

# Communities of Joy!

Greater Los Angeles Stake

March 2003

## Winter Retreat at Buckhorn Sensational!

The Winter Retreat at Buckhorn, hosted by the Long Beach Congregation, attracted sixty-five campers for three days of great weather, fellowship, worship, walks in the woods, arts and crafts, and canteen potluck. Thank you for inviting everyone, Long Beach!



Snowboarding, hold the snow



Two happy campers work on their batik designs

## Older Adult Ministry Workshop

All are invited to attend "Building Blocks for Older Adult Ministry," a workshop sponsored by the Interfaith Network on Spirituality and Aging, to be held Saturday, April 5, from 8:30 to 4 at the Kensington Episcopal Community, 1428 S Marengo Ave, Alhambra 91803. If you register before March 17, the cost is \$40; after that date it is \$55. CEPA funds are available to cover \$13 of the registration fee. Contact Henrietta Kaleikau at [hdkaleikau@aol.com](mailto:hdkaleikau@aol.com) or 714-633-6595 to register. See your pastor for a CEPA application. GLAS is a member of the Interfaith Network.

## What I Like about Camp Buckhorn

By Julie Davis

I like the feeling of wilderness at Buckhorn. I like the cabins with bunkbeds and having lots of free time to catch geckos and go to classes and swim. I like that the classes and church times are entertaining and not boring. I like my friends and the community that doesn't treat me like I just got there or like I'm a baby. I like the food a lot even though a lot of it is dairy. The cooks get me special food without the dairy. I think that's really nice. I don't like that camp is so far away and it doesn't seem like there are a lot of them. I love campfire, too, because you get to play skits and sing. I wish that you could roast marshmallows and hot dogs though like a campfire dinner and dessert. I think the bookstore is fun, too, but my favorite part of camp is climbing the unique giant rocks. I know that camp is my favorite place to be.

**GLAS Reunion 2003**  
 We are starting reunion at Buckhorn one day earlier—Saturday, July 19, through Friday, July 25—so our Sr. High youth can go to both reunion and Spectacular. World Church President **Grant McMurray is our guest minister!** Classes for all ages, recreation, worship, video night, talent night, and special evenings with Grant are planned. Registration forms are coming soon. To help out, please call Tonia Cooper at 714-847-5731.

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>March 8</b>     | Intro to Ministry, Temple City            | <b>June 8-13</b>  | Launch Out! Mission 2003 at the Temple in Independence |
| <b>March 22</b>    | Intro to Scripture, Temple City           | <b>June 22</b>    | Stake Conference, Temple City                          |
| <b>April 5</b>     | Older Adult Ministry Workshop, Alhambra   | <b>July 19-25</b> | Reunion 2003 with President Grant McMurray at Buckhorn |
| <b>April 26-27</b> | Aaronic Ministry of Presence, Temple City | <b>Aug 14-17</b>  | Junior/Senior High Camp at Temple City                 |

# Spectacular help, please?

“SPECTACULAR” at Graceland University is 7/26-8/2. We have many Senior High youth who want to attend this **Life Changing, Fun Filled**, World Church event as part of the **Calizonia** team.

To make it happen, here is what we need:

- Do you have any Frequent Flyer miles you would love to donate? Please?????
- Can you help fund 1/3 the cost (\$200.00) for one of your own congregational or stake youth?
- Can you attend Spectacular as a Staff Member?
- Will anyone/everyone that ever went to SPEC, and remembers how it changed your life, donate \$25.00?
- Will you come to stake conference and buy our Krispy Krème donuts and Starbucks Coffee for breakfast?
- Were you ever one of my campers...and I didn't tell on you??? You Owe Me !!
- Will you purchase a \$25 or \$50 gasoline credit card to use at a variety of gas stations...you're going to spend the money anyway...but we get some cash!

It's time to be a generous giver for the Senior High of the stake to have this **SPECTACULAR** experience. Please contact me with your ability to help out!

Lovingly and Prayerfully Returning to Youth Leadership,  
Denise O'Neil-Leichter  
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818-996-4961

Make your tax-deductible checks payable to:  
Greater Los Angeles Stake-SPECTACULAR  
and mail to 9468 Broadway, Temple City CA 91780

## Remember Our Members in the Military

Dale and Lori Hunzeker's son, Mike, recently shipped out to Kuwait. You may write to him at  
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UIC 39835  
FPO AP 96426-9835

**Calling All Grandparents (and others who enjoy reading to children)** You have an opportunity at this summer's GLAS Reunion (July 19-25) to share your favorite children's stories with the nursery-aged children. Mary Hampton has agreed to coordinate our volunteer readers. Call Tonia Cooper (714-847-5731) to let us know that you are willing to bring your favorite books and read to our kids.

## La Nueva Esperanza Blessed with Many Guests

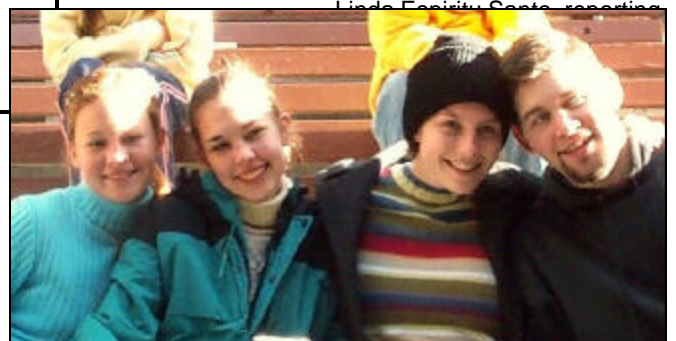
La Nueva Esperanza has been blessed with guest ministry the month of February. Maria Roberts, from Hawaii, spent two Sundays with us. She shared in the ministry of music, testimony, and preaching. It is always a blessing to have a visit from Maria, who was a part of our beginnings as a congregation.

Dale and Lori Hunzeker also blessed us with ministry, sharing together in a message of hope, love, and healing. The spirit touched each of us in a very special way. The children shared their ministry of dance under the leadership of Guadalupe Corona. We very much appreciated their participation in this act of worship.

As we enjoyed food and fellowship afterward, we bid farewell to two of our faithful and supportive members—Maria Elena and Hector Tovar. As they begin a new adventure in the Sacramento area, we wish them the best.

Olen and Emma Henson spent a couple of Sundays with the congregation sharing in prayer and testimony. Brother Henson shared with a gathering of neighborhood youth in the home of Sergio Juarez on Valentine's Day. It was a special time for all involved.

We continue to ask for your prayers and extend a special invitation to those who would like to visit us on a Sunday afternoon at 5 pm in Temple City.



Four more happy campers at the Winter Retreat

## Aaronic Ministry of Presence

We invite Aaronic priesthood members to take the new Temple School course, “Ministry of Presence,” at Temple City on April 26-27, 2003. Steve Jones, a member of the Presiding Bishopric, will instruct.