

# CHAPEL ON WHEELS

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RELEASED TIME CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION OF ORANGE

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## PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE FOR KIDS TO GROW

*Teaching God's Word to  
Public School Students*

## *Chapel on Wheels Parade Day Float*

*Our Annual Parade Float at The Circle*

## **New Bibles Are Here!**

*Students Cherish Their New Bibles: For Some,  
These Are the Only Bibles They Will Ever Own*

## *Chapel Trailers Makeover*

*Generous Supporters Give Our Classrooms  
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**Celebration!**  
70 Years of Ministry

70<sup>th</sup>

## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# CHAPEL ON WHEELS

Released Time Christian Education of Orange (RTCEO), affectionately known as "Chapel On Wheels," is a Christian ministry serving the greater Orange community. We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of sharing God's Word with boys and girls in the public schools, and to assure them of His love and forgiveness through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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Happy 70th Birthday, Chapel-On-Wheels! There have been many changes over the past seventy years, but our mission to create life-changing bible classes for public school children by introducing them to the love of God remains the same.



We have a lot to celebrate throughout this special birthday year:

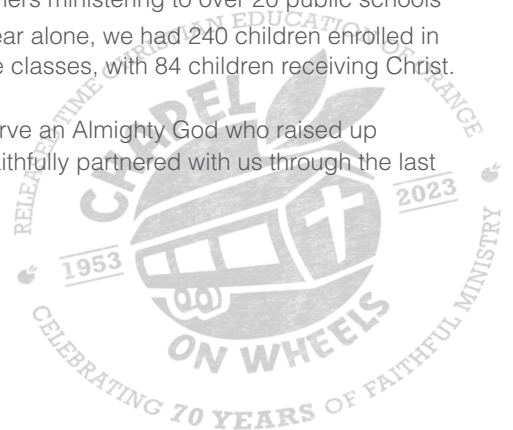
- From just a single chapel trailer donated in 1953, Released Time Christian Education of Orange has grown to minister to over 50,000 public school children.
- We have introduced the love of Christ to over 6,000 school children who made a personal commitment to Jesus.
- We have had over hundreds of volunteers and teachers ministering to over 20 public schools
- During the 2019-2020 school year alone, we had 240 children enrolled in Orange Chapel on Wheels bible classes, with 84 children receiving Christ.

All this was possible because we serve an Almighty God who raised up generous supporters like you who faithfully partnered with us through the last 70 years.

For His Glory,

*Alicia*

Alicia Helwig,  
Executive Director



## HAWAIIAN HULA NIGHT: HELP NEEDED



Hawaiian Hula Night, our biggest fundraising event is on May 25th, at Calvary Chapel Old Towne. We need silent auction items which will help to fund critical repairs and maintenance on our chapel trailer classrooms.

Sign up now to donate auction baskets, individual items, or unique things like timeshares in vacation locations at [orangert.org/auction](http://orangert.org/auction)

Note: We need the auction items at our Orange office no later than May 14th.

For questions or to make arrangements, please contact Laura Duncan at [rtceorange@gmail.com](mailto:rtceorange@gmail.com).



# A SAFE PLACE FOR KIDS



Very soon we will be celebrating Resurrection Sunday. We rejoice in the Good News about Christ, who showed his love for us, not only by his death on the cross for our sins, but also in his resurrection! Doing so, he tore down the barrier that once separated us from Him, giving us free access to a life surrounded by His goodness and mercy!

We recognize the importance of sharing this good news with as many young people as we can. Teaching God's Word to public school students is a re-markable opportunity for both those who attend and those who serve. Never has there been a more important time to offer children hope, security, and unconditional love.

In the City of Orange, we are currently teaching 180 students at 6 schools (LaVeta, Chapman Hills, West Orange, Prospect, Lampson and OCCA). We have 23 total teachers and assistants, 3 cleaning volunteers, and 2 volunteers to help with the mailings.

We've had some wonderful opportunities to participate in events outside our Chapels:

- Heritage Church Trunk or Treat
- OCCA Trunk or Treat
- Orange Circle Treats in the Streets
- Orange Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

What a blessing it was to have the Chapels painted and cleaned by volunteers from American Heritage Girls Troop and Heritage Christian Church Youth Group!

By partnering with Released Time, you will help share this news with the 3rd grade to Junior High students in the public schools of Orange!

## MAKE AN IMPACT

### TEACHER'S QUOTE CORNER:

*Observations from our teachers in the field.*



***"Chapel on Wheels is an amazing opportunity to build the church in the public school!"***

-Teacher Paul



***"When we ask for prayer requests I am amazed how eager the kids are to write something on cards we hand out. They ask for prayer for sick relatives, and some ask that mom and dad stay together!"***

-Teacher Bob

## STUDENTS RECEIVE NEW NIV BIBLES

An old Bible is often treasured by its owner as the worn pages contain notes, with passages underlined and highlighted. A worn Bible will sometimes fall open to a special place that holds deep truths and meaning.

But sometimes a new Bible is just what is needed to bring fresh excitement to God's Word! Our Orange Chapel students were thrilled to receive new NIV Bibles and canvas pages.

The Chapel On Wheels Free Bible Day is often the highlight of the semester. Oftentimes, and for many students, this special bible is the only bible that they will ever own. Years later, alumni from years past have reported to us how they still kept their Chapel On Wheels bibles, reading it with fond memories of how they first gave their lives to Christ in our classrooms.

Students are encouraged to bring their Bibles to Chapel each week and receive a 'ticket' that can be redeemed at the Chapel Store each time they bring their Bible.

The student bibles are provided free of charge due to the contributions of our generous supporters.





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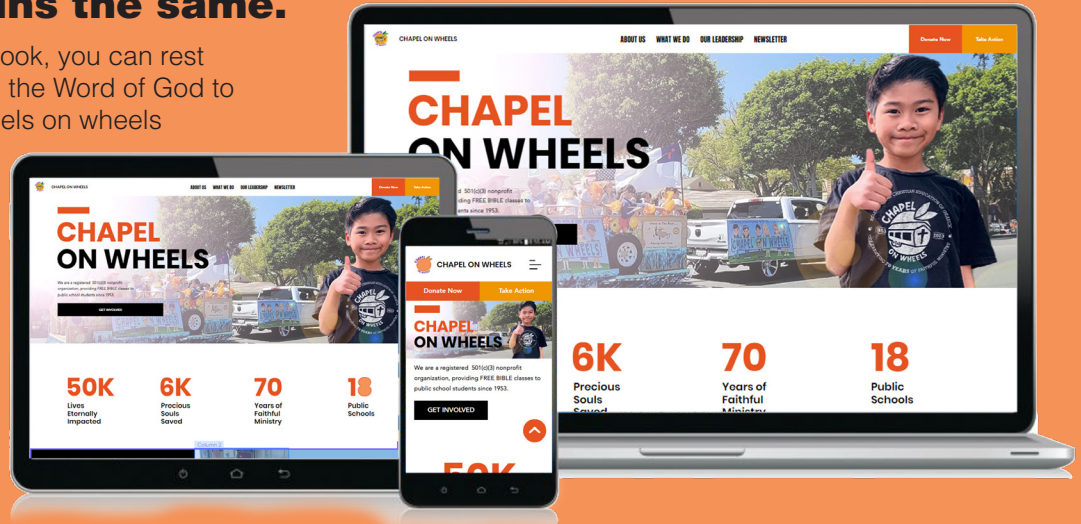
Although our website has a new look, you can rest assured that our mission to teach the Word of God to school children through our chapels on wheels remains the same.

Please prayerfully consider supporting us in this vital mission to spread the light of Christ to children. You can help by attending our:

## Hawaiian Fundraising Dinner

May 25th, 2024 @ 5:00 - 7:30

Venue: Calvary Chapel Old Towne



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