

# Communities of Joy!

Southern California Mission Center

October 2003

## 8th Annual Hispanic Retreat a Success

### La Nueva Esperanza Searches for a Building

The eighth annual Hispanic Retreat was held at Camp Buckhorn during Labor Day Weekend. More than 70 campers from both Southern California and Southwest International Mission Centers attended. Ministry was provided by Gina Norton, Sergio Juarez, and Linda Espiritu

Independence spent 10 days working with Sergio in this endeavor. The congregation met on Saturday evening, September 27, in prayer and fasting for direction in this task. The Holy Spirit blessed us as we came together for this purpose. We are grateful to all who have contributed both financially and through prayerful support of Hispanic Ministries.

Our connectedness to the work in Baja California also continues. Hiroshi Matsushita was invited to provide ministry at a Quinceañera (15<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration) in Ensenada on September 6 and to preach in Tecate on the following Sunday. Hiroshi, his wife Masako, and Linda spent a very special weekend involved in this ministry. At least nine people attending the retreat from Los Angeles were there as a result of connections to families in Ensenada. These ties are blessing both Mission Centers.

Reported by Linda Espiritu Santo



Young Peacemakers Club cleans up the neighborhood

Santo with the help of Dick Foster and Ken Norton. A young woman from Ensenada, Mexico, was baptized and 3 children were blessed. The city of Los Angeles helped provide transportation for the Peacemakers Club, which allowed more young people the opportunity to attend.

Thanks to a very generous gift by the El Segundo Congregation, La Nueva Esperanza has begun an intensified search for a more permanent home. Ken Brookens from



Baja California members with World Service Corps volunteers

### Sunday School Promotion Day at Long Beach



### Time to Elect WC Delegates

World Conference 2004 Delegates will be elected at the November 16 SoCal MC Conference. If you want to be included in the ballot, submit your name and congregation to Tonia Cooper as soon as possible. Tonia may be reached at [tonia@cofchristla.org](mailto:tonia@cofchristla.org) or 714-847-5731.

### SoCal Mission Center Address Change

We have changed our Mission Center mailing address to PO Box 4077, Huntington Beach, CA 92605-4077. Any mail you have been sending to 9468 Broadway, Temple City, should now go to this PO Box. Our ministry staff with home offices have not changed their addresses.

## Ed Fugate Resigning; Tonia Cooper Appointed SCMC Bookkeeper

Ed Fugate, who has served Greater Los Angeles Stake, and now the SoCal Mission Center, for three years as our faithful accountant, has expanded his other accounting business to the point that he needs to phase out his work for the mission center. Tonia Cooper, presently serving as SCMC Executive Assistant, has agreed to expand her duties to serve as our bookkeeper. Beginning in October, Tonia will receive bills, write checks, and maintain the accounting records of the mission center. She will be assisted in her many duties by Jean Orrison.



**Thank you, Ed!**

Here's a big "Thank you" to Ed for his great contributions to our team, and the same to Tonia for her brave willingness to answer every challenge.

## Please Help Improve Handicapped Access at Buckhorn

Dean Crawford, of the Hemet Congregation, has undertaken a project to create handicapped access to the stage at the Chapel of the Grove at Camp Buckhorn. A platform will be constructed adjoining the stage that will allow a van to unload a wheelchair. The platform will also facilitate loading and unloading of musical equipment and other material.

The cost of a 15'x5' platform is estimated at \$1500. The completion date will be determined by how soon we can raise the necessary funds for the project, but we intend to be finished before the camping season next summer. Make checks payable to the Community of Christ, for "Buckhorn Handicapped Access," and mail to PO Box 4077, Huntington Beach, CA 92605-4077.

## Send in Your Nominations for "Honor Our Youth"

Please send your nominations for young people who deserve recognition for their academic, spiritual, athletic, or community activities to Denise Leichter for "Honoring Our Youth" at the Nov. 16 SCMC Conference. Her email is [deniseleichter@earthlink.net](mailto:deniseleichter@earthlink.net).

## Thank You! Congregational Contributions On Target for Year

	Contributions 1/1 to 9/30	Budgeted For Year	Remaining
Anaheim	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,988	\$ 2,488
Basileia—An Open Door Community of Christ	\$ 1,528	\$ 1,528	\$ -
Burbank	\$ 3,356	\$ 5,003	\$ 1,647
Canoga Park	\$ 5,730	\$ 7,618	\$ 1,888
Costa Mesa	\$ 2,824	\$ 4,236	\$ 1,412
Covina	\$ 2,880	\$ 4,313	\$ 1,433
El Segundo	\$ 6,246	\$ 6,246	\$ -
Gardena	\$ 2,280	\$ 2,255	\$ (25)
Hemet	\$ 7,403	\$ 8,787	\$ 1,385
Inland Empire	\$ 4,164	\$ 4,164	\$ -
Lakewood	\$ 2,344	\$ 3,272	\$ 928
Lancaster	\$ 955	\$ 955	\$ -
La Nueva Esperanza	\$ 882	\$ 1,168	\$ 286
Long Beach	\$ 7,316	\$ 7,316	\$ -
Orange	\$ 8,719	\$ 8,719	\$ -
San Luis Obispo	\$ 802	\$ 2,406	\$ 1,604
Santa Barbara	\$ -	\$ 7,512	\$ 7,512
Simi Valley	\$ 3,277	\$ 5,617	\$ 2,340
Temple City	\$ 1,609	\$ 3,168	\$ 1,559
Torrance	\$ 500	\$ 1,030	\$ 530
Upland	\$ 4,280	\$ 4,280	\$ -
Ventura	\$ 2,200	\$ 4,419	\$ 2,219
<b>Total from congregations</b>	<b>\$ 72,794</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 27,206</b>
Other individuals	\$ 5,690		
<b>Total from all contributors</b>	<b>\$ 78,484</b>		

## Happy Halloween

at canoga park

The Canoga Park Congregation invites all children and youth to attend an early Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25th. Dinner (with a freewill offering) will be served at 6.

**Bake Contest**

**All Ages Costume Contest**

**B.Y.O. Pumpkin for a**

**Carving Contest**

**Raffle Prizes**

Fun

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This event is not to be missed. It's a great opportunity to make new friends and see special friends from camp and retreats. If you've been once, you will always go back for more great food and fun! Bring your camera for the special effects! Bring a friend!

6610 Shoup Avenue, Canoga Park  
RSVP (805) 493-1714 Joy Harris

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 19** Pastor's Meeting at Temple City
- Oct 20-22** Older Adult Fall Fiesta at Long Beach
- Oct 25** Women's Retreat for a Day at Hemet
- Oct 25** SCMC Halloween Party at Canoga Park
- Oct 27-31** MEADS West at Orange
- Nov 16** SoCal MC Conference at Temple City