



TRANSFORMING LIVES

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OUR VISION...To provide a life-transforming fellowship with Christ

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A TRANSFORMING TESTIMONY

In early August of 1983 I loaded up my hatch back Dodge Omni and headed toward Lakeview Methodist camp ground near Palestine, TX for my first Texas Christian Ashram. My five year old daughter and my best friend Murph were with me. I was a mess that year, in need of everything. Brother Bill Berg was the evangelist and Sister Anna Mow was the Bible teacher. God had me where He wanted me.

That year, 1983, was the first of many years that I would bring my family to the Texas Christian Ashram. In my second year, 1984, my parents and my four year old son came with me. Several years later my brother, his wife, and small son joined the crowd. My sister, who lives in Denver, came in 2001 and has come every year since.

So why have I gone back every year for 30 years? I go because Jesus is more real in that place than any other place I have ever been. I met Him there in 1983 and I have never looked back. The people of that camp have become my family; I love them and trust them. My life is different because



I go to the Ashram.

This year was my 31st Texas Christian Ashram. My two children, their spouses, and my five grandchildren attended with me. The grandchildren have all come since before their births.

How awesome is our God who can do this? - Sharon Adkins



PRAY FOR THESE UPCOMING CHRISTIAN ASHRAMS!

October 11-13, 2013- [Western Pennsylvania](#) in Hopwood, PA

January 16-18, 2014- [North Louisiana](#) in West Monroe, LA

February 15-17, 2014- [California Winter](#) in Idyllwild, CA

April 26, 2014- [Wesley Woods](#) in Grand Valley, PA

(Visit our website for more information on each of these and other Ashrams!)



Tom and Maryle at Christ Church, Oxford

A Word From Rev. Tom Albin, UCA Executive Director

Because of the partnership between The Upper Room and the United Christian Ashram, Maryle and I recently completed an exciting, three city ministry tour of England where I had the privilege of leading worship, lecturing and laying the groundwork for the Ashram movement to be launched in Durham, Oxford and Cambridge when the time is right. We are finishing plans for two new Ashrams to be launched in the USA this fall. We need your help! Please hold us in prayer and consider making a generous gift to the \$100,000 matching fund drive today.

REDWOOD ASHRAM 2013



SPOTLIGHT ON ASHRAM LEADERSHIP

Not long ago, a longtime friend announced she had been a believer for 50 years. My first thought was how does she know?



Barbara Mallette

As I pondered this statement a few days later I became aware that I too had been a believer for 50 years --I knew because of an envelope with a treasured Pilipino stamp given to me by a Pilipino missionary at church camp in Colorado 50 or more years ago. You can still read the postmark.

Further evidence as to this change came from my dad after I got back home in Leadville --he observed a change in my behavior around the house--which could only be my conversion. Had this been a Baptist Camp there would have been rejoicing that I had been saved but as it was a Presbyterian denomination, not so much labeling went on.

My life went along and included a degree in Journalism, a first job in Anchorage, Alaska, and another in London. Married and with two children our family came back to my home of Leadville and forged a life.

My fledglings were causing strife when a friend took me by the hand and introduced me to the Ashram. The year was 1987 and Brother James Mathews was the evangelist--no wonder there were 90 in attendance. My life was changed and it was not long until I was on the Colorado 12; then on the national United Christian Ashram Board. Louise Snow became a precious friend and we traveled with James Mathews on his trip to India in the 1990s. I now serve as the Director of the Colorado Ashram.

Then the worst thing happened--our 29-year-old son died. Pastor Bill Berg took me under his wing and prayed and offered the encouragement of an Ashram in Bermuda.

It seemed like nothing more could go wrong when our daughter, 45 and newly married, was diagnosed with leukemia. She battled for 4 years and went to be with Jesus in April 2012. This is my journey and I am willing to share it with you, pray with you, and listen to your story. In and through it all, Jesus is Lord!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS from INDIA by Acharya Dr. John R Biswas

The Rev. Dr. E Stanley Jones, along with Rev. Yunus Sinha (a minister) and Ms. Ethel Turner, (a retired missionary of LMS), founded this world famous Ashram in the foothills of the Himalayas during 1930. Personally I am convinced that God used Mrs. & Dr. Jones & their friends to make this historic arrangement for the spiritual uplifting of our divine response to our Lord & Savior. Indeed this Ashram is a gift to the present church & the entire Christian Community in India. The Ashram is open to anyone who sincerely seeks God and is willing to know Him in & through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the King of the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom is God's redemptive invasion of us. But we put up barriers. In an Ashram, we endeavor to take down these barriers.

- We take down denominational barriers. Then we proceed to go beyond and become one body around the Person of Jesus Christ. He is the Guru of this Ashram.
- We take down barriers between ages- we have youth and the older generation in a fellowship. They are an integral part of the Ashram and love it.
- We take down barriers between classes and races. We believe the Kingdom is a class-less society and is color blind. We see a person no longer as a person of this class and this race, but as a man for whom Christ died. So we have all classes, all races.
- We take down barriers between those who have titles and those who do not have them.....we simply are "Brother John" and "Sister Mary".
- We take down the barriers between those who work with their hands and those who do not.
- We take down the real barriers that are within-barriers of resentments, fears, worry, anxieties, self-preoccupation, guilt and emptiness.

For more information about the Ashram at SatTal, India, visit our website at www.christianashram.org.



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