were able to engage, and even more anticipation and excitement was built for the festival. Many of the leaders involved commented on the unique unity and partnership the festival brought to the local faith community. Like all Palau festivals, much care and attention was given to church unity, community service, training in personal evangelism, and clear public proclamation of the

Gospel.

“I was born in Brevard County, and have lived here most of my life,” shared Mike Ronsisvalle, CEO of Live Well Coaching and co-chair for CityFest. “We have some amazing churches and church leaders, but I have never seen such a widespread coming together as we saw here as more than 200








Andrew Palau

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# NO COMMENT - Response Of White House Secretary

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Tuesday March 9, 2021

NO COMMENT- RESPONSE OF WHITE HOUSE SECRETARY TO QUESTION ON ANTI SEMITISM OR JOURNALIST PRESS ACCESS COMPLAINT



White House Press Secretary Jennifer Psaki declines to have her picture or video with me because of her Covid-19 concerns or comment to the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem's letter requesting President Biden to support Israel and Combat Anti-Semitism. Also, I ask for a response to White House journalist Brian Karem's letter of complaint to the White House Press Secretary Jennifer Psaki regarding restricted press access impacting freedom of the press.

Watch this report by clicking on the following YouTube link:  
<https://youtu.be/WjwwaZJYahY>

Monday, March 15

NO COMMENT- RESPONSE OF WHITE HOUSE SEC'Y TO QUESTION ON THE EQUALITY ACT AND JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATION



An answer to our prayers. Thank you.  
Praise The GOD of Israel that I met with the White House press secretary Jennifer Psaki again Monday March 15 near the NBC broadcast tent to ask for her response to our Jewish and Christian audience concerning their opposition to the Equality Act and Jewish cemetery desecration in Vilnius, Lithuania, she gave a NO COMMENT response. See the back of Jennifer Psaki in the background to my left who is facing the NBC camera background with pink jacket and red hair.

Here below is backdrop to the questions I asked:  
Equality Act

- Rabbis blast US 'Equality Act' for calling Bible 'bigoted', attacking religious values:
- <https://worldisraelnews.com/rabbis-blast-us-equality-act-for-calling-bible-bigoted-attacking-religious-values>

Equality Act Update: Religious Freedom in Jeopardy:

- <https://billygraham.org/story/equality-act-update-religious-freedom-in-jeopardy/>

Letter 'Christian Leaders ask President Biden to Support Israel and Combat Anti-Semitism:'

- Read their letter at the following link:  
<http://christiannewswire.com/news/366484962.html>

Jewish cemetery desecration

- Here is the Jewish response to cemetery desecration in Shnipeshok, Vilna (Lithuania):  
<https://youtu.be/r6KP2slz5es>
- China's genocide of the Uyghurs
- Watch my interview with the Uychurs (East Turkistan) Prime Minister Hudayar by clicking on the following YouTube link:  
<https://youtu.be/CsMfy637zrU>

Here is my reporting on Anti-Semitism below. To learn about the Jewish cemetery desecration in Vilnius, Lithuania I report on, click on the following YouTube link:  
<https://youtu.be/r6KP2slz5es>

To learn more about UNRWA and Religious Freedom issues I report on, click on the following YouTube link:  
<https://youtu.be/QXB8bdOdQJM>  
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<https://vimeo.com/392923164>  
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Pictured above with Prime Minister Netanyahu who I was introduced to May 8, 2017 by Israel MK leader Sharren Haskel regarding my White House questions on Anti-Semitism. Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responds to my question about the recent U.S. presidential election regarding the significance of the Christian vote. I was blessed to be called on to ask this question at the Prime Minister's Annual Toast with Journalists in Jerusalem Tuesday December 20, 2016 (I am not visible in this video but you can hear my question to him). To download this video, click on the following YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/hFJ-RfkWNDQ>



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# Global Prayer Event Calls Christians to 'Learn to Love' Muslims

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David Garrison and Don McCurry -- focuses on Muslim refugee and immigrant communities in North America. It spotlights a different North American city each day, including:

Muslim immigrants living in Houston, Texas, who served as translators for the U.S. military in Afghanistan

Iranian Muslims living in Toronto, Canada, who listen to Christian broadcasts in their native Farsi language.

Job-seeking Muslim families who've flocked to North Carolina's Triangle region, where hundreds of Christians at 45 local churches pray for them.

The fast-growing Bangladeshi Muslim community in New York's Jackson Heights area -- previously a haven for Irish immigrants.

"In the U.S., many Muslims are as American as apple pie," Filidis said. "They serve in the American forces, provide vital services and also pursue the American dream."

The 30 Days event also includes a children's version of the prayer guide. "Used together, the adult and Just for Kids versions can help make prayer time a family time," said Filidis.

"With such divisiveness in our world right now, Christians have an opportunity to reject hatred, pray with compassion, and show North America's Muslims that Jesus loves them," he said.

The 30 Days of Prayer® for the Muslim World ([www.30DaysPrayer.com](http://www.30DaysPrayer.com)) is an international movement begun in 1993 that calls followers of Christ to make intentional and respectful efforts to learn about, pray for, and reach out to their Muslim neighbors.

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## Dear Jen

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80 members of the media at any one time.” Is it 80 at a time or a day? Who is keeping track of people as they go in and out? This is a horrible position to put the WHCA board in as they all have regular jobs to do as well. It is also disconcerting to see members of the Board shuffling through the Brady Briefing room and the working office space acting like cops trying to enforce your standards. If you’re going to test everyone, have 150 tests provided and ask reporters to act as responsibly as they have in the last year, and you will have few problems.

Crews rotate in and out. Some people come to the White House simply to shoot a standup, or to type up a story, or meet a source and then leave. The actual number who stay all day is nowhere near 80 these days. Again, we’ve effectively policed ourselves. There is no need for anyone to fix this. And, the idea of limiting people to standing outside for a good portion of the day - except to use the restroom facilities - is incompatible with the weather, human and professional needs. I’m sure you don’t want people to gamble on getting pneumonia versus the covid virus.

I would also like guidance on when the restrictions will be lifted and what the specific criteria for that would be? Since we’ve never passed on an infection to another reporter, and our infection numbers have been far lower than the White House or the general public for that matter, it seems we’ve already met any reasonable expectation to handle ourselves professionally during a pandemic.

Personally, instead of saddling the WHCA with additional responsibilities for which they shouldn’t and actually don’t have authority, and which may include conflicts of interest and possible First Amendment violations, the White House should simply reconsider the policy or test more of us.

After all, on another point, the policy is a potential public relations nightmare. How good would it be to have a reporter videotape the moment when a member of the White House staff tries to roust them from the White House or denies them access even if they have a hard pass? It’s not a good optic. As I said Wednesday, the press policy regarding access by the Trump administration was one of the few things Trump’s team did that actually worked. The protective pool got tested. The rest of us came and went - wearing masks and limiting our time on campus as needed. On occasion the Trump administration opened up briefings to east room appearances or in the Rose Garden. On those occasions, the expanded venue allowed for additional seats which were provided to those reporters who weren’t in the press pool.

For the last year the restricted pool and a select few others who the WHCA board approves, with no posted standards or method of determination, have been given various degrees of access to the briefing room and the president himself. Everyone else has been frozen out.

As a result people in our business face the very real possibility of losing their jobs if they lose access to the White House.

That’s a fact. The best solution to this problem would be to limit the access in the fashion the Trump administration did - and give us quantifiable standards when the sanctions will be lifted. In addition, on occasion, (perhaps once or twice a week) the briefings (particularly when Dr. Fauci is talking about the very serious problem of the pandemic) should be moved to the theater in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building or to a similar venue in which larger numbers of reporters can attend and social distancing can be more easily maintained.

Thanks for your time.

Yours, Brian J. Karem

Also signing on: Hugo Lowell, Jake Turx, Christian Datoc, Andrew Feinberg, Tejinder Singh, Ksenija Pavlovic, Bricio Segovia, Matthew Anthony Harper

In addition, I’ve spoken with two dozen other reporters who want to sign on, but must first seek permission to do so from their employer. I will file those with you as they become available.”

## Just Days Before the Passing of Famed Evangelist Luis Palau, His Son Andrew Was Carrying on the Work with Festival in Florida

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churches of all denominations and all parts of our county came together. It speaks well for our future as the body of Christ in Brevard County.”

In addition to the free, two-day festival at Space Coast Daily Park on Saturday and Sunday (March 6-7, 2021), there was a concerted effort to expand the reach of Space Coast CityFest through multiple affinity events and smaller outreaches. These events included prison outreaches (with the partnership of Prison Fellowship), an evangelistic luncheon for business leaders, a breakfast for first responders, and two gatherings for women led by Andrew’s wife, Wendy.

All this was in the lead up to the 2-day festival at Space Coast Daily Park in Brevard County, Florida on March 6 and 7 featuring award-winning artists Casting Crowns, Zach Williams, Mandisa, Mac Powell, Andy Mineo, and Social Club Misfits. Andrew Palau shared a clear Gospel message each night and challenged those in the crowd--and the thousands who tuned in online--to give their life to Jesus Christ.

The 2-day festival also hosted a family fun stage, stunt demos from professional skaters and BMX athletes (in partnership with The Stunt Dudes), and multiple presentations of the Gospel.

In total, including all events, CityFest organizers estimate more than 14,000 people were reached in person through the week-long campaign, with tens of thousands more tuning in to the multiple live broadcasts.

“Space Coast CityFest was a monumental event for our community,” said Brad Russell, lead pastor of The Grove Church in Titusville. “It brought unity to our churches and is helping change the spiritual atmosphere of our county.”

The event marked 14 years since the Palau Association last came to Florida. The last campaign in 2007 in Orlando was led by Andrew’s father, the late evangelist Luis Palau, and established many long-term relationships within the community.

Bishop Merton Clark, senior pastor of Truth Revealed Ministries International in Palmbay commented, “I’ve witnessed the gathering of church leaders, members, and marketplace leaders, coming together for the sole purpose of advancing the kingdom of God. These relationships have become vital, relevant, strong, and dynamic. Thank you CityFest!”

With Space Coast CityFest acting as a catalyst, the movement has also been providing opportunities for the churches of Brevard County to set aside differences and unite in service. In an effort that has come to be known as CityServe Brevard, the churches are focusing on several areas of need including foster care and adoption, school partnerships, ending homelessness and hunger, helping at-risk families and neighborhood revitalization, and bringing awareness to the opioid crisis and mental health.

For more information about CityServe Brevard, visit [www.cityservebrevard.org](http://www.cityservebrevard.org).

While local leaders continue in this effort, the Palau Association will move on to support similar campaigns in cities across the globe. Upcoming festivals are in the works with leaders in Oregon, Malawi, Argentina, Egypt, Italy, Pakistan, New Hampshire, the United Kingdom, and Ghana, to name a few.

You can learn more about the Luis Palau Association and their worldwide work at [www.palau.org](http://www.palau.org).

### About Andrew Palau:

For more than 25 years Andrew Palau has played a key role in the ministry of the Luis Palau Association (LPA), which was started by his father, evangelist Luis Palau. Andrew has been instrumental in building the LPA model for citywide outreach as an evangelist, director, and key team leader. He has guided campaigns, led church relations efforts, trained thousands of believers in friendship evangelism, and proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ in person to hundreds of thousands of individuals around the world through evangelistic campaigns. Andrew’s festivals have brought him and the Palau Association into partnership with thousands of churches in cities throughout Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, the Caribbean, and the United States of America. Andrew’s weekly radio broadcasts are heard by millions of people on thousands of radio outlets around the world. He is also the author of *Secret Life of a Fool*, a retelling of his personal journey to faith in Christ, and *What is Christmas?*, a groundbreaking evangelistic book published in China in 2012.

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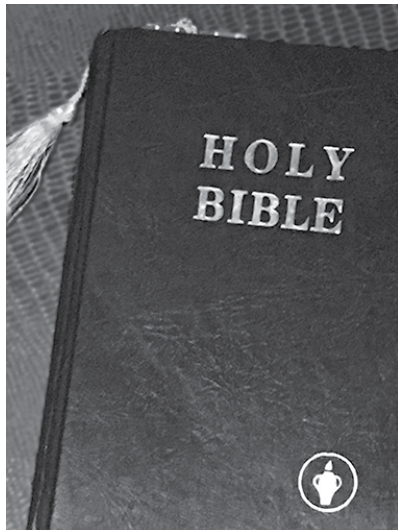
# Gideon Testimony: God's Word for All Sinners

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of whether Jon wanted to join. When Carmen told Jon the plan, he agreed to come with them. "We've been through the mill," he said, "I'm at the end of my rope." So, they moved to Florida and opened a small pizza shop. For a little while, life was good. But not long after, they realized they didn't move away from the cocaine but closer to it. Men who were part of the same cartel in Minnesota found Jon and Carmen, and before long they were sucked back into their old way of life.

Through the hope found in this Bible placed in a hotel room, Carmen came to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

When it all became too much, Carmen flew to



Chicago for a weekend. She had no reason to go there other than needing to get away. She spent the entire weekend crying in her hotel room. On the last morning, Carmen stood in front of the bathroom mirror getting ready. Her thoughts flashed back to being in

hotel rooms as a little girl, looking for those Bibles—and more importantly, looking for that feeling of comfort and assurance. She opened the bedside table drawer, and sure enough, there was a Bible from The Gideons. She didn't have much time before her taxi arrived, and she questioned the implications stealing a Bible would have on her already dire situation. But for whatever reason, she felt she had to take it. On her flight home, Carmen opened the Bible, and God began His work.

## ONE FINAL ESCAPE

At the beginning of the Bible, Carmen noticed John 3:16 written in several different languages. For many years, she struggled with understanding why there were so many denominations in Christianity. Seeing Christians so separated was one of the main reasons she didn't want much to do with religion. Seeing that verse in all those languages told Carmen that this Word, this Bible, was for everyone—even sinners like her. God knew that would get her attention. God also knew it would encourage her to continue reading.

"Seeing that verse in all those languages told Carmen that this Word, this Bible, was for everyone—even sinners like her."

She landed on Proverbs 31 and was completely convicted about who she had become as a woman. Being a good mother was one of her only goals in life, and she was letting her addictive behavior get in the way. It felt as if God was chastising her—but at the same time, it wasn't painful, it was beautiful. God led her to many other Scriptures that edified her and told her who she could be in Him. Carmen was crying and overjoyed, for she had truly found God. She was

radically saved on that airplane and delivered from cocaine without one bit of withdrawal.

However, the hard work wasn't over. Carmen still faced the challenge of going home to face Jon. He had been raised in the church and was saved at a young age. In his older years, he grew away from the faith. When Carmen told Jon she had been saved, he knew exactly what it meant, but he wasn't quite ready to make a change. Something told her she needed to keep distance from him while he was still involved, so she made a commitment to continue working on her relationship with the Lord. Eventually, Jon admitted he couldn't break away from the addiction and lifestyle while they were still in Florida, and they moved back to Duluth. It was there that Carmen saw Jon soften. One morning at church, Jon got up from his seat and went to kneel at the altar. One of his best friends from high school knelt with him, and they both began to weep. In that moment, Jon gave everything over to the Lord.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:7 (ESV)

## FORGIVENESS AND FREEDOM

Carmen Powers and her family



From then on, Carmen and Jon were still on a bumpy road, but it was a road headed in the right direction. They got out of the cocaine business, but the consequences of their actions didn't immediately disappear. Carmen and Jon had to hire a lawyer and go through an investigation and, eventually, a trial. The prosecutors were determined to send Jon to prison, but the presiding judge stated he could see Jon was a changed man. He was sentenced to a one-year work release program and a few years of probation. The felony charge was dropped. The Lord blessed them, and they slowly began to get their lives in order. They started a small business of buying and fixing up houses. They joined a wonderful church with a loving pastor and made many supportive friends.

Carmen and Jon are so thankful for that Bible. It was in exactly the place Carmen needed it to be. There is no denying God was with her during those hours in the hotel room and on that plane ride. Throughout her life, God has always drawn her back to the Scriptures, and the power of His Word continues to show up.

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# ACSI Launches New Flourishing Schools Institute for Christian School Leaders

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Rex Miller, author of "Humanizing the Education Machine," Dr. Althea Penn, Executive Director of The Shepard's Academy, Dr. Rob Loe, CEO of Group and Peter Greer, President & CEO of HOPE International, will assist leaders in developing a strategic school culture plan.

ACSI President, Dr. Larry Taylor, believes equipping leaders with a biblically based philosophy of education is essential to the health and well-being of the entire school community.

"Preparing students to navigate the raging waters of our external culture is directly dependent on building the foundation of the school's internal culture," he said. "Developing Christ-following, transformational leaders is key for the whole school body to prosper."

According to ACSI Professional Development Director, Cindy Dodds, FSi sessions will be largely interactive, allowing leaders to assess their current school culture and experiment with and apply best practices to improve.

"The FSi will help schools move from research to practice," Dodds said. "Our vision is to see Christian school leadership teams engage in an enduring, transformative school growth process in community with other Christian school leaders, together pursuing thriving school cultures."

Taylor believes these offerings are best when used together, as they are intentionally aligned.

"The instrument enables schools to focus on specific areas that have been identified as areas for growth, which will inform their professional development plan," he said. "Although schools do not have to participate in the instrument to attend the FSi, doing so will greatly benefit leaders."

ACSI is offering bundle pricing for Institute & FSCI registration. Further details are listed on the FSi website.

"As a recent head of school, I can personally attest to the challenge of building and sustaining a Kingdom-focused, successful organizational culture," Taylor said. "I believe all components of ACSI's Flourishing Initiative work together to better Christian schools. The FSi will provide leaders the opportunity to create a unique roadmap to a truly flourishing community."

To learn more about FSi, visit the website or connect with the ACSI Care Team by calling (800) 367-0798 or by emailing [careteam@acsi.org](mailto:careteam@acsi.org).

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