



Christmas Time Again...

It's that wonderful time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. It's unfortunate that so many people disregard that part of Christmas...I hope your Christmas was a fantastic time with family and friends.

We had a few good Christmas services. Thanks to Jeff Lane, our former lead singer, and Steve Perry, both members of Jeff Lane and Made Worthy, who did some filling in for us through some of our Christmas services. We had a great time doing some Christmas specials like, New Star Shining, Little One, Still the Greatest Story Ever Told, The Christmas Song, and my personal favorite, my stab at imitating Elvis with Blue Christmas, which Jeff finished off with a Porky Pig tag...pretty fun stuff.

It was a pretty slim month for us as we missed three weekends due to weather and the holidays. Plus a few extra bus expenses. Pretty much no income to pay our expenses for a month...We sang the first weekend of December. Had the bus back and no major problems. The next weekend we did one service on Saturday in a ginormous church that seemed like an indoor football field. The weather was not good, so attendance was low, plus half the folks sat in the middle of the church and the rest at the back. They seemed very, very far away.



Nice folks though. The next morning at our motel, the power went out around 6:30 a.m. as we were preparing to go to our morning church service in Lamar, Mo. There was a major ice storm that shut down that service and the evening one as well. Jeff and Steve headed back to Blue Springs, MO, and Dale and I headed home. We got about a mile from the Carthage exit and the bus decided to stop running. There we were, 9:30 a.m., on Hwy. 71, on the shoulder, stopped. It's a long complicated story as to what we went through trying to get the bus going, but suffice it to say by 4:30 we were covered in diesel fuel and no closer to getting the bus going, and with the help of Lars, a young local that helped get Dale around, we rented a car and headed home, forced to leave the bus abandoned on the side of the road. Dale went back a couple of days later and met a mechanic that fixed it in about 30 seconds. Some switch was frozen and wouldn't allow the bus to stay running. That only cost \$795.00. Wow! I'm going to need to go back to school and become a diesel mechanic. Thank the Lord we didn't get a hold of that guy on Sunday... I can't imagine the weekend rates. At any rate, our finances are a bit slim and we're going to have to wait until we can catch up before we can finish our CD. Pray for our finances for the continuance of our ministry.

Don't Forget You Tax-Deductions!

With the discussion of our finances brings the thought that there are many folks that look for end of the year tax deductions. I would remind you we are a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, so any donations you make to the Calvary Echoes are tax-deductible. We would also like to invite you to support us on a monthly basis. Your support helps us go to many small churches that have difficulty bringing groups in. We don't turn away anyone who asks us to sing. In fact, there have been times it costs us more to go somewhere to sing than we receive in offerings and CD sales. Dale has invested thousands of dollars of his personal finances to keep the group going, and we do not receive a salary. We do 135 to 145 services each year. That's Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night, nearly every weekend. The income we receive goes toward expenses for the group. Please keep us in mind. You can send your donations to:

The Calvary Echoes
c/o Dale McBride
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Thank you in advance to helping us to do the Lord's work.

Luke 6:38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."