

The Master Key from CBH Ministries



Terre K. Ritchie, Executive Director

Dear Partners in Ministry,
This year CBH Ministries celebrates **70 years of ministry** to boys and girls in Jesus' name. What a history! What longevity! Praise the Lord we're still in the ministry of seeing children come to know Christ and grow in Him. Amen!

On September 20, 2012, we're having a celebration banquet at Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We would love to see you there. Maybe you can plan to join us and praise God for His provision. Watch for an exclusive banquet sign-up opportunity on June 1. Look for more details soon!

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!

I have an interesting story to tell you. One morning I came into the office and I had a long 15-minute voicemail message. I became so intrigued with the story I was hearing, I relayed it to our staff and later called to get more details.

Jerry and Jeanette live in Minnesota. Since 1958, they have had over 350 foster children through their home. Four of those children were adopted and raised by them along with their birth daughter. These four are now between 30 and 34 years old, all with disabilities.

Jeanette's hobby is to knit hats for children and give them away. As part of her ministry, she began putting one

page of *Keys for Kids* stories into the hats to be a witness to the recipient. Some of these hats were taken to Canada by a local pastor and given to native Canadians in remote villages. One such village is called Pikangikum and has one single woman missionary (we'll call Fran) who lives there. The small village is accessible only by boat or snowmobile and has on average one teen suicide a month. Let that sink in a moment. One a month!

Jeanette and Jerry had just ordered 100 issues of overstuffed *Keys for Kids* to pass out with Jeanette's homemade hats when the pastor came to visit them. He brought Fran from the Pikangikum village. She mentioned how she had one copy of *Keys for Kids* years ago, but it got wet and she had to throw it away. She really wished she could have some more because she knew the stories would make a difference in her needy village community. Jerry and Jeanette both began to cry as the box of 100 *Keys for Kids* had just arrived and was directly behind where Fran was standing. Then they all cried about how God provided just what she needed at just the right time.

What an amazing story of God's provision and care. Thank you, Jerry and Jeanette, for allowing God to work through you to reach so many native Canadian children.



And thank you, too, for providing the necessary funding to make this story happen. Keys for Kids is a vital ministry of CBH that is helping thousands of children and families all over the world find the one, true God. They read the stories and verses, and apply them to their hearts and minds.

It's a work that is in its 30th year of production and we praise God for allowing us to be a part of it.

BIBLEMATIIONS

That may be a new word we've made up, but it's also a great video series we've created! Bible stories come alive with Ron Wheeler's unique black and white animated line art style. Narrated with sound effects and music, these movies will captivate children and adults with God's Word. Ideal as supporting media for Sunday school or sermon messages, the videos also serve as great tools for homeschoolers or family devotion time. Purchase



a set of six stories for \$25 or individually for \$4.99. Each MP4 video download includes coloring pages and discussion questions.

To view short clips and purchase any of these *Biblematiations* videos, go to: shopcbh.org



View a sample of our Biblematiations on your smart phone!

We're in the news!

Called to Evangelize Children: CBH Ministries

West Michigan Christian News did an interview with Uncle Charlie and Terre Ritchie recently. The reporter asked about our 70 years in ministry and future plans. You can find the entire article at:

<http://www.westmichiganchristian.com>

Visit us at: www.cbhministries.org

Terre K. Ritchie - CBH Ministries - Executive Director -

For those of you who may not know me well, I'm including my testimony here. I pray you'll see God's hand on my life as you read it.

I asked the Lord to be my Savior when I was seven years old. Through the persistence of a Christian grandmother, my relationship with the Lord grew during my teen years. I married a godly man who led our family well. On June 10, 2006, Tom passed into the Lord's presence after 40 years of marriage. God gave us four children, five semi-adopted Romanian daughters, and seventeen grandchildren.

At the age of 28, God led me into a Christian children's ministry that included black-light chalk drawings, playing crystal glasses and Swiss cowbells, plus writing scripts and using numerous puppets. It has been a wonderful way for me to use the abilities and talents God has given me. Uncle Charlie and I have traveled to many churches and countries doing ministry as a group and it has been an awesome experience! I'm so thankful he has mentored me these many years.

I was privileged to attend college at age 38 and received my BFA and MA with four kids at home and a thriving children's ministry.

For 10 years, I taught at a local Christian college and was privileged to lead 16 college mission teams to Romania to work in a government-run hospital for abandoned children. What a life-changing four and a half years that was! I'm privileged to still be connected to so many of those 85 team members. Their lives were irreversibly changed by God's work on the mission field.

On November 3, 2003, I was hired as the Executive Director of CBH Ministries. Although I spent 13 years

on the Board of Directors of this ministry, there is nothing like being on the other side of the fence to wake you up to how much responsibility lies in this position. It's a challenge for sure and I would greatly appreciate your prayers!



COMING THIS YEAR!

Four new Seasons of Faith books:

In April: *Adoption Day Surprise*
Monkey Business

In November: *Lost in the African Bush*
The Only Gift

With beautiful new illustrations and stories that will capture your child's attention, each book includes a CD of Uncle Charlie narrating the stories!



Lost in the Queue - When you break ground to begin a project, you approach it with anticipation. It's new, adventurous, and you're eager to see results from your efforts.

When we began *Lost in the Queue* we were excited to see how many children would view the webisodes and take up the story idea and message we were trying to reveal. Unfortunately, it has not been as well received as we anticipated. Because of low views and little participation, we are canceling the project. The webisodes we have completed will still be available on our website, but we will not be producing more in the future.

Presenting God's truths to children on a daily basis is really what we strive to do. Whether it's through the *Keys for Kids* devotionals, our many radio programs, the Seasons of Faith books, or the growing internet presence we have, God needs to be in the center. Won't you pray with me that this great children's ministry can continue for many years to come? God bless you and thank you for your support! - Terre

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How your gift can help CBH minister to kids!

- _____ \$18 - One subscription of *Keys for Kids* for one year (for someone else)
- _____ \$125 - Technical support of iToadU.com for one week
- _____ \$300 - Web hosting per month
- _____ \$680 - Toward 10 hours of web development for one week
- _____ General Fund

THANK YOU for your faithful support through prayers and gifts!

You can send check or money order payable to: CBH Ministries, PO Box 1001, Grand Rapids, MI 49501 Call toll free: 1 888 224 2324

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