

Your Gifts to the *Hour of Power* = Planting Seeds of Hope!

Seeds of hope were planted in the heart of Joyce Halliday of Jacksonville, Florida, while watching the *Hour of Power*.

"One Sunday several years ago, when there wasn't much else on television, I came across the *Hour of Power*," says Joyce. "I was not brought up in a religious home and was not interested in religion. But, wow, did I listen to what you were saying! And I became a weekly viewer."

Growing up in an abusive home, Joyce had learned to block out the pain of her childhood by filling her life with material things. "But the hurt was deep inside, and as much as I worked with mental health professionals, the pain never left me," she says.

Yet, watching the *Hour of Power* week after week began to have an emotionally healing effect in Joyce's life. So, in July of 2005, she decided to visit the home of the *Hour of Power* - the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. "This trip was a big step for me, and I knew that I went there with a purpose," she says.

Bill Holler (see sidebar; page 2), who sat next to Joyce at a Crystal Cathedral event, asked her why she had come so far to visit the Crystal Cathedral. "I told him I had to see something or hear something that would put my abused child-

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This Easter and throughout the year, you can wear the powerful symbol of your faith - the cross. The beautiful 14-karat-gold-plated bracelet features six cross charms of varying designs. The matching 14-karat-gold-plated necklace contains a cross that sparkles with 10 brilliant stones that shine like real diamonds.



2007 Sparrows Club sneak preview

The Faithful Sparrow Returns Every Year!

Like the sparrows of the Bible, faithful Sparrows Club members return in great numbers year after year to provide the essential support that keeps the *Hour of Power* on television every week.

To thank you for your life-saving gifts, Robert Anthony Schuller will send you an enchanting water fountain - the

perfect springtime touch - featuring an artful design that includes sparrows, flowering vines, and these words from a beloved hymn: "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know God cares for me." This calming water fountain will enhance your special place of prayer and meditation in your home, patio, or garden.

Watch for further details in next month's *PowerLines*. ■

"Your messages are filled with compassion and love."

"Pastor Schuller, your wife Donna does a great job on the Hour of Power, and we are happy for you and your family and appreciate your honesty in sharing your seeming 'failures.' We all have weaknesses and strengths, and the Lord is using you, as He did your father, in a mighty way. Your messages are filled with compassion and love. Great things are in store for the Hour of Power, and we are your fans."

HELEN HOWIE, RIDGELAND, MISSISSIPPI

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POWERLINES

MONTHLY NEWS FOR *Hour of Power* SPIRITUAL SHAREHOLDERS AND FRIENDS

"There would be no Crystal Cathedral if it had not been for the 1976 lead-off gift of \$1 million from John Crean," Dr. Robert H. Schuller says. Mr. Crean, one of the world's greatest philanthropist, passed away in his home on January 11, 2007.

When the building costs of the Cathedral tripled, making the project not affordable to the ministry, Dr. Schuller offered to return Mr. Crean's generous gift. "I gave it and I won't take it back," Mr. Crean said to Dr. Schuller. "Dig a hole and the money will come." That turned out to be prophetic, and today the Crystal Cathedral is recognized as one of the most distinctive Christian buildings in the world.



In Memoriam:
JOHN CREAN
(1925-2007)

"Dig a Hole"-- trust God for the rest.

John Crean's rags-to-riches story began when he founded Fleetwood Enterprises in Riverside, California in 1950. The business became a \$3 billion-a-year Fortune 500 company and the leading producer of recreational vehicles in the United States.

Mr. Crean's Christian principles led him to become a

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When Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and the Gulf Coast in 2005, several members of my wife's family lost their homes and everything they had. But throughout their ordeal, Donna's family never lost their hope. People who have hope survive! Hope is the common thread that links great survivors throughout history.

"Hope is the conviction that something will turn out well, and the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out," wrote Václav Havel, the former President of the Czech Republic, in 1987 at a time before the fall of the communist dictatorship when everything looked hopeless for his country.

Hope is doing something because it is good. Hope is doing something because we know that,



Seeds of Hope

even though we may not succeed, it is the right thing to do. So we hope and keep on hoping, knowing that somehow, God will have the last word and it will be good.

We have been broadcasting the *Hour of Power* and planting seeds of hope in people where they need hope the most, for the last 37 years.

When you are faced with tough times, just look up to God. Look up and see the face of Jesus Christ, and wrap your arms around the promise of God, and you will be saved from your lack of faith.

"Our God, our help in ages past...and our hope in years to come" (Isaac Watts, 1719).

ROBERT ANTHONY SCHULLER

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL & HOUR OF POWER

Jaime Dollente: Still at His First Job...23 Years Later!

"While waiting to start college, I went to a temp agency for work, and they sent me to a warehouse to pack cups," says Jaime Dollente, Manager of Donor Operations at the Crystal Cathedral. "And that was 23 years ago!"

Bored with packing cups, the aspiring business major quit during his first week. "The work was really hard," he remembers, "and I went home with cuts on my fingers every day." But a few days later, the temp agency called Jaime back, saying that *Hour of Power* wanted him back.

"I went back, saying it would only be for one week, but the week became a month, and the month a year," Jaime says. "This was my first job, and I guess it still is. I'm now

responsible for the quality control of all the beautiful gifts offered to our *Hour of Power* friends."

Jaime travels to manufacturing facilities far and wide to approve the porcelain Eagles, Sparrows, and other gifts that begin as ideas and are turned into works of art. "I have to make sure that when Dr. Schuller stands in the pulpit

and says, 'This is the most beautiful and well-crafted gift,' that it truly is," he says. "I still find it amazing to see how these gifts arrive, lovingly created to become inspiration items that minister to our faithful donors."

A native of the Philippines, Jaime says he's now lived longer in the U.S. than in his native country. He enjoys traveling to new places, meeting people and learning about new cultures. "One experience that I will never forget was the mission trip to Swaziland, Africa, with my fellow Crystal Cathedral friends and Bruce Wilkinson a year ago to plant gardens for needy families," he says. "Coming from a Third World country myself, I thought I had seen poverty. That wasn't so. Seeing the hundreds of families and children suffering from poverty and the effects of AIDS changed my perspective on life. I count my bless-

"From my earliest memory I prayed and gave thanks for the blessings I received."



Jaime with new friend in Swaziland, Africa.

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After the church service the next morning, Bill, who Joyce believes God led to her, asked her if he could pray for her. "We walked to the statue of Job, and he prayed for me," she says. "At that very moment, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior." Three days later, when she returned home, Joyce realized that the hurt and pain was gone from her heart.

"Wow! How my life has changed since then," she says. "Now I dedicate my life to helping the less fortunate. God has given me a large project to do, and I'm getting it done."

Joyce's project is to build a low-income housing and working community in her hometown. "It will be a place where the homeless, the working poor, and those displaced by Hurricane Katrina can live and walk to work without the need for transportation," she says. She has used her 17 years of experience at a major financial institution to get the necessary funding for her project, and she asks all of us to pray that she will

accomplish her dream.

The *Hour of Power* planted seeds of hope in Joyce's troubled heart and mind. Now she's experiencing the miracle of love and healing through her faith in Jesus Christ, and planting seeds of hope in the hearts of others.

You also plant seeds of hope through your support of the *Hour of Power's* healing message of positive faith.

"One of the most exciting parts of my job," says Robert Anthony Schuller, "is creating beautiful 'thank-you' gifts to send out in appreciation of your treasured gifts to this ministry." This month, Pastor Schuller has created for you a beautiful 14-karat-gold-plated cross necklace with 10 brilliant, sparkling stones. If you include a gift of \$45 or more, you will also receive a matching 14-karat-gold-plated bracelet with six cross charms.

Your essential and much appreciated gifts to the *Hour of Power* enable this ministry to plant seeds of hope and love in human hearts - like Joyce's, yours, and millions of other's around the world. ■

Seeds of Hope in Germany Kept Bill Alive!

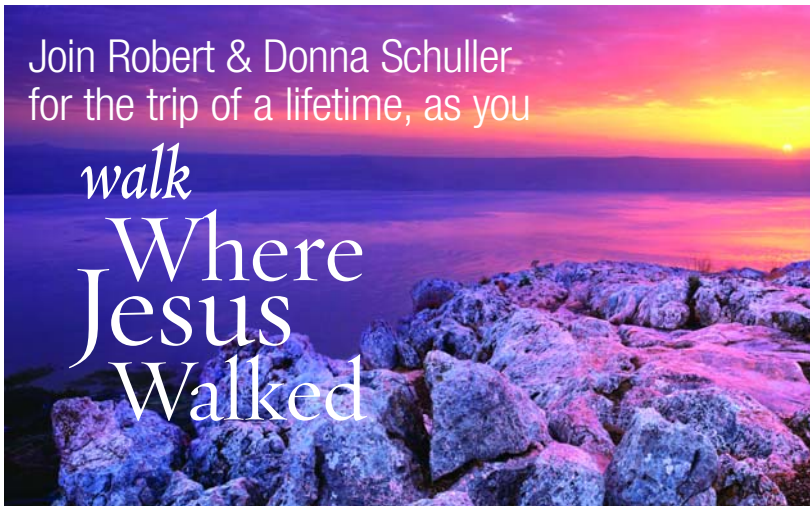
Bill Holler first watched the *Hour of Power* in 1980, but it wasn't until he faced financial ruin and considered suicide several years later that the image of "the gray-haired preacher with the positive faith message" came into his mind.

"It was the Thursday before Easter," he told Dr. Schuller on the *Hour of Power*, "when I was so desperate. Facing bankruptcy, I thought my only option was to stage a fatal auto accident so my family could pay my debts with the proceeds of my life insurance policy."

Bill spent an entire night racing his car along the no-speed-limit German Autobahn, looking for an opportunity to crash without harming anyone else. As day broke, he found himself exhausted, sitting in a parking lot, and feeling that he was not alone in the car.

"If I had been alone, I would have been dead. I realized that God had sent an angel to protect me. And that's when I heard the gray-haired guy telling me, 'Tough times never last, but tough people do!'"





Join Robert & Donna Schuller
for the trip of a lifetime, as you

walk
**Where
Jesus
Walked**

In all my travels around the U.S. and overseas, I have never felt more ‘at home’ than I did in the Holy Land,” says Sara Clark, a Crystal Cathedral Global Member and tour host during the Crystal Cathedral Holy Land pilgrimage in 1999.

“It wasn’t like being at home where I live, but was, instead, like finding my ‘spiritual home’ at last. It was like finding the final missing piece to the puzzle of life on earth. To walk where Jesus walked and to worship where the Apostles worshipped and to stand where God-given miracles occurred was a blessing that left me with a lasting feeling of joy that no words can describe. And to experience it with other Believers – Crystal Cathedral members and friends – was satisfying beyond measure. I was also encouraged to find the people of Israel and Palestine to be so warm, welcoming, and respectful of our Christian beliefs. I encourage every man and woman of faith (and older children, too) to make this incredible journey ‘home.’”

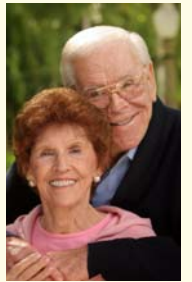
You are invited to “come home” to the Holy Land with the Rev. Robert Anthony Schuller and his wife Donna, Bobby Schuller and his wife Hannah, and hundreds of members of the Crystal Cathedral and *Hour of Power* Global Congregation. On this pilgrimage of a lifetime, we will walk, stand,

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

**God Puts Hope
in Your Heart!**



“What is a drive-in church?” asked the young Dartmouth student sitting before me with pen and pad in hand. “In writing my thesis on the impact of the automobile on society, I came across an article about a church held in a drive-in theater. Tell me more.”

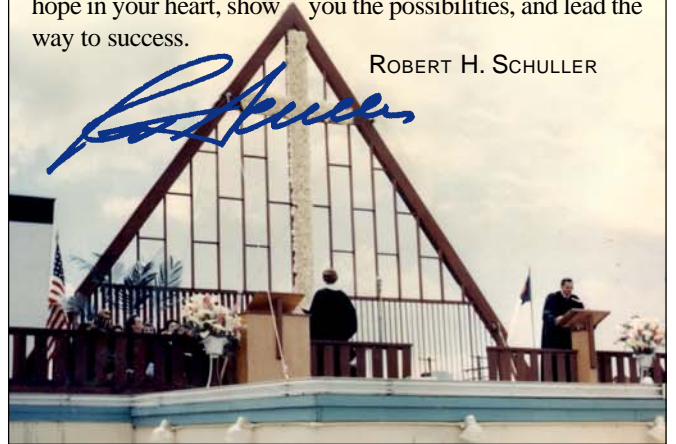
Suddenly, I was hurtled back in time to March, 1955, when I was a 28-year-old preacher who had said “yes” to building a church in a developing suburb in Southern California. I had no buildings and no land, but I did have \$500 and a God-given dream to do something great for Him.

The manager’s face revealed a mixture of skepticism and amusement as I asked if I could hold services at his Orange Drive-in Theater. Once he agreed, with God as my Encourager, I enthusiastically went to work building by hand a large cross for the top of the snack bar, so people in their cars would know this was, indeed, a church. I also bought folding chairs for the choir, plus offering plates and an organ.

Many of my peers scoffed at my idea of a drive-in church, and doubts would also enter my own mind, though down deep in my heart I knew I was following God’s plan for a dynamic church that would present the positive, life-changing message of Jesus Christ needed by these new “suburbanites.” The unique church would be the answer to the prayers of many — the disabled and ill, the alcoholic, young parents with babies, those afraid of church, and the celebrated in need of privacy — all would come with the very special need to experience God “...as you are, in the family car.”

In answering the student’s question, I realized that the greatest lesson I learned during the early development of our ministry was this: Create a life that will help people. When in doubt, trust God. For, as you do His work, He will put hope in your heart, show you the possibilities, and lead the way to success.

ROBERT H. SCHULLER



“The power of your messages renews me every week...”

“When my new husband got orders to go to Korea, my mother said she would come over for a ‘sleep over.’ I woke up to a cup of coffee and the Hour of Power the following morning. It was during your broadcast that life began making sense to me. Now we have a weekly ‘sleep over!’

“The power of your messages renews me every week and shows me that I’m a child of God, and that no matter what wrongs I’ve done in the past, He will always love me. You have helped me change my life and realize that everything negative that happened in the past was God’s way of showing me that I was strong enough to overcome it. You have made me a better person, and I’m enclosing a small gift in gratitude to keep your broadcast going.” — Kelly Fisher, Fairview Heights, Illinois

Dear Sheila,

My husband and I have been trying for over a year to get pregnant, without success. I can’t begin to tell you how painful it is when month after month I find out we are unable to bring a new little life to our world. I am ready to seek medical help, even though it will cause us to go into debt. I am beginning to lose hope. I feel like those around me – my sister (who has three children) and mother – are hesitant to give me hope. I guess they are afraid of giving me false hope, only to let me down. Do you think I still have reason to hope?

Childless & Hopeless



Dear Hopeless,

Although I have never gone through the pain that you describe, I have known many who have, and can only imagine how difficult it is for you and for your husband. I agree with you that often friends around us are afraid to encourage us, fearing that we will only be hurt more if our dreams don’t come true.

Years ago, I grasped onto the phrase, “There is no such thing as false hope.” Hope is never false, and it never misleads. Even if the path leads to a different destination, the hope that carries us along the journey makes the journey bearable, and there

is nothing false about that! Also, hope helps us see the possibilities that we would have been blind to. Hold on to hope. For followers of Christ, the symbol of hope is an anchor. Anchor your hopes in Jesus Christ, Who loves you and only wants the best for you and your husband. Pray boldly and ask the Lord to give you the desires of your heart. But start by aligning your desires with Christ’s desires for

Hold on to Hope

you; in other words, commit your life totally to Him. I pray today that a seed of hope will be planted in your heart and will bear much fruit.

God loves you and so do I!
Sheila



History's Most Compelling Story of Hope!

By Jeanne Dunn

Experience for yourself the most compelling story in the world - the last seven days of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Setting the stage for the unfolding events, Director/Writer Paul David Dunn pays special attention to the details of the story and the accuracy of the historical context. "This is not a fictional event," he asserts. "These events really happened. We present the passion of Christ in the cultural, historical, and spiritual climate of the day." Dunn, who lived and studied in the Holy Land for more than five years, draws from his extensive knowledge of the culture and the land to develop the characters, narration, and dialogue.

The Glory of Easter blends historical and Biblical accuracy with the staging power of the most glorious building in the world. Hollywood's nearby talent pool lends great actors,

musicians, and dancers to the volunteer cast of Cathedral members who dramatize the power, emotion, and passion of Christ. Theatrical special effects that rival Broadway spectaculars illuminate the production.

The all-glass setting presents a marvelous arena for the story to unfold around and above the audience. Flying angels dazzle the audience — as do the emotionally charged live performances of such classics as "Were You There?" and "Because He Lives."

The Glory of Easter, which begins with *The Glory of Christmas*, ends with our personal participation in history's most compelling story of hope.

The *Glory of Easter comes to life at the Crystal Cathedral again this year - Friday, March 23, through Sunday, April 8. For more information and reservations, visit crystalcathedral.org/glory_easter or call 714-54-GLORY. ■*

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ings every day. We are truly blessed."

Growing up in a large family (five sisters and two brothers) in a devout Catholic home, Jaime says he learned early in life that God loved and cared for him. "I'm very fortunate that from my earliest memory I went to church, I prayed, I gave thanks for all the blessings I received, and I developed a personal relationship with Jesus," he says.

"I think I'm a better person today because of this ministry. I was practically raised here, and the values I learned have molded me to be a more positive person in my professional and personal life." ■

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generous benefactor to a number of organizations, including our ministry. Through the years, he contributed generously, including the gift of one of his homes, the historic Rancho Capistrano in San Juan Capistrano, now the Crystal Cathedral Ministries Renewal Center, the site of Senior Pastor Robert Anthony Schuller's first church.

All of us in the Crystal Cathedral and *Hour of Power* family extend our most heartfelt prayers of support for John's wife Donna and family - honoring a man who helped make dreams come true. ■

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and pray in the actual places where Jesus was born, lived His life, performed His miracles, died on the cross, and rose from the dead.

This is only the second time in over a decade that this pilgrimage to the Holy Land by members of the Crystal Cathedral Global Congregation has taken place. Don't miss this amazing opportunity for this trip of a lifetime. "come home" to the Holy Land! ■

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Sundays in March on the *Hour of Power*



Dr. Laura

March 4: *Hour of Power* favorite guest, "Dr. Laura" Schlessinger, will be back for another memorable interview.

March 11: Leadership expert Laurie-Beth Jones will discuss her visionary *Seven Pillars of Society* program.

March 18: The former wife of Lance Armstrong will share her new book, a devotional for women going through divorce.

March 25: Long-time Crystal Cathedral benefactor and friend Evelyn Freed will share about her rare brain tumor and the cutting-edge surgery and God-sent miracle that saved her life.



Laurie-Beth Jones



Evelyn Freed

All guests scheduled at press time.