# **Emergency Chaplains**



Durham, NC DECEMBER 2013

# **NEWEST CHAPLAINS NOW SERVING**



Chad Revelle Cary FD



Bert Haywood Crisis Response Team



Harold Rigsbee Crisis Response Team



Ebenezer Addae Crisis Response Team



Dan Johnson **Durham PD** 

Chad Revelle now serves as a chaplain for the Cary Fire Department. He is Lead Pastor and founder of Ten39 Church in Morrisville. Previously, Chad has served as a volunteer chaplain at the C.A. Dillon Youth Detention Facility in Butner and worked as an evangelist with Jay Lowder Harvest Ministries in Texas. He is a graduate of North Carolina State University where he was a member of the football team and has done graduate work at Liberty University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Bert Haywood** is now a member of our Crisis Response Team. He volunteers in the counseling ministry at his church and in the Pastoral Care Department at Duke University Medical Center. A Durham native, Bert has a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of North Carolina. He lives in Durham with his wife, Joanne, where they are members of First Baptist Church. Bert loves serving the Lord and helping those in need.

Harold Rigsbee felt the Lord leading him to join us in some capacity at our 2012 Banquet. He is now serving as a member of our Crisis Response Team. Harold and his wife, Linda, are natives of Durham. They have two daughters and three grandchildren and they are members of Cross Culture Church. Harold loves the Lord and he loves serving others.

Ebenezer Addae is serving as an intern with our Crisis Response Team. He came to Durham from Ghana, Africa to pursue an Master's Degree in Pharmaceutical Science which he is doing at North Carolina Central University. Married to Bernice, they have one child. Ebenezer is an Elder in his church, The Church of Pentecost U.S.A. and has a strong call to share God's love with those in crisis.

**Dan Johnson** is serving as a chaplain with the Durham Police Department in District One. Dan is a native of Oregon and a graduate of New Hope Christian College in Eugene, Oregon. He moved to Durham to be the Lead Pastor at Mosaic Church. Dan is married to Kelly and they have one child. Dan has a powerful testimony and a passion to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with others, especially in times of crisis.

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#### **OUR TEAM**

#### **CHAPLAINS**

**Grant Bennett** Richard Brown **Danny Bryant** Robert Chalnick Todd Cole Ricardo Correa Jeff DeGrow James Dodson Andre Gilliard Johnny Hewett Mike Jobe Dan Johnson Steve Jordan Chris O'Guin Keith Kimball Chad Revelle Matt Rice Don Sharp **Greg Templin** Joe Thomas Mike White Phil Wiggins

#### **CHAPLAIN INTERNS**

Ebenezer Addae Craig Alexander Jason Harris Bert Haywood Art Klose Bill Oakley Floyd Pearce Harold Rigsbee

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# **2013 YEAR IN REVIEW**

First, I want to say thank you to our many volunteers, prayer partners, encouragers and donors. You have made 2013 our best year ever through your faithfulness. It is only because of you that we are able to continue working side by side with our First Re-

sponders and going to where people are in crisis. Thank you for making the ministry of Emergency Chaplains available in nine counties now and for your partnership in our vision of taking our ministry to every county in North Carolina.

You might remember that last year I wrote to you about our vision for starting an area wide Grief Ministry and expanding our Crisis Response Team. Although we



were not able to start the Grief Team or expand the Crisis Team in 2013 we are prayerful that 2014 will be the year this vision becomes reality.

Please pray for these ministries in the coming year. In order for this vision to become reality we will need to fund two part-time positions. We budgeted for both positions this year but we have not been able to fund them. Pray for us as we work to raise money that will give us the opportunity to grow the ministry of Emergency Chaplains in 2014 and coming years.

Here are some highlights from 2013:

- —Emergency Chaplains began serving the **Cary Fire Department** in May. Four chaplains were added to our roster to provide service to the 225 men and women who work for Cary FD.
- —In addition to Cary FD we also began serving: Carrboro Fire Department, Person County 911, Prospect Hill Fire Department, Wake Forest Police Department, and Youngsville Fire Department. These additions bring our total to 19 agencies served in 9 counties.
- —We added 11 new chaplains to bring our total to 33 volunteers. Chaplains added in 2013 were: Robert Chalnick, Todd Cole, Dan Johnson, Steve Jordan, Chad Revelle, Matt Rice, Greg Templin, Ebenezer Addae, Jason Harris, Bert Haywood, and Harold Rigsbee.
- —**Trooper Michael Potts (NC State Highway Patrol)** was shot by a wanted fugitive during a traffic stop on U.S. 70 in Durham on February 18th. We activated our **10-33 Fund** to assist Trooper Potts and his family. You responded by giving \$4,300 to the fund so that we could provide much needed financial help.



—We were able to partner with **Ten-Four Ministries** in Tulsa, OK to collect used ballistic vests from the agencies we serve. The **Durham Police Department** graciously donated 20 used vests that we were able to send to **Ten-Four Ministries**. They will be refurbished through their **Armor of God Project** and then given to Law Enforcement Officers across the US who do not have their own vests.

(For more information about The Armor of God Project, go to:

www.VestForLife.com)

- —Our annual banquet was held on Sunday, October 27th with over 400 people in attendance. **Hometown Hero Awards** were presented to seven individual First Responders and two Specialized Divisions. The **Brantley Pearce Memorial Awards** were presented to **Amanda Redfern** of Durham EMS and **Craig Alexander** of Emergency Chaplains.
- —So far in 2013, our Crisis Response Chaplains have responded to 158 calls and spent 341 hours on scene. Chaplains assigned to agencies have made 327 station visits and participated in 81 ride alongs where they invested 386 hours.
- —Special thanks to **Braggtown Baptist Church** for allowing us to operate our office from their facility! Thanks again to everyone who has made 2013 a great year. We look forward to what the Lord has in store for us in 2014 and the years to come as we strive to turn those in crisis toward Christ.

Chaplain Ralph In Jesus' Name,