

Communities of Joy!

Greater Los Angeles Stake

April 2003

Anaheim Children Give to Earthquake Victims and Homeless Shelter

The Junior class at the Anaheim Congregation spent the month of February collecting coins for the victims of the earthquake disaster in Mexico. \$72.50 was collected during the month and donated to help with medical and first aid supplies.

Each Sunday, the children sing "Pennies for the Little Children" while the congregation supports the youth in their offering of loose change. The children have been singing each Sunday for more than two years, and have collected over \$1900, which has been donated to local charities in need. On the first Sunday of each month, the money collected goes to the World Church Oblation Fund, to which they have contributed more than \$300.

The children also support "Precious Life Shelter," a home for homeless pregnant young women. Many carloads of baby items and necessities have been collected and donated to this shelter. Submitted by Jean Gibo



Anaheim junior class (L to R): Samantha, Victoria, Brandi, Scott, Alexa, Stuart

We Welcome Hiroshi Matsushita Back to Greater Los Angeles Stake

On February 10 the World Church Human Resources Committee took action to assign Hiroshi Matsushita to Greater Los Angeles Stake. Hiroshi's official start date was March 1, although he had already been meeting with GLAS leaders for several weeks to plan out his responsibilities. We are very happy to have Hiroshi join our staff.

Hiroshi is responsible for directing the Ministerial Education and Discipleship Studies (MEADS) program we began this month to provide training for ministers from all over the Western

Field. He will also represent the Stake Bishopric as an advocate for Aaronic Ministries. Please make Hiroshi your contact person for both MEADS and Aaronic Ministry concerns.

In addition to these two major assignments, Hiroshi will serve as an instructor for Temple School classes and a congregational consultant as opportunities present themselves.

Because we have all been concerned about stake finances, it is important to understand that as an appointee of the World Church Hiroshi receives his

salary and benefits from the World Church, not the stake. We will cover a few of his office costs, such as telephone and postage. The World Church recognizes the sacrifices we have been making in Greater Los Angeles Stake to reduce our budget and staff, and wishes to assist us by making Hiroshi available to serve with us.

Hiroshi's email address is Hiroshi-M@attbi.com. His telephone number is 714-731-3224. Please welcome him to our staff.

Upcoming Events

April 25-27 Southwest Intl MC Women's Retreat, Buckhorn
April 26-27 Aaronic Ministry of Presence, Temple City
May 12-18 Camp Buckhorn Work Week
May 31 A Witnessing Community, Victor Valley
June 8-13 Launch Out! Mission 2003 at the Temple in Independence

June 22 Stake Conference, Temple City
July 19-25 Reunion 2003 with President Grant McMurray at Buckhorn
Aug 9-12 Children's Camp, Buckhorn
Aug 14-17 Junior/Senior High Camp at Temple City

You Are Called—Come and See!

By Dale Hunzeker

Exciting events and opportunities are happening in the Church. We invite you to join us in moving the work of the Lord forward in Southern California.

Steve Jones, a member of the Presiding Bishopric, will facilitate Aaronic Ministers: Ministry of Presence on Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27 at CCM in Temple City. All participants will better understand the roles and functions of Aaronic ministers. Members of the Aaronic Priesthood will improve their ministerial skills. Be sure to register and attend this important event. The cost is \$20 for course credit and \$10 for meals. Contact your pastor or Hiroshi Matsushita at (714) 731-3224 for additional details.

June 9-13 is the date for

Mission 2003: Launch Out! in Independence. More than 85 classes will be presented on a variety of subjects that will make each participant more effective in disciple making. This is a premier event in the life of the Church. Plan now to attend. You will be rewarded through learning, networking with other Saints, fellowship, and worship. Contact your pastor to coordinate registration to save on your registration fees.

A Witnessing Community workshop will be held at the Victor Valley Congregation in Victorville on Saturday, May 31, 10 AM–4:30 PM. Seventy Karin Peter will facilitate the event. The workshop is based on the principle that people, not programs, win people to Christ. Emphasis will be placed

on creating inviting and caring congregational ministries. This event is oriented to pastoral teams, missionary coordinators, seventy, and those with a strong desire to win others to Christ. The cost is \$10 if you register before May 14. Contact Arla Martindale at (806) 967-5830 or Dale Hunzeker at (626) 285-4500 for additional information.

The Easter event is a time of year when many turn their thoughts to the religious world. This is an easy time to share your testimony of God's love in your life. Spend a few moments to practice what you would like to share with a friend. Pray for an opportunity. Then share your testimony. You will be surprised how both of you will be blessed with the Spirit.

Temple School Course Schedule

Aaronic Priesthood

AM200 Aaronic Ministries: Ministry of Presence

Saturday, April 26 10 AM—8 PM
Sunday, April 27 10 AM—12 PM
CCM at Temple City
Instructor: Bishop Steve Jones

SL101 Introduction to Caring Ministries

Saturday, May 3 9 AM—5 PM
CCM at Temple City
Instructor: Dale Hunzeker

Melchisedec Priesthood

PA104 Ministry of the Elder

Saturday, May 3 9 AM—5 PM
Costa Mesa
Instructors: Greg and Linda
Barentine

SS320 Survey of the New Testament (advanced course)

Saturday, April 26 8 AM—5 PM
Costa Mesa
Instructor: Craig Crownover

Each course, except for Ministry of Presence, will require some homework in order to meet the ten hour requirement.

Cost is \$20 for course credit, materials and refreshments. Lunch is on your own.

Contact Tonia Cooper at (714) 847-5731 to register and pay in advance of scheduled class. Course manual will be sent to the student. Make check payable to: GLAS, Temple School. If you have any questions, please contact Henrietta Kaleikau at (714) 633-6595, or by e-mail at hdkaleikau@aol.com.

Calling All
Budding
Thespians

Sign Up
Here



“Come break a leg”
be a part of the worship at the
2003 REUNION

INTERESTED?
Call Tonia Cooper at (714) 847-
5731 to sign up

We Remember our Members in the Military

LCPL Ryan N. Stephens, grandson of Dick and Bev Reppert of San Luis Obispo and son of Janiece (Reppert) Heaviland, shipped out from Camp Pendleton, California, on February 2nd, 2003 for Kuwait. Ryan (Nick to us) spent a one year tour of duty in Okinawa, Japan, before being sent to Camp Pendleton.

LCPL Stephens, Ryan N USMC
HQ 5th MAR
UIC 3 39734
FPO AP 96426 -9734

Bethany Arias, daughter of Lou and Bonni Arias of Inland Empire, is a Private Second Class in the US Army and is a Light Wheel Mechanic. She arrived in Germany on December 1st, 2002 and was expecting to be deployed to Kuwait in February for six months.

PV2 Bethany Arias
529 OD CO AMMO
CMR 411 Box #1611
APO AE 29112-1611
Email address: wolfpaws2122@hotmail.com

Lou and Bonni Arias's other daughter Amber arrived in Germany in January 2003 to be with her husband William (Billy). Billy joined the US Army and became the Top Graduate for Topographical Surveyor in his company. Billy & Amber will be stationed in Germany for three years. In the latter part of February 2003, Billy expected to be sent on a mission for six weeks in Turkey, then to Kuwait for six months.

Amber's & Billy's mailing address in Hanau, Germany:

PV2 Woerz, William
320 EN CO
CMR 470, BOX # 7609
APO AE 09165-7609

Travis Davies, the son of Lori Yanez of Costa Mesa, and grandson of Toty Nichol of Hemet, can be written to at

CPL Travis Davies, USMC
D-CO. 1ST CEB (1ST PLTN. RET 7)
UIC 39822
FPO AP 96426-9822

Daniel Dunlap is the Grandson of Thomas & Anne Dunlap of Costa Mesa, and can be written to at

Daniel Dunlap
D-CO1/229AVN
Fort Bragg NC 28310

Mike Hunzeker, our son, who is moving out even now, toward Baghdad or whatever target has been deemed necessary, has been assigned (his battalion has been attached to a new unit) to this new address:

1ST LT HUNZEKER, MA USMC
2ND TANK BN (FOX CO 2/5 AAVPLT) /
DET A
UNIT 73203
FPO AE 09509-3203

Above all, we appreciate your prayers, your calls, your e-mails, and your concerns on our behalf. I know a few of you are in the same place we are, along with about 300,000 families around the world now. It is unspeakably different when war become personal. I cannot comprehend what it must be like for those families who must face the devastation the next few days will bring.

I certainly hope this ugly impact can have some kind of healing outcome. May God render war a useless relic in our lifetime. May prayer and politics unite to do the same. How I wish I could do more than watch.

Lori Hunzeker

A suggestion: if you write to someone in the service, include a self addressed envelope (no stamp is needed) and a blank piece of paper for them to write back to you when they have time.



Come, let us labor together!

Share in the ministry and fellowship of working together on our campgrounds, May 12-18

Come for a day, come for a week, come for a weekend

Comfy lodging and scrumptious food provided to all workers **COMPLETELY FREE!**

Receive **a voucher for one day** at reunion or camp for each day you work

If you can't come during the week, come on Saturday

Fun and fellowship in the evening!

All at Camp Buckhorn, just uphill from lovely downtown Idyllwild **May 12-18**

We Are On Our Way to Becoming Southern California Mission Center

Thanks to the participation of many of you, we are growing closer to making the change from being Greater Los Angeles Stake to becoming the Southern California Mission Center. In March, all 22 of our congregations reviewed the mission center proposal developed by congregational and stake leaders. On April 15, we will submit our proposal to the World Church Leadership Council. If it is approved, we will hold our first Mission Center Conference on June 22.

Thank you to all of those who asked questions and made suggestions. Now we look forward to putting the mission into our mission center.

WANTED

INDIVIDUALS WHO LOVE TO RAISE THEIR VOICES TO THE LORD!



2003 REUNION

Call:

Tonia Cooper
714/847-5731

SW Int'l MC Holds Women's Retreat—You're Invited!

The women of Greater Los Angeles Stake are invited to attend the Southwest International Mission Center Women's Retreat on Friday, April 25 to Sunday, April 27.

Life Lessons from Noah: Don't Miss the Boat!

Take a humorous look at life in the fast lane from Noah's Ark. Have you been traveling through choppy waters? Are you flooded with doubts? Does the future frighten you? Is there water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink? Learn about "living water" and quench your thirst!

Jane Watkins will be the guest minister. Jane comes highly

recommended as a minister for women, and a speaker with warmth and humor.

SWIM invites ladies, 18 and older, from all faiths. Invite your friends to share a wonderful weekend. "First-time" retreat gals may attend for half price!

Register before April 10 for \$60, after April 10 for \$70. Send your check to Lucille Beach, 2145 Sea Breeze Drive, San Diego, CA 92139.

Contact Patti Kome at (619) 422-9332 or Dianne Cooper at (619) 460-7615 for more information.

GLAS Reunion 2003

Our reunion at Buckhorn this summer begins Saturday, July 19, and ends Friday, July 25. 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 out now. To help out, please call Tonia Cooper at 714-847-5731.

