

Interview with Donald Callan

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- Speaker 1: Dr. Callan, I know that you have filled quite a few roles, over the years, here at Cedarville. What were some of the things that you did in your tenure here?
- Dr. Don Callan: Well, I came as a basketball coach and a teacher of physical education. Now, that was why I was hired. From there on, it was teaching, it was coaching, and I started a number of sports when I came that we didn't have, because I became the athletic director the second year I was here. I had everything. And the third year I was here, I think I was the only one here in that department.
- Dr. Don Callan: And then, I hired June Kearney who was graduating from Taylor University. I went and interviewed her and she was wonderful. She became absolutely what we needed. Anyway, I did a lot of those things, management things, administrative things, and athletics basically all my career here.
- Dr. Don Callan: I ended up going through department chairs, and dean, and has been. Now I'm a has been.
- Speaker 1: Emeritus, right?
- Dr. Don Callan: Well, yeah! Well, the has been emeritus, well, we'll talk about that later. I've haven't found anything that emeritus gets or does, yet.
- Speaker 1: Tell us how you came to Cedarville?
- Dr. Don Callan: I guess it's a good story. I was coaching basketball, in Indiana, high school in Indiana, Indiana high school. I started at Peru, Indiana, and went to Winchester, Indiana after a two-year military stint. Then, I was two years coaching high school, and my wife's pastor, Dr. John Reed, who ended up in the Dallas Seminary, heading up a lot of things there in the seminary. And, he just retired there two or three times already, and he's probably 90 by now.
- Dr. Don Callan: He was our pastor, and he married us, and one day we were at his church, we went to northern Ohio and he said, "Why don't you go to Cedarville?"
- Dr. Don Callan: I said, "I don't even know who Cedarville is," I'd never heard of it before, but I had. When he explained it to me, I knew who it was. And, I said, "They probably don't need anyone," and I said, "I don't need the job, I'm making good money where I am."
- Dr. Don Callan: It was the next week, we were coming back to Stryker, Ohio. He said, "Come in Saturday, and we'll go down, and we'll see Dr. Jeremiah." I said, "Okay." Again, I had no idea who he was. We came down, saw the school, and Dr. Jeremiah said, "We don't have a position right now." I said, "Okay." I was not disappointed

because I didn't know who they were, or what they were. The school was what, seven years old, or six or seven years old then, as far as the Baptists were concerned.

Dr. Don Callan: It was in disrepair. The grass, I said, when I came, it was probably that tall, and it was relatively unkept, so I wasn't super impressed. Dr. Jeremiah was a wonderful guy, and Dr. Reed was convinced this was where I should be, and he was my counselor, my advisor, in my estimation, anyway.

Dr. Don Callan: Went home, two months later got a call from Dr. Jeremiah, he said, "We have a job open, do you want it?" And, I said, "Sure." And, we didn't pray about it, we didn't think about it, but my idea was I wanted to be in a situation where I could do what I wanted to do, and the way I wanted to do it, and it was perfect for me.

Dr. Don Callan: I thought, because I went to the school, my coach was the first one to do any missions work at Taylor University, and he started a program that was called Venture for Victory basketball program. I joined that program, as a senior, and I loved my coach. He was a spiritual giant in my mind, and so I thought, "I'm going to be like him." I tried to think I could do that in a school like Cedarville.

Dr. Don Callan: I came and started, and a lot of struggles, obviously along the line, we didn't have a contract. I tore up a contract for \$9100 and came here for 4000. And yet, my wife never said, "What are you doing," or anything. We just knew this was it.

Dr. Don Callan: It's not mystical, but it's one of those things that, I guess all my life, I came out of an unsaved home. I'm not sure, my mother might have been a Christian, but my dad, I never saw him in church. I heard stories about him persecuting church people. He was a good man, but he was obviously mistaken.

Dr. Don Callan: Eventually came to Christ, through one of our students. A graduate, who went and visited him in the hospital. And then told me to go see him, and then I led him to Christ, or I think Jim Neely led him to Christ, and he wanted me to have part in it, so he told me to go talk to him, so, I did.

Dr. Don Callan: Anyway, we came to Cedarville and it was a strange situation in a way. We liked the people. We met Dr. Dale Thompson. The first thing that we did was in biology, and he's a graduate of Cedarville, and we became fast friends, our family. I remember, it was interesting moving into a situation like this because we came out of a city school, and you knew people, but it wasn't the close relationships that we had, we developed here over the years.

Speaker 1: Had you ever lived in the country, before?

Dr. Don Callan: Yeah, my home was in southern Indiana in the hills.

Speaker 1: It wasn't complete culture shock?

Dr. Don Callan: No, no, no-

Speaker 1: But different?

Dr. Don Callan: Right. When I went to college, I hitchhiked. I told my dad I wanted to go to college, I wanted to play football. He said, "you never played football in your life. Why are you going? You can do it." He said, "The road runs right by the house, feel free." I packed my bag, my mother helped me, went out and stuck my thumb out and started. She looked out and said, she "felt sorry for me," so she took me five miles to a main highway. We were in the country.

Dr. Don Callan: Anyway, I ended up going to college, walked in the door, said "I want to play football," and they said, "You ever play before?"

Dr. Don Callan: "No," so they gave me the last uniform they had. It was a leather helmet, give you some idea of how long ago it was. We didn't have face guards, anyway, on the other helmets either. But anyhow, 14 days later, I played my first game. The coach called me and said, "Get in some defense." I didn't know where to play defense because I'd worked out at offensive end, or flanker, whatever they called it back then.

Dr. Don Callan: I got in the game, first thing the other player, Joe Hawkins, the only black boy we had. He was my friend. He said, "Don't let that guy catch the ball." I just beat that guy all over the place. And Joe picks me up and says, "That's good, he didn't get it." But he said, "You can't hit him until the ball gets there." Okay.

Dr. Don Callan: Anyway, two downs, a third down, a fourth down, they punt, he said, "You back here, you back here. They'll punt the ball to you. You take it and go with it." Okay. So the guy punted the ball, went 15, 20 yards, and everyone is standing around by then, waiting for it to bounce, and nobody wanted to touch it. But, he told me to catch it, right, so being dumb, I ran right in the middle of everyone and caught the ball and ran out the other side, and the punter caught me on the 10-yard line. And, he was mad because he'd messed it up, so he started punching me. And, I thought, "Boy, this is a strange sport."

Dr. Don Callan: Anyway, I go the bench, I thought, "Well, I did my job. I won't get back in there." And, soon the ball changed hands again, and he said, "Callan, get in there and defensive back." I got back in, and that was my first exposure.

Speaker 1: Was that your first sport?

Dr. Don Callan: No, I played basketball, and softball, we had a little town, we didn't have a field flat enough to play baseball. At my school, we played softball. That was it, and I became pretty proficient at what I was doing. I was the fastest man they had, et cetera, so I gradually moved up and got into offense. It was a good career for me. Ended up my career, I was third nationally in scoring, in football, in 1954, I

guess it was. I had a lot of attention, well, as much attention as they had back then.

Dr. Don Callan: Small schools didn't get any, hardly, but I did get some letters from pro teams and I thought, "Oh man, I really could," no, I didn't. I knew better. God was good to me and that was a good experience, made great friends, anyway. That was my background. And my football coach became a missionary to Brazil. That had a huge impact on me, he was a good friend, and he was telling me how to do, and what to do. He was an image that I tried to emulate as well, was my head coach.

Dr. Don Callan: Interesting process from an unsaved home, I was always a good kid, never what I call a bad kid. I was a sinner, there's no doubt about that, but I was a good kid. I had made friends. I was not a good student. It's amazing when I came here and got my doctorate, I went back and they just shook their heads, "How could this be?" But, God just kept developing me. And, I probably had some issues, learning issues, back in my early days, that I didn't realize. And nobody back then thought about things like that. And they just said, "He's dumb."

Dr. Don Callan: My dad would just get frustrated at me because I couldn't learn, and so, to go to college was ridiculous, actually. He was right. But anyway, that's the way the Lord worked to get me prepared. In high school, things in school, even then, were starting to change. I thought, "This is not really what I want to do." And then, Cedarville jumped out at me and said, "This is where you can maybe do it."

Dr. Don Callan: And, Dr. Jeremiah let me do, not whatever I wanted to do, but if I wanted, like starting MIS, our missions outreach, why, "Okay." And, I had Pastor Harold Green, he was the first campus pastor that we had. He was hired, in about 1979, I think it was, '69, boy the time runs away. Anyway, 1969, he was hired and we became fast friends, like brothers. When I got the idea of starting missions outreach, and taking a team overseas, which I traveled overseas when I was senior high and in college, he bought into it big time. And, it wasn't long after that we said, "Well, yeah, if it's good for basketball players, why wouldn't it be good for a music team?"

Dr. Don Callan: We started looking at that, sent music teams to Brazil. Larry Bollback, who was a Word of Life icon back then, and his dad, Harry Bollback, we became friends with them. Larry recruited to come here on a basketball scholarship, but he played soccer. And, I started soccer here. And, anyway, I knew he was a Brazilian kid, so I knew he'd played that, so I brought him in. The Lord was good. He became a real star. Then, Evandro Batista came, he was a Brazilian boy, a year later, and he was a friend of Larry's. And so, they became All-Americans. Actually, were invited to play professionally, but both got hurt. As I remember that, they were out of school. I don't know what the question was, but that's the answer.

Speaker 1: You're doing great. You're answering all the questions.

Dr. Don Callan: I came because it just fit. And, like I said, "I wasn't a great thinker." My wife was very supportive of me. She thought I was good. Her mother thought I was the best thing she'd seen in a long time, and I thought, "She didn't see much." Anyway, we came here, we built a house, and I remember Dr. Jeremiah asked me, said, "I hear you're building a house." I was working, before we started teaching, actually, I was here summer, and so, I said, "Yes." He said, "Why?" I said, "Well, I need a place to live," and I said, "I thought I'd just build one. And, my mother-in-law loaned us the money," so I said, "I decided to do that." He said, "Well, why would you do that? We don't know if we like you and you don't know if you like us."

Dr. Don Callan: I said, "Dr. Jeremiah, when I took the job, I took it for life. I'm not planning on leaving." And, he looked at me, and we were outside, and I was painting, and he said, "Okay." And, I think I sold him then, that I was really here because of the Lord, and not because I just had a vision to do something. Praise the Lord! He was a good man, the best preacher we had, by the way, back then. And now, his son, David played ball for me. He had two sons play ball for me. And, David was a star, no doubt about it.

Speaker 1: You mentioned, maybe this would be a good segue into talking about Missions Involvement Service, because you mentioned that. But also, along those lines, I was wondering, we have a really good relationship, here at Cedarville, with Word of Life, and I'm wondering if there's a connection between your work with Mission Involvement Service and that strong relationship?

Dr. Don Callan: At some places in the process, yes, because the program grew great. Jack Wyrzten and Wendell Kempton, of ABWE, they've spoke in chapel, well, one right after the other, in about, I don't know what year it was. You have to talk to Dwayne Frank about that. They talked about China, and so I immediately said, "We can do this." Because we'd been taking teams, and travel teams, et cetera and music teams, so I said, "We can do this."

Dr. Don Callan: I arranged for a China team, travel, and all we were was tourists in China. And we went on the streets and talked to people about Christ as best we could. Those, who speak English, were attracted to us, a little bit. And, a number of people made decisions for Christ that year. And so, that was the start of the China program, and I captured Dwayne Frank and said, "Dwayne, you teach far eastern history, so you're it." And, he said, "Why me?" But anyway, he grabbed it and started it, and then we started sending teachers.

Dr. Don Callan: Myron Youngman, who's still ministering in China, and Diane Lichtensteiger is still ministering in China, and Sara Dixon, I'm trying now to remember her maiden name, is married to Scott, she was very interested in China, so she went. She and Myron were our first teachers to China. And, we had very loose connection with them and then we started trying to say, "Okay, we can do more than this." And they like our kids, our teachers, they're moral, they're honest, they're going to be there. If they say it, they're going to do it. We got a good

reputation in that regard. Diane Lichtensteiger has been thirty years, I think this may be her last year, in China, teaching.

Dr. Don Callan: Fantastic what God did with these kids, teach in China. I think we had over 35 at one time. Graduates of Cedarville, we went beyond the students, graduates of Cedarville, that went to China to teach English as a second language, and had a huge impact at People's University in Beijing. I've been there many times, six or seven times, took Dr. Dixon there for the first contract we signed with them, that we would provide teachers if they would do thus and so.

Dr. Don Callan: He and Mrs. Dixon, I was their tour guide to China. I could barely say, "Hello," in Chinese. Anyway, but Myron was there and he helped us a lot. That was good.

Speaker 1: Myron?

Dr. Don Callan: Youngman.

Speaker 1: Youngman, okay.

Dr. Don Callan: Myron Youngman. He's with an organization called Kaifa, that he developed over the years and has been the consultant really in China, and now he's doing it in Nepal, he's doing it in India, he's doing it in Myanmar. I've been to those places, but I couldn't do what he does, and he couldn't do what I did either. But, it was one of those things, God gradually built those things and they came together.

Dr. Don Callan: But, Word of Life had a big impact in that regard. And I worked with Word of Life in summer camps for a number of years, so yes, we have a connection there. And, I was on the ABWE Mission Board for many years, and still am, I'm an emeritus there, too, by the way. But they at least let me listen, I don't get to vote. But anyhow, that's kind of my story, in that regard.

Speaker 1: And, you took basketball teams over to the Philippines, and other nations as well?

Dr. Don Callan: Well, I was in charge of basketball, obviously, so my orientation was to have them minister and develop spiritually, in seeing the world, like I did. I mean, it changed my life, forever, obviously. I decided I would take a team. I had some connections. I had traveled with an overseas crusade then, for one summer, it was 10 weeks. And, I coached basketball in Taiwan and went through the Philippines, had one of my first captains at Cedarville was a missionary in the Philippines. Jim and Esther Entner, and so, we talked when I went through there. I went to Taiwan, coached basketball for four or five weeks. Then I went through the Philippines to New Guinea, and then down to Australia where I coached again, taught basketball.

Dr. Don Callan: I saw the Entners in the Philippines and we decided that was what we're going to do, they would be our support team there. And, Dr. Dick Durham, who retired from here, and now deceased, he was the president of BBSNI in Manila. Anyway, this all fit together, so I decided to take the team over. And so, we went for four weeks. In Taiwan for four or five days, through Hong Kong, and then to the Philippines for three weeks.

Dr. Don Callan: It was settled, and everyone wanted to join in with it. The others guys said, "Why can't we go?" Well, sure, and eventually, we went as a basketball team to China. That was one of the first things we did.

Speaker 1: Okay. You mean in China?

Dr. Don Callan: In China-

Speaker 1: One of the first things you did-

Dr. Don Callan: Played competitively in China, and it was an interesting experience. I was supposed to know what was going on, and I had to really work at it because the kids wanted to witness. I remember we had probably 10 to 12 thousand people the first game. I saw the kids out, and they were handing out tracts, and I thought, "Oh, I'm in trouble." I corralled them and said, "We can't do that." Then, the Chinese said, "You can't do that." I said, "I just stopped it."

Speaker 1: And, you were playing in Beijing?

Dr. Don Callan: In Beijing and surrounding areas, yeah. We played some of their best teams, and they clobbered us. I think we won one or two games out of eight. But they were prepared for the Americans coming in, I think we might have been one of the first American basketball experiences in China. But, I never researched it. Who cares?

Dr. Don Callan: Anyway, God was good in that, that's why I started, it was an area of interest and my background supported that, and I did the preliminary work the year before we started that program.

Speaker 1: Awesome.

Dr. Don Callan: It was fun. I think 35 teams we sent overseas, every summer.

Speaker 1: Every summer, wow.

Dr. Don Callan: And every summer, I was gone for four or five weeks. And, my wife's a hero. She's at home, she was taking care of our two kids. She was doing the garden, she was mowing the lawn, she was keeping the house. She was really the hero, I was just having fun. It was something I wanted to do.

Speaker 1: Right. How are we doing on the video? Is it, we're doing good. Okay, good.

Dr. Don Callan: I'm too long, I know that.

Speaker 1: No, you're not. No, you're not. As long as you're willing to stay, we're willing to listen.

Dr. Don Callan: Oh, okay. Well, we got a long time then.

Speaker 1: You've talked about some of the relationships, I think Harold Green, you mentioned.

Dr. Don Callan: Harold Green was very critical to that. He became a vice president, and that put us into the flow that we had the support of the administration. Not all of them, there were a few administrators and I won't name them, but they thought I was on a lark. They thought, like a lot of pastors, you're just taking kids for a vacation. And it wasn't true at all.

Speaker 1: Hard work.

Dr. Don Callan: Our basketball team, it was hard work, I'll tell you that. We played up to 38 games, I think, in the period of time we were over there. When I traveled over there, in 1955, we played 80 games in two and a half months, and traveled the orient. Yeah, it was fun. If you're a basketball junkie, why it's no problem.

Speaker 1: What were some of the other relationships you had with faculty, staff, students? Anyone, really, is fair game.

Dr. Don Callan: One of my objectives, was in sports, they always worrying about the sports' tail wagging the dog, so to speak, so I took a very academic position, and a Christian discipleship position, in the university, so I became rather central in that. And, I was the first to do some of those things. Although others were out preaching, I wasn't a preacher. I was the basketball coach. I had kids that could preach me under the table.

Dr. Don Callan: And so, I put them to work. And so, I sometimes think back and I wish I'd have done more speaking, so I could have become the one they called to speak. But, I'd speak in schools and churches sometimes, but I wasn't highly sought after in that regard. Number one, sports, number two, I was in missions and short-term missions which very suspect at the time.

Dr. Don Callan: Are we using the money that the missionaries could use and do a better job than we could do, and we said, "No. We're not using money you can get. Grandma and grandpa wouldn't have given you a dime, or the missions a dime, but they did to their kids. And, so they put them into the ministry, so to speak, so there were a lot of factors going at us, so I had to walk circumspectly in that regard.

Dr. Don Callan: But, I had the support of Dr. Jeremiah. And, I remember, of course, Harold and I started that program, it was not Cedarville University. We just said, "Can we work through Cedarville University?" We'll use our students, et cetera. And I remember, it was about the third year, we had kids out in ministry, and we came back and thought, "Let's have a little get-together, an ice cream social."

Dr. Don Callan: We invited Dr. Jeremiah and these kids gave testimonies. I'll tell you, you weep when you heard them talking about what they were doing and how they were impressing people with the gospel, et cetera, and Dr. Jeremiah came to Harold and I and said, "Why isn't this part of the program here?" And we said, "That's a good idea." You know it goes, and he said, "Well, I think we better take care of that." And I said, "Yes sir," and so I became the director of that.

Dr. Don Callan: For many years, I was doing coaching. I was coaching more than one sport most years, track, baseball. I supervised some of the others, but tennis, golf, I put it on my schedule. Plus, I had my full teaching job. I taught 15 hours like the teachers did, only I was doing 30 hours a week in basketball, et cetera, et cetera.

Dr. Don Callan: I never realized I was overworked, and we all knew we were underpaid. But, that was taken care of, too. And, God took care of that, the presidents just really worked hard at getting us what we needed as professors.

Dr. Don Callan: In the meantime, my wife was a nurse and she worked and made more money than I did. My 4000 was a minimal, but they raised it before we got here. In fact, I think I got 4400 the first year. But, anyway, it's a good experience. But the main, key, thing, I think, was that we could be entrepreneurial. They allowed us to spread our wings. I don't know Dr. Jeremiah ever told me, "Don't do that." But, I didn't share everything with him either. If the mothers had known what I was doing with these kids, traveling in basketball, they'd have had me lynched.

Dr. Don Callan: We slept on floors in churches. We traveled in Jeeps, and motorcycles, and boats out between islands. We'd take a banca boat, we'd take an outrigger type of thing from island to island at times. And, we ate what we had. I remember searching for food, and I didn't want to feed them anything that would get them sick, so I fed them bread and bought Coke. That trip was a strange trip, but anyhow.

Dr. Don Callan: ABWE had a missionary Bud DeVries, who had the gospel launch, in the Philippines. He decided the kids, the islands, we'd go around and pick them up. He bought an island, called Camp Treasure Island, he called it and it was off of Palawan, the southernmost island, and he'd go around the island and pick up kids in the boat, and take them there and they'd have camp. He said, "Don, we can do this. We can take you around to towns. We can minister to people, no way you could ever get to, and so we traveled by boat for about 14 days, and went through typhoon and all kinds of stuff. Hid behind islands, so it wouldn't hit us so hard, and like I said, the mothers would have probably killed me.

Dr. Don Callan: My daughter, I took my grandson. He was 13. I told her, "I wouldn't let him out of my sight," well, I did. And he was out of my sight for three full days and he got sick, a little bit, and one of the other players got sick, so I left them in Cebu City and a doctor there, and a missionary, and they said they'd take care of them. And, I thought, "Okay, thank you. We got to go on to Bohol, which is the next island down."

Dr. Don Callan: And, so I came back and I said, "Where are the kids?"

Dr. Don Callan: "Well, they're in a hotel." He'd put them in a hotel downtown in the middle of the second largest city in the Philippines at the time, so it was wonderful. It affected my family, my son traveled with me on the boat, when we were on the boat, and I pictured him climbing up the back of the boat with the boat going, swell, it swells very big. I have stories about that.

Dr. Don Callan: The engine stopping and we're going to a game. We had to go over the mountains to get to the place we wanted to go. And, we waded ashore, in the Philippines, and that's quite a story, too. And, I make illustrations out of that, following Christ. Because lights were a key factor.

Dr. Don Callan: We were in pitch black and they said, "Walk toward that light." We didn't get clear to the sand, we were in the bay, so we walk and the water got deeper and I was the smallest one, so it's getting up here, and I said, "Wait, stop." I said, "Where are we going?" They said, "Well, they said walk toward that light."

Dr. Don Callan: I said, "Well, is that the light? There's a light over here." Fishing boats, they'd have lights on them and look just the same. Lanterns is what it was. Then, over here was a light. I said, "I don't know." And the water had phosphorous and they were splashing the water and it sparkled. It would just light up, the phosphorous in the water. And so, we were goofing around, like kids do. And, I wasn't that much older.

Dr. Don Callan: Anyway, I say it was Roy Carr. Roy said, "I wasn't even there," Roy traveled with me three or four times. He was a singer, and a good singer, bass singer. And, they loved it because they have all tenors over there. Anyhow, he said, "Coach," he said, "No. I know where we are. That light right straight ahead," and I said, "How do you know, Roy?" And he said, "I can't swim." And I thought, "Isn't that wonderful, one guy couldn't swim, and so he saved our neck," really, because we didn't have any idea where to go.

Dr. Don Callan: We'd have probably figured it out. We went ahead, and it got deeper. It got up almost to my neck. And then, we came out, and then we went into water again, and then came out, and we found out a river came out right here. We went over sandbars, and through a river, and out, and then we walked across two logs, this big, across a gully and got in a dump truck and rode over the mountains. Showed up and not a light in the town, and we got there, and five minutes later,

every light in the town was on and a huge crowd came to watch us play basketball. Isn't that awesome?

Speaker 1: It is! Wow!

Dr. Don Callan: Ken Evans was a magician, Ken's a pastor, I think out in Colorado now, I've lost track of him. But, he could do tricks with ropes and things like that. He was part of our halftime, he would do something crazy and they'd go nuts over it. Anyhow, he decided this time, he was going to use two ropes and he said, "You and you," came out and they were two drunks. And, they came out there and they were staggering and the crowd's going nuts because they know they're drunks, too. And those guys stood like statues, and I'll tell you, I said, "Ken, the Lord took care of you." They'd have messed him up good. Those are great experiences and I love to tell them. But, my granddaughter says I ought to write a book and I said, "When I get old, I'm going to write a book." She said, "I think it's time."

Speaker 1: You were influential in starting a lot of the athletic programs at-

Dr. Don Callan: Yeah, yeah, I always was careful. I wasn't that gifted. I wasn't good. But, I had good experience, and I had a good mind for sports and athletics. I knew what kids needed. And, we had kids asking about soccer, so we started soccer. We had all these Brazilian kids coming in and missionary kids coming in that could play soccer, and they were wonderful soccer team.

Dr. Don Callan: I remember the day we played, on this field out here, played University of Cincinnati, and beat them. I remember Larry Bollback's mother, Millie, which was good friend. She was the loudest person. She walked the sidelines yelling at them, screaming at them. And, I thought, "Millie, you're going to die," but she was a Brazilian soccer fan. They spent their life in Brazil. Anyhow, those were great experiences, and you're right, it was challenging. We didn't have any money. I remember asking Dr. Jeremiah, once, for a limer to make lines. And he said, "Well, what do they cost?" I said, "Well, \$30, \$40."

Dr. Don Callan: "We'll put it in the budget for next year." Well, in the meantime, I lined a soccer field with a tin can and a bucket. Lime. Well, people don't know that. I know one of the pros told me, that day, and said, "Boy, you're a professor here, you look like you're working for the farmers," because I was dirty and everything, and I was honked. Because I thought, "Here I am doing the work, I shouldn't have to do," but then the next year, I did get a little liner that worked. But, there was no money.

Dr. Don Callan: I think there was one time when we didn't get paid. But, we had no contracts, what you going to do? But, we survived, we did, because my wife worked. It helped us. We'd had a good life, we did okay. I had to keep the kids, of course, she'd work evenings, so I was home a lot of evenings. I'd take care of the kids, in

the summer, I was with the kids when I wasn't traveling. That was the first 10 years, I didn't travel.

Dr. Don Callan: Anyway, we had a great time, and my wife is a marvelous, marvelous person that has done more for me than I could do for myself, obviously. And, she was out of a family, her dad died when she was 13. Her brother got polio when she was 14, and is still an invalid today. He lives in Cedarville. He taught here one year, talked him into coming, he said, "I don't know if I can do it." I said, "You can talk, can't you?" He said, "Yes." He's in business, went to Arizona to school, got his master's degree, then went to Ohio State and got his doctorate like I did.

Dr. Don Callan: If everyone thought that I could do it, then anyone could do it. It was one of those things, God is good. He uses us for illustrations, too.

Speaker 1: Well, maybe one more question. If you had to pick one moment, maybe one story that helps define what Cedarville means to you.

Dr. Don Callan: That'd be hard. Cedarville was not well-received in the community, by the way, when the university was, because it was a Presbyterian school became a, and they had adequate reason. We were very conservative, evangelistic people. And I'm sure that people got tired of hearing us, and so it became one of alienation, I'd think, town and gown type of a relationship. And, Dr. Jeremiah worked at it, but he was a pastor, he's a Baptist pastor. He thought we were doing what we should've been doing, and I did too. But, I thought, "We have to use common sense, too," so we became friends, a lot of friends in the community.

Dr. Don Callan: One of the things that highlights my time at Cedarville, was probably a night when one of our young kids, the son of Sandy and Ronnie Acton, who run the pizza place and started, their son was killed. We had been ministering with the Actons for a long time, two or three years, take them to church with us, especially Christmas programs et cetera. And I think, this boy got killed, and my wife came home and said, "We've got to go see the Actons." I said, "Why?" Said, "Well, Todd was killed in an accident." They just got him a new car and, out by where the president lives, he ran across there and turned it over and crashed it, and Mrs. Dixon was the first one there, she looked in the window and said, "I think he's dead."

Dr. Don Callan: Anyway, we went out to their house, all their family was there by then. And they came running across the lawn to us and said, "You have to help us. You have to help us." I said, "We will [inaudible] to help you." Ronnie said, "You got to pray for us, Don, you got to pray for us." I said, "Yeah, we will. We'll pray for you."

Dr. Don Callan: And Ron said, "Aren't you going to pray?" I said, "You want me to pray now, Ronnie?" He said, "Yes." And I prayed, and there had to be 50, 60 people there, and it went quiet just like that. And, I asked the Lord for the peace that He can give, He promised us. And anyway, so we dealt with them. That night, when we

got home, it was 11 o'clock at night, I think. The phone rings, and they're on the phone said, "You've got to help us." I said, "We'll be right out."

Dr. Don Callan: We went into their house and dealt with them spiritually, and they accepted Christ as their savior. And, it was probably one of the highlight of our years in Cedarville, probably. They were so visible, and they changed so much. Ronnie didn't so much, he was a guitar player, and a singer, and a drinker at times, but just our friend. And he loved my wife, he said, "She's my mom." He didn't have a mom right then, and she became his mother. Well, he died, what now two years ago, I think.

Dr. Don Callan: Anyhow, so we'd been their family. And the next day, I said, "Toby, we've got to talk." He said, "Let's play golf." So we went to play golf and I spent the round witnessing to him. I said, "You know why we're here, don't you?" And he said, "Yes." So we went around, and he made the decision to follow Christ that day. Not in front of me, but he said, "I want to go." He went to the grave of his brother, and he said, "I accepted Christ," or told his mother. Anyway, so we've had that long-term relationship and if you see us in church, we'll be sitting with Sandy. That's been 18, 19 years ago.

Dr. Don Callan: Discipleship goes on more than just today, more than just a meeting this week. And, it brought a lot of people into our home for Bible study. We use Chris Miller, I brought him in to do some Bible teaching because I was not that good. And, like I said, "You read too fast, and you talk too fast." I said, "Okay." We got Chris and he did it for four years, I think, we had Bible study in our home.

Dr. Don Callan: To me, that is probably the highlight of my life. Plus, there are just hundreds of things that I could really, kids, people, the impact. The Loren Renos, you don't get those every day. And, Loren played high school here, and I don't think they won a game in high school. He came, he started for me. And, because he was such a dynamic person, I couldn't keep him off the floor. Nobody wanted to play against him, he was too tough and mean. I'll tell you, he was the best karate man I ever had.

Dr. Don Callan: But, Loren, obviously, he was a special man. He impacted me more than I did him. He was the one who, I called the teams I traveled with Athletes for Christ. He and I sat in my office, and he said, "What about this, Coach? What about Athletes for Christ?" I said, "You got it, Loren, that's it." And, we traveled all over the orient playing for the Athletes for Christ. And, the Filipinos started their own programs, the Athletes for Christ, over there, and for years, many, many young people came to know Christ as a result of it, so, those are special times. Anyway, I talked too long.

Speaker 1: No, not at all. Thank you very much.

Dr. Don Callan: Well, I didn't give you much history, though.

Speaker 1: You gave us plenty of history.

Dr. Don Callan: Well, I could have told you about Ed Spencer, a good friend. You don't even know who he is.

Speaker 1: No, no, no, I don't.

Dr. Don Callan: He quit here, at 80 something, and he's substitute teaching high school. He was in English. And, anyway, Ed Spencer is the name to remember. Wonderful man.

Speaker 1: Okay. I'll remember that one.

Dr. Don Callan: And, he could probably give you some ideas, too.

Speaker 1: I'm going to have to write that down.

Speaker 3: I'm actually curious, since you were in the Philippines, do you know Tom Randall?

Dr. Don Callan: Yes.

Speaker 3: He used to-

Dr. Don Callan: I've had a wreck, on a motorcycle, with Tom Randall.

Speaker 3: No way. Okay, so he actually is good friends with somebody at my church, my pastor, Joe Coffey-

Dr. Don Callan: He's a wonderful man. I'll tell you, now he's with golf. And, I never get to see him. I probably could see him at the Columbus Memorial, but I haven't seen him in 40 years, probably. But, he had quite a ministry with sports in the Philippines. First, as a player, then he broke his arm, and that messed him up, but I'll tell you what, that's another thing. The friends I met, the people I came in contact with, both in school, here and gone.

Dr. Don Callan: It's like last Saturday, I'm the chaplain for the Central State football. And, I'm standing on the sidelines and the referee, or the umpire of the scrimmage, came up to me and said, "Who are you?" And I said, "Why do you ask?" He said, "Well." I said, "I look different, because I was the only white guy there." And he said, "Well, yeah." I said, "I'm a chaplain for the team." And he said, "Really?"

Dr. Don Callan: And we talked a few minutes, and he started to walk away, and he came back and he said, "Would you do me a favor?" And, I said, "Sure." And he said, "Would you pray for my mother?" I said, "Tell me about it." He said, "She's in the hospital right now. We expect her to die any time. My sister's with her. I almost didn't come today because of it. But, could you pray for me?" I said, "Hey, that's what I do."

Dr. Don Callan: Isn't that amazing? God works in just little ways, and here I am, telling you. I always said, "I don't have a lot of ability, but I am available." And, that's basically what I told my kids. "When God calls you, do it." And, my background was such, and my mind worked such a way that I'd do it immediately. It's just one of those things that grabs me, and like I said, my wife and I don't pray about the things we do, so much as we just do it. It's amazing life if you're following the Lord. I'm not perfect, by the way, everybody knows that, too. But, I'm sure trying to be. You know Tom Randall? Wow.

Speaker 3: I grew up listening to him preach when he came back from the Philippines, and I believe he's back in the Philippines for a little while.

Dr. Don Callan: And, he didn't mention my name?

Speaker 3: He may have said things in passing-

Dr. Don Callan: My first experience overseas was with them, the organization he was with. Although he was not even in the picture then, but it was Dick Hillis was a famous name. Well, anyway, I'm boring you now.

Speaker 1: No, no.

Speaker 3: I went up to him and I said, "I'm going to college. I'm going to Cedarville, what's your advice?" And, he told "that school will pour into you, but you need to push back and pour into that school just as much or more." And [crosstalk 00:46:20]-

Dr. Don Callan: He is a good advisor then. Well, he was dynamic. I'm telling you. Everybody knew him. You'd walk into the pro basketball arenas, over there, and they knew Tom Randall, because he was having a ministry with them, wonderful. Sports!

Speaker 1: Well, Dr. Callan, thank you so much.

Dr. Don Callan: Well, I'm glad I could, I can take my water with me.