



Quotes and Endorsements

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About CEN

"God is using uncertain times to awaken the Church. We can view crisis as an opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission, whether it's reaching out to a relative or neighbor who's just lost someone dear, meeting needs of those in our church or community, or getting involved in preparing a nation with the gospel of Jesus Christ before, during and after any crisis. Crisis situations open hearts to God; it's a tender time to be the Church."

Mary Marr, Founder and CEO of Christian Emergency Network

"CEN's growing mission is to equip the Church to become biblically ready. Being ready spiritually to share our faith in crisis is a hallmark of spiritual maturity. We must pray biblical readiness will be preached in our churches and Christians will prepare spiritually-emotionally-mentally as well as physically for any crisis, large or small."

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"Congratulations! Your perseverance in the CEN mission has made our nation's cities more prepared for times when disaster strikes. It's hard to believe it's been ten years. Keep up the good work!"

Glenn Barth, President of GoodCities, Eden Prairie Minnesota

"It is easy for Campus Crusade to partner with and endorse Christian Emergency Network because they value what we value - leading Christians to pray for, care for and share Jesus with people in the midst of a national emergency. Our affirmation of CEN can also be seen by how closely their purpose statement parallels that of The Lighthouse Report radio broadcast."

Steve Douglass, Campus Crusade for Christ CRU

"Throughout many years of working with pastors and prayer leaders I have discovered that one of the most important elements of prayer mobilization is networking and communication. From its inception CEN has intentionally linked with national prayer ministries, radio and TV to form an extensive communications network that is second to none. When the hurricanes descended with fury upon Florida, CEN was able to quickly activate many thousands of intercessors by providing them with pertinent up-to-date prayer points and simultaneously communicate hands on ways to help. With its unique and visionary prayer, care and share theme, CEN is certainly positioning itself as a very tangible and effective expression of the gospel of the Kingdom in these last days."

Cheryl Sacks, National Prayer Committee

"CEN's faith-based coalition relates important updated information and perspective to Christian and secular news media, assuring that disaster victims' needs remain within public awareness."

Jeff Jellets, Salvation Army's Southwest Territory Disaster Services

“CEN has become a gift from God for The Salvation Army. Never before have we managed to get so many messages out across the country about our disaster response ministry. When the Christian community knows what is being done, the result is more people are served. Our partnership with CEN is new, but has a long life before it. We serve God together.”

Major George Hood, The Salvation Army

“You guys are doing an awesome job! I applaud your efforts and consider Convoy of Hope fortunate to be a part of what you are doing.”

Jeff Nene, Convoy of Hope

“Through the partners of CEN, we can now reach 95% of all homes in the U.S. with timely accurate and urgent news and information for all eternity.”

John Turver, VP Christian Broadcasting Network

“CEN has developed the first internet-based virtual coast to coast ministry and media network to mobilize millions of Christians nationwide to reach their community for Christ in any emergency effectively.”

Jon Petersen, Zondervan

“CEN leaders realized how underwhelming the overall Christian response was to 911, and particularly radio and TV. They realize this needed to be fixed. Now thousands of organizational and individual partners later, we are positioned to provide a coordinated, multifaceted, and immediate response.”

Steve Wright, Family Life Radio Network

“I believe God has raised up CEN to minister to the many who are out there on the firing lines in the light of the crisis we are all facing. We must honor the Lord in all that is taking place.”

Robert Overstreet, Christian and Missionary Alliance

“CEN is the embodiment of standing in the gap with outstretched hands to strengthen Christian organizations and individuals in our mission to help those who find themselves helpless in times of disaster.”

Colonel Ron Strickland, The Salvation Army Western Territory

"AzVOAD (Arizona Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) would like to thank CEN for the superb, professional job on creating and maintaining our AzVOAD website. Spending the time and resources on our website has been generous. We have benefited from CEN's help in meetings, via telephone and internet access. Again, we thank CEN for providing us with this service."

Lita Johnson, AzVOAD Secretary/Treasurer

Testimonies of Ready Christians

“CPR works. One of the transients staying here at the mission had passed out, hit his head with a nasty cut that was bleeding, no heartbeat, no breathing. I automatically jumped into position and by the grace of GOD, brought him back! He is now recovering! THANK YOU JESUS!!! THANK YOU GOD for allowing me to be strengthened and calm under pressure, to get the job done until an ambulance showed up. THANK YOU JESUS!!!!”

Alfred, Arizona

“On September 11, 2001, I had an appointment with a client and stopped at a sandwich shop for lunch. The TV was on, and everyone was glued to the latest news coverage. A lady standing in front of me said, “This is just awful, awful, any of us could die at any minute!” I responded: **“That’s why you need to be ready to meet the Lord with or without notice.”** She replied, “What do you mean?” Since I was biblically ready as a ReadyChristian to take her fear and mental confusion head on, I was able to go through the steps to finding peace with God. I explained how she could have a personal relationship with Christ. She listened, took my small booklet, and allowed God to minister His peace during her own personal 9/11.”

Steve, Arizona

“Ben was a local volunteer who worked alongside one of our teams. He’d lost everything himself, but he didn’t care; he just wanted to help others. After spending the day with us caring for families, he pulled a volunteer (John) aside because he needed to talk to him. He told John that he loved working with us but needed to admit something that may change our mind on letting him be a part of our disaster team. He was reluctant to tell us because he really enjoyed working with us. He told John that he was not a Christian; as a matter of fact, he was an atheist and always had been. He did not believe there was a God. As John talked to him and let him know we would not turn him away, the man started crying and said he had been having a strong feeling that he needed to go to a church. He said he didn’t understand “why”, because it was against his belief. He couldn’t understand the feeling because, to him, there was no God. John continued witnessing to him and telling him about God. After a period of time, the man agreed to allow John to pray with him. The two ended up on their knees in prayer (right there in the middle of the disaster area), and through sobs, he prayed with John for salvation. Right then and there, he accepted God as his Lord and Savior!! John said they hugged and cried like two little babies. John told him through tears and a joyous laughter he now served and amazing God that, at times, works in mysterious ways. The man attended church that Sunday and is still following that path to this day.”

Sherry, Kentucky

Testimonies of Ready Cities

“It was August 2011 and I was in my back yard cutting grass when the clouds came in quickly and it became dark and the wind began to blow extremely hard. I quickly put stuff away and went inside to check the weather. I turned on my computer and TV and saw a news report about the stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair. In past events like 911...I had a feeling of helplessness, but this time I knew what I was supposed to do. I went to my computer and sent a message to 27 others who had become a ReadyChristian in the Indianapolis area. Then I tweeted a call to prayer for the State of Indiana, which notified over 2500 Prayer Warriors to begin to pray for the victims and the first responders at the incident. I checked in with my accountability partner and began to monitor Twitter and Facebook for news and information. As a result of identifying specific needs, ReadyChristian volunteers stepped up to help build relationships with the area hospital chaplains. This one incident increased ReadyCity Indy to provide a strong biblical response to the crisis facing our state.”

Michael, Indiana

“In Austin, TX a young mother in her early 20s with a 3 year-old daughter lost her two houses in two separate fires. This caused stress between her and her fiancé and the relationship dissolved. Since then she has been living with her mother, stepfather and half-brother. Following the fires, her life endured further trials as she became seriously ill with an unknown virus, her former fiancé vandalized her vehicle rendering it un-drivable and endangering her life and her daughter’s. She had difficulty finding a place to live and the people who had promised her help were not following through. Through it all, one of ReadyAustin volunteers had been walking through these trials with her. Good things started happening as her employer gave her 3 months pay to help her get back on her feet and allowed time off from work. A realtor was working with her to stay in various staged homes and she was receiving assistance from local churches and ReadyAustin. In November, she attended church for a second time with this volunteer. That Sunday she prayed the prayer of salvation and confessed with her mouth Jesus is LORD and died for her sins. She is now being disciplined.”

Daniel, Texas

“CEN’s ReadyCasa Grande, AZ is responding to a need in the community by developing the Ready Christian Training into a format that can be used by life groups in local churches to help develop ready Christians, ready churches and ready communities. This developed out of a recognized need for the churches to prepare their people to be ready Christians. Identifying this need and developing this format will allow other churches to be able to prepare groups within their congregations to be biblically ready to respond to emergencies large and small and give an answer to the hope of Christ within them.”

ReadyChurch, Arizona
