



Our Mission: To bring people to Jesus Christ through the Visual Storytelling Medium of Comics

2016 - the 20th Anniversary of COMIX35



Twenty years ago I was simply a Christian who had a God-given desire to use the artistic talent and comic-book training He gave me to share The Gospel. In my own wisdom I thought that meant publishing a Christian comic book, but God had bigger plans! Through that one little comic, *Aida-Zee*, God connected me with Clyde Cowan, a missionary working among the Native people of Western Canada. He and North American Indian Ministries had just produced the *Dan Red Eagle* comic and had other missionaries clamoring for him to teach them

how. He knew they needed help, saw *Aida-Zee*, and contacted me. Together with the administrative help of Cathleen Sward, we put together the First International Christian Comic Training Conference in the Philippines, and the rest is history!

From its inception, COMIX35 has been about taking the abilities learned in the comics industry and teaching artists and evangelists from all over the world...

MUCH of the time we don't get to see the long-term fruits as to how God uses what we teach and produce, but sometimes we catch a glimpse of what He is doing.

Here in the USA, Bobby McGee is a prison evangelist who used to be a prison inmate. In 2011, The Lord led me to help Bobby with his ministry. We used an artistic Christian inmate to adapt Bobby's testimony into tract. The incredible part is how Bobby uses this small story, calling it his "most powerful ministry tool." He sends copies into the prison a few weeks before he visits. The comic trickles down into even the deepest levels of the prisons where the most hardened guys reside – guys who would normally never come out to hear an evangelist. But when they read it, they realize he's done time, too, and his story is their story. As a result, his audience size has increased dramatically, and many more inmates have been saved as a result!



"We have found it to be our most powerful ministry tool."
- Bobby McGee

- Coming Up in 2016**
(Lord willing!)
- April** - Speaking at Biola University Library in La Mirada, CA, on international Christian Comics Collection donated to Biola by COMIX35
 - April** - COMIX35 Int'l Desert Benefit in Albuquerque, NM
 - May** - COMIX35 Seminar in Mexico City
 - June** - In Montreal to plan 2017 seminar
 - July** - Call2All Missions Conference in Seoul
 - July** - COMIX35 seminar in Congo Kinshassa, Africa
 - August** - Seminar for prison inmates in Richmond, TX
 - August** - Prison Evangelists Conference in Underwood, IN
 - October** - COMIX35 Board Meeting in Albuquerque, NM

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Join us in prayer...

✦ Benjamin from the Ivory Coast was supposed to teach at our seminar in Quebec. His visa was denied at the last minute. It's extremely difficult to get Africans into Quebec, so please pray that The Lord would make a way for Benjamin to attend the next one.



✦ We need to locate an African-American inmate artist who is able to draw the next prison tract we have in development.

Quebec Seminar

Thank you for all of your prayers during our comics seminar this past December.

We have worked in Quebec before, holding a seminar in Lac-Brôme in 2011. Through that, and constant prayer, we now have a good partnership with SEMBEQ (Evangelical Baptist Seminary of Quebec), who were generous in letting us use their space. We also have an on-the-ground Quebecois coordinator for our next seminar, which we pray happens June 2017.



One of the things I like to do everywhere we teach is bring our contacts together. We began each seminar morning with devotionals led by local leaders from SEMBEQ, Ligue pour la Lecture de la Bible (Scripture Union), and the Billy Graham Ministry. We were blessed to have a Quebecois cartoonist (who was a student in Lac-Brôme) teach this time. In addition, a donor made it possible for us to bring Ryo Azumi, a famous Christian Manga artist, from Japan.

We had a great mix of people—from ages 16 to 84, with great creative energy and cool comic ideas. One particular young woman stood out as someone fiercely devoted to The Lord. Her passion is to use her artistic gifts to bring The Lord's hope and peace to those who struggle with their identity. Through Ryo Azumi's mentorship, and through what she learned at this seminar, she was able to draft a comic that will reach this demographic that is especially on her heart.



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4TH INTERNATIONAL DESSERT BENEFIT

for **COMIXTM 35** at

with **Nate Butler**

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SATURDAY APRIL 23rd 2016 at 7:00pm