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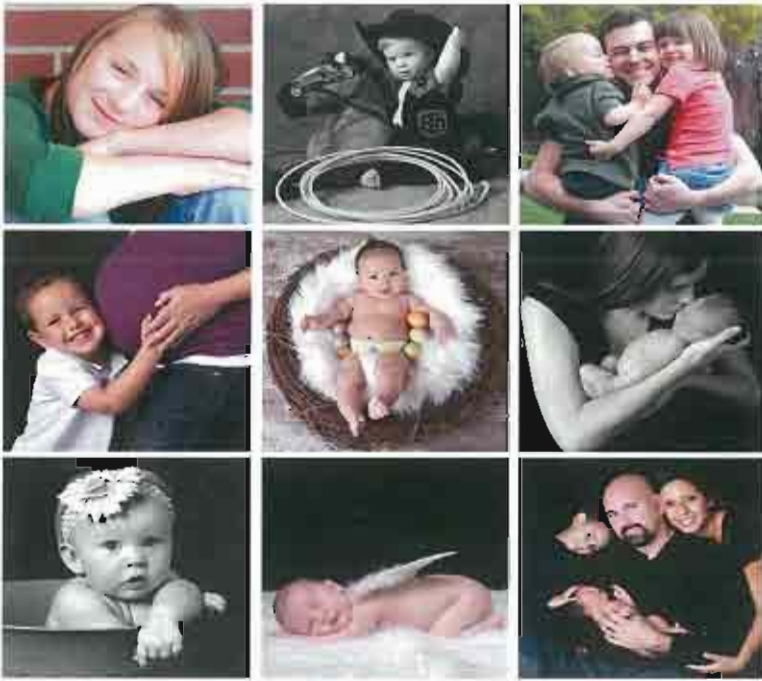
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BEAR CREEK WATER: EMPOWERING WOMEN IN LIBERIA

By Sarah Baker / Living Water International

Bear Creek Water is bringing clean water to communities all over the world. To date, Bear Creek Water has funded over 40 projects through Living Water International and changed the lives of thousands and thousands of people. One country where we completed some of BCW's projects is Liberia, West Africa. Our project in Brewerville, Liberia stood out as a wonderful example of how clean water directly impacts the success of women. Here's a brief look behind the scenes to share how BCW's partnership directly impacts the people living in the small villages of West Africa.

Liberia's 14-year civil war left the country in social and economic ruin. When Liberia's infrastructure fell, it became difficult for people to meet basic needs, including the need for water and sanitation. Thirty-six percent of the population lacks access to safe drinking water and 68 percent are without adequate sanitation services. Countless hours are spent by women and children as they walk mile after mile to collect water. The polluted water leads to many water-related diseases.

"Water management is a key factor in the global battle to remove the scourge of extreme poverty and to build secure and prosperous lives for hundreds of millions of people in the developing world," according to the World Health Organization. With the Brewerville well that Bear Creek Water has funded, this community is moving forward and out of extreme poverty, and women are developing skills that give them pride, self-esteem and a source of income.

Living Water-Liberia is drilling shallow wells and repairing broken pumps with a trained national team. While scouting the site of Brewerville in Montserrado County, Living Water-Liberia met Beatrice, an administrator, and Ruth Aboja, a business manager. The two share a passion of equipping women in their country

to be productive and self-sufficient. During the Liberian civil war, Beatrice fled to Ghana where she taught homemaker skills. When she returned in 2005, she organized a group of ladies and they began selling baked goods. The group raised enough money to build a school and with governmental assistance, they opened an official training center. At the school, they teach tailoring, baking and cosmetology.

Women come and pay a fee of \$10, to learn a trade skill; giving them pride and self-esteem. The school motto: *Empowering Women to be Productive.*



When the Living Water team arrived, the community was dependent on an open, hand-dug well. Water from this well was contaminated, but it was the only water source available to meet their water needs. Because they were drinking

polluted water, the residents were suffering from typhoid, diarrhea and severe dehydration. When Living Water interviewed Aboja, she stated, "Water has always been a problem for the school. All of the subjects taught require water: to wash the cloth for tailoring, for cooking in the baking class and for washing hair in cosmetology. It took time for the students to fetch the water from the open well and it was not clean. The new well is a great blessing not only for the school, but for the community also. The community now has access to safe clean water due to the installation of a new pump.

Thank you, Bear Creek Water, for your ongoing work with Living Water International to bring clean water to the world in Jesus' name.

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A member at the health club where I work recently asked me some questions about fitness training and vegetarianism. She stated that it would be great if I would write an article on the nutritional

needs of the active vegetarian. I told her, "Okay, I'll do a write up. But you'll have to snag a copy of the *Bear Creek Connections Magazine* and read it in order to get the info." (Ain't I clever?)

For those who follow a vegetarian-style diet, it is extremely important that nutrient needs and requirements are met daily. Although it's not as easy to do as those who incorporate animal products into their nutritional regimens, it isn't as difficult as you might imagine.

In order to supply the body with a steady energy source, I recommend eating six to eight small meals daily. Frequent feedings such as this will also prove easier on the digestive system than three large meals per day.

How about your carbohydrate, protein and fat intake?

Eat about 60 percent of your total calories as carbohydrates because they supply high-quality body fuel. Carbohydrates are the body's preferred energy source. They are easy for the body to break down and convert into glucose for working muscles and the brain-----two vital components for peak performance!

You should focus on eating the nutritionally superior, higher-fiber carbs (i.e. whole grains, fruits, vegetables and legumes). If you're going to participate in an

athletic event or are about to get your "sweat on" (a.k.a. workout), consume about 100 grams of complex carbohydrates two to three hours before the event. To replenish muscle glycogen, consume any type of carbohydrate within the hour following the event (40 to 60 grams, preferably in liquid form).

Protein should make up about 15-20 percent of your total daily caloric intake diet if you are an average fitness enthusiast; a bit more for the serious athlete or person seeking greater muscle mass. Plant protein doesn't digest as well as animal protein,

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so protein requirements are somewhat higher for vegetarians. If you eat dairy products and eggs, you probably ingest enough protein. These foods are rich in the essential amino acid Leucine, which helps the body to properly use carbohydrates during exercise and to build muscle after exercise. If you don't eat dairy products and eggs, consume more servings of protein-rich plant food over the course of a day.

During a workout, consume a 3:1 to 4:1 ratio of carbohydrates to protein to help fuel the body to continue exercise. Post-workout... especially after resistance training...consume about 20 grams of protein in combination with a simple carbohydrate to enhance recovery and muscle re-building. Do this within 15-30 minutes after your workout session.

To get all nine essential amino acids, you need to pair plant foods. Combine any legume or bean dish with any grain, nut or seed. For example, eat rice and beans. Unprocessed soy is a great vegetarian protein because it contains all nine essential amino acids.

As for fat intake, consume 30 percent or less of nutrients from fat. You need two types of essential fats: omega-3 and omega-6. Examples of omega-6 fats are corn, safflower and sunflower oils. Omega-3 fats are fish, flaxseed, olive oil, walnut oils and dark green, leafy veggies. Try to eat fewer omega-6 fats and more omega-3 fats.

The following is a sample menu for a vegan diet that is both balanced and nutritious:

Breakfast

½ C orange juice
3 Tbs raw unsalted sunflower seeds
1 slice whole-wheat bread
2 Tbs peanut butter
1 C oatmeal
1 C unprocessed soybean milk
Hot, non-caloric beverage

Lunch

½ C tomato juice
3 oz. tofu
2 slices whole-wheat bread
sliced lettuce & tomato
1 apple
1 C vegetable soup
3 Tbs raw sesame seeds
1 Tbs butter
1/3 C cooked sweet corn
Hot, non-caloric beverage

Dinner

2/3 C curried split peas
1 C broccoll
1 C brown rice
1 Tbs wheat germ

Total calories: 2,161
Total Protein (~20%): 108 grams
Total Carbohydrate (~60%): 335 grams
Total Fat (~20%): 43 grams

Eat well, be fit and live life to the fullest. Keep the faith... strong!
Pastor Bobby

Got health, fitness & wellness questions? Contact Pastor Bobby at pastorbobby@bearcreekchurch.com.

I Am Bear Creek



Photo by Kristen Elardo

I am: Paul Fillon

Age: Forty-something

Occupation: Agent for AFLAC.

City I live in: Lodi

How long I've attended Bear Creek Church:

11 Yrs.

What I enjoy most about Bear Creek Church:

Church for the family.

Ministries I serve in: Celebrate Recovery, Worship and Pastor's Prayer Partners.

Why I serve in these ministries: These are my passions.

When telling others about Bear Creek Church I use these words: Come as you are.

A key event in my life and the impact it had on me: Met my wife in a Spanish class, the rest is history!

If I could do anything, I would: Continue to travel with my family on mission trips. I love seeing God touch people globally.

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 6:33, "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." NLT

Favorite Bear Creek Church Event/Activity: THRIVE dinner.

Last Movie I saw or Book I read: The Dark Knight Rises and John C. Maxwell's, The 5 Levels of Leadership.

Favorite vacation destination: Maui.

Hobbies/Special Interests: Writing music and playing chess.

Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving

Pets: KiKi, a Shih tzu, who was featured in last year's Murder Mystery Dinner, and Yoda, a mini pinscher.

The people who mean the most to me: My wife, Deanna and our six gifts from God.

Other information you would like to share: For the past nine years, we have enjoyed our small group. If you want to go deeper in this Christian



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FROM THE HEART

BY PASTOR BILL CUMMINS

Will You Stop? Help? Lend a Hand?

In the Bible (in Luke 10) Jesus told a story about a Jewish man who was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was attacked by some bad guys. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, took his money and valuables and left him half dead beside the road. A priest came along, and when he saw the man, he immediately crossed the street and walked past on the other side. Then a religious leader walked by and looked at the wounded man lying on the road, but he too crossed the street and walked on by. Then a despised Samaritan (a half Jewish person) came along. When he saw the man lying on the road he had compassion on him. He opened his travel bag and took out some olive oil to sooth his wounds. He put bandages over the man's wounds. He then transported him to the nearest hotel and got him settled into a room. He told the hotel manager to put all of the charges on his credit card and to see that the beaten man was well cared for. Then Jesus asked his audience, "Who was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by these bad guys?" And the audience said, "the one who

showed mercy to him." Then Jesus said, "go and do the same."

During the month of November at Bear Creek Church, our theme is AROUND THE WORLD IN 30 DAYS. We will talk about the impact Christianity is having in Africa. We will share some amazing stories of our ministry of drilling water wells in the underdeveloped areas of the world. We



will report about how we are saving thousands of lives through clean drinking water wells funded by recycling.

As we look at the staggering and insurmountable problems in the world, we need not be overwhelmed or fearful. We need reminding that God is still sovereign and ultimately in control. Let's remember that God has given us His authority

(Matthew 28:18) to be His representatives here on the earth. Part of that authority is imbedded in us to be the 'Good Samaritan' to the people we encounter each day. Who is your 'neighbor?' What might God call you to do in your community? Who is God nudging you to help? There are many people we encounter who may not have been beaten up physically, but they have been battered emotionally by various people and circumstances in life.

Let's begin to mend their wounds. Let's put the oil of God's Holy Spirit on their areas of pain. Let's pick them up and take them to a safe place of refuge and security like Bear Creek Church. Let's give them words of hope and love to get them back on the road to recovery.

Don't let the instability of the present world circumstances distract or inhibit us from being generous with what God has faithfully provided for us. Be aware of opportunities that God gives us to help those that have been knocked down by the harsh realities of life.



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Buffalo's & Butterfly's: The difference between **MEN** and *Women* By Joanne Taylor

According to aboutdivorce.org, the current divorce rate statistics report that, 50% of marriages end in divorce. Other than the obvious fact that people enter into marriage too quickly, there is yet another major reason why men and women have relationship problems, from dating to marriage, and that's because they won't allow their partner to be what they are truly wired to be. Men want women to have the characteristics of a man, and women want men to have the characteristics of a woman.

Let's take a lesson from nature. Picture a buffalo (represents a man, sorry guys) standing in a field of beautiful yellow flowers; then, imagine a pretty butterfly (represents a woman) in that same field of yellow flowers, fluttering around from bloom to bloom. Does the buffalo know that he's actually crushing the flowers beneath him? The answer is No. Does he step on the flowers intentionally? The answer is No. If you taped a pebble (represents an irritation such as a hurtful remark) to the buffalo's side, would he feel it? The answer is No. When the storm arises and the wind blows hard in the field, does it move the buffalo? The answer is No.

Now to the butterfly; unlike the buffalo who walks slowly across the field and unknowingly crushes the flowers beneath his hooves, the flowers represent the butterfly's entire life, her surroundings, her environment, and her home. As for that pebble which represents a hurtful remark, if you taped it to her delicate wing, it cripples her, she falls to the ground, and many times it will kill her. When the strong winds of life blow in the field, the butterfly loses all control and is many times swept away in the storm; let's call that drama (sorry ladies).

Let's break it down one more time. The man is built to be a strong provider and protector. He's built to be this way, inside and out. He is strong and steadfast, he doesn't seem to be fazed by circumstances, and he doesn't always notice when he sometimes steps on your emotions. He stands strong in a storm. The woman is soft, gentle, feeling oriented and emotional. She's built this way inside and out; she is the nurturer. The flowers that aren't even noticed by the buffalo define the butterfly's sole existence. If you mess with her world, she gets upset. A sarcastic remark (the pebble) can ruin her entire day, so watch what and how you say because it can easily hurt her feelings.

Men, stop trying to make women buffaloes; they weren't made that way. You appreciate her soft emotions when it benefits you,

so appreciate them when it doesn't. Women, stop trying to make men butterflies, they weren't made that

way. The stern, seemingly uncaring attitudes of the buffalo will come in handy in hard times, you'll appreciate his unmovable and sometimes hard and cold exterior when it works in your favor. Each sex is wired a different way and made to take on a specific role. Men are built to be tough, stern and hard in order for them to protect and provide for their families. Women are made to be soft and emotional humans; they are the caretakers and nurturers. Does this mean women aren't strong providers; no. Does this mean men shouldn't be emotional; no. Don't run with it.

Respect and appreciate the man or woman in your life for how they were originally formed and fashioned. Then, and only then, can you accept the stern, seemingly uncaring attitudes of the buffalo or the soft and emotional being of a woman. Ladies, next time a bill collector calls, give it to the buffalo; he knows how to handle it, naturally. Men, next time the butterfly floats into the room, tell her she's beautiful and that she knows how to make a house a home; then you can get whatever you want, almost. Remember, to get to the heart of a butterfly, it starts with flowers in the morning or maybe just a phone call. To get to the heart of a buffalo, give him the lead, and let him think he's the strong one.

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BRAGGIN' RIGHTS

by Michele Salinas

I have met some of the most courageous people in my life. I particularly admire those who have taken control of their lives and turned around for the better. Because I am in the health and fitness industry, I tend to recognize those who have overcome their bad relationship with food. They've learned what a 'diet' consists of (i.e., breakfast, lunch, dinner and small nutritious snacks between), rather than 'being on a Diet' (e.g., eating only one meal a day, not eating at all or those crazy fad diets out there). So many people use food to control themselves when in fact they need to be in control of what they put into their body. Those who have a good relationship with food are not afraid of it; they understand that food is needed as fuel for their bodies to do day to day tasks. Those that choose to change their eating habits and figure out this process

will have more energy, be in a better mood and will sleep better at night. When you add exercise in the mix... WOW! The changes that happen!

What I am getting at is this, if you have started to make the corrections in living a healthier lifestyle, such as eating properly and exercising on a regular basis, those changes are noticeable not just in how you feel, but how people see you physically. When those around you begin taking note and congratulating you and encouraging you to continue, be humble, but be proud! It is a BIG DEAL! It is no easy task getting into the



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routine of a healthy lifestyle, nor do I think it is easy to maintain it, but it gets easier with time. Everyone struggles. Even those who are super fit have days when it is hard to resist temptation. Own YOUR hard work and dedication. YOU DID THIS! Go ahead and brag about it. I guarantee YOU will be the source of encouragement to someone else. That is when you see the real rewards start taking place.

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Job Burnout & Vision. It's even in the Bible.

By Dr. Bill Henshaw

Pastor Bill Cummins recently shared Hebrews 12:23 that says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith... so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." You will not grow weary if you fix your eyes on Jesus, who created and sustains you. It reminds me of job burnout. If one relies on their conscious system, they work very hard and become exhausted. That can lead to a tendency for eyes to wander outward, the opposite of crossed eyes. It is often connected with job burnout. Some call this a wandering eye.

Concentration requires eye alignment on a particular object. That could be a welding bead for a welder, a spread sheet for an accountant or the thought of a building design for an architect. Through vision therapy, Mr. Gonzales prolonged his welding career another five years to support his granddaughter through college. He also loved his job; although well over the age of retirement, he wished to remain on his job. His job was in jeopardy as he now had trouble making his welds straight because of persistent double vision.

Previously, he willfully forced his eyes to look at the bead. He now grew weary and could not sustain that effort. Through vision therapy he learned to use his eyes the way Jesus created them: to effortlessly look

at any object the welding bead. Not only did he retain his job, he is now able to perform it effortlessly and has prolonged his career. Through vision therapy Mr. Gonzales is able to use his eyes the way Jesus created them as well as sustain performance because Jesus sustains all things.

Mr. Gonzales regained his heart as he could continue his welding job and provide for his granddaughter. Is it possible that you could enjoy your career, family and life more?



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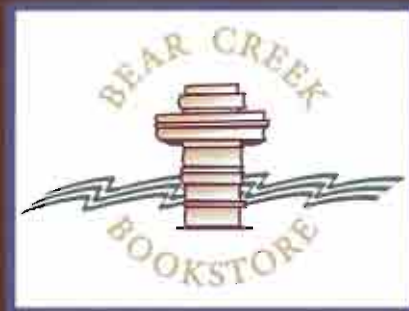
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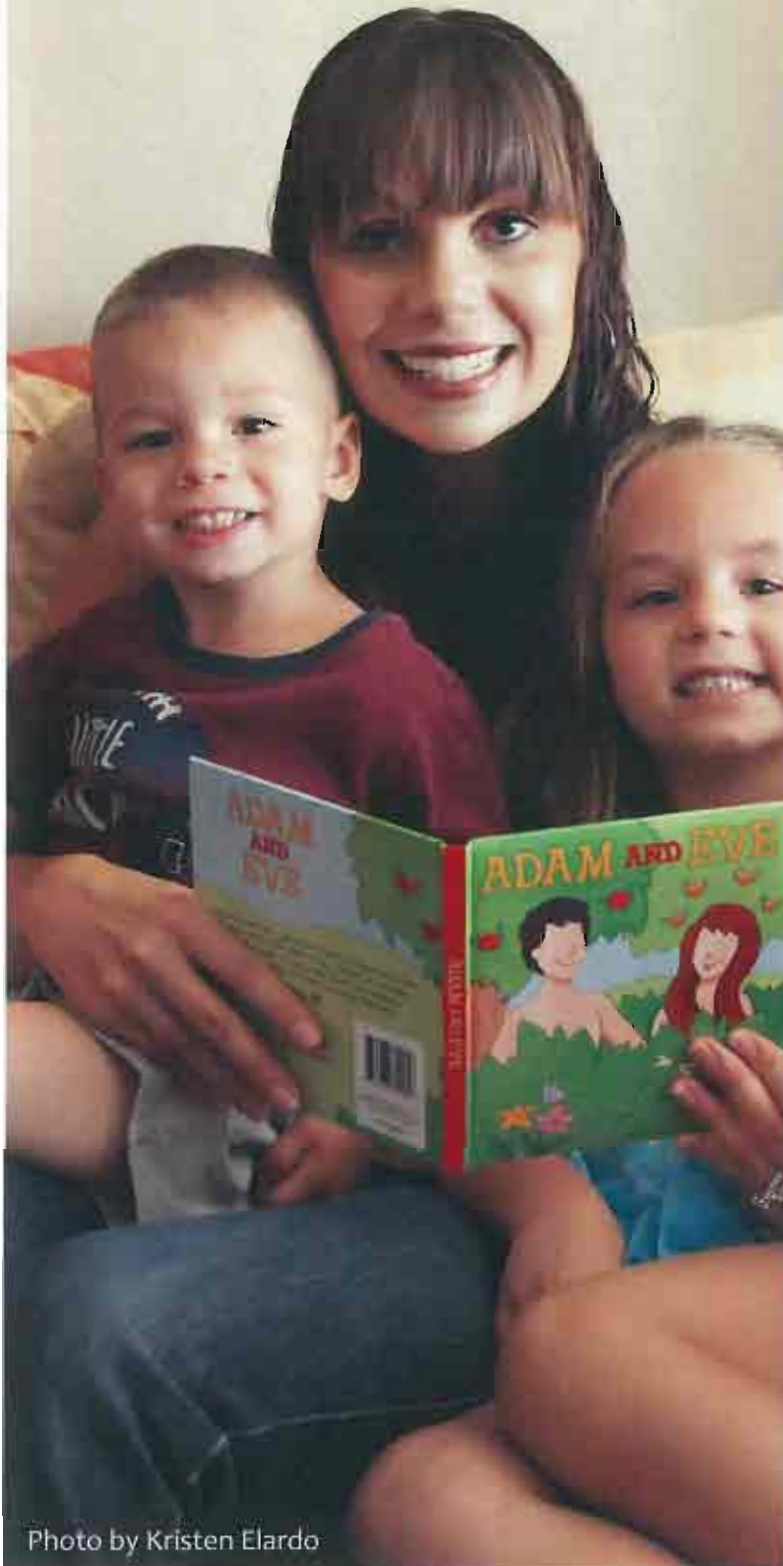


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I am: Erin Phillips

Age: 30

Occupation: Mom.

City I live in: Lodi, CA.

How long I've attended Bear Creek Church:
1 1/2 years.

What I enjoy most about Bear Creek Church: Pastor Bill's message, The Children's Ministry.

Ministries I serve in: Children's Ministry.

Why I serve in this ministry: I believe God has given me arms to soothe a crying baby, what could be better than sharing God's love with these little angels.

When telling others about Bear Creek Church I use these words: They have a wonderful children's ministry. My daughter always leaves her class learning something more about Jesus.

A key event in my life and the impact it had on me: God healed me from depression and anger at 29! I know now He calls me beloved and I am cherished, it gives me hope in this broken world. I am a better wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend because I have God's amazing grace and love.

If I could do anything I would: Go and see where Jesus walked.

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble."

Favorite Bear Creek Church Event/Activity: VBS—giving children the opportunity to hear God's promise.

Last Movie I saw or Book I read: *Escape the Coming Night*, by Dr. David Jeremiah.

Favorite vacation destination: Camping at Silver Fork with my family.

Hobbies: Reading, writing poetry, singing praises to God, reading with my kids.

Favorite Holiday: Christmas.

Favorite Time of Day: Evenings—reading to my kids, time to connect with my hubby.

The people who mean the most to me: Scott, Ava, Isaiah, Mom, Dad, Celina, Mia, Steph, Cayla... the list could go on and on...

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BY PASTOR CLINT SHAMBLIN, PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES



MUD BOWL: A Messy Good Time

C o l l i d e S t u d e n t M i n i s t r i e s

Fall is a great time of year for High School and

Junior High students. School is down to a routine, sports are in high gear and everyone is looking forward to the coming holiday season.



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football experience. Any

Junior High or High School student can come out and play alongside peers. There will be prizes for Best Dressed, Winning Team, Biggest Guts and even more.

And if that isn't enough fun, we are already planning for a rematch in November.

At Bear Creek Church we are excited for a chance to get in touch with our community. During the Fall Break for many schools in October, we will be hosting our launch of "MUD BOWL 2012." Wednesday, October 10th from 6:30-7:30pm, we will be slinging mud around as we compete, school against school, on the field of



Be sure and mark your calendars for our Christmas Party, Wednesday, Dec. 19th from 6:30-8:00pm.

For more information about MUD BOWL 2012 or our Student Ministries Program, contact Pastor Clint at pastorclint@bearcreekchurch.com.



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2012 Mexico Mission Trip

by Judy Lees

We arrived at Spectrum Ministries in Mission Bay on Monday, July 9th with two vans filled to the top with supplies. We had three new team members join us this year; Rebecca Hammerman, Leslie Petersen and Mona Simon. These ladies were amazing as they embarked on serving in the mission field. Our team was set and ready to make a difference to those less fortunate.

That first evening we had a wonderful dinner at the home of our Spectrum Ministries guides, Ernesto and Sylvia. The next morning we shopped, cooked and enjoyed the company of the Spectrum crew as we prepared dinner for the orphans at 'Smiles of Angels,' an orphanage in Tecate. When we arrived we were surrounded by children who were eager to be loved on. We played games with them and after dinner they were able to pick out treats with the tickets they won from the games.

Wednesday was the designated 'building' day. We spent the day building a home for a nice couple who have three children. This family stayed with us the entire day and fixed a delicious lunch. It is always a pleasure to meet and spend time with those we help. This couple was so excited and proud of their new home. It made it well worth our effort to see their smiling faces and know we helped make a difference in making their lives a little better.

Spectrum Ministries set aside Thursday for attending to orphaned children by washing their hair and feet. Clean clothes were given to all the children and haircuts provided to all the boys. Afterward the children enjoyed a nice lunch with snow cones for dessert, and fun games were organized for them. It was a very busy day serving 200-300 children, but we knew God's love was shared with our gift of service.

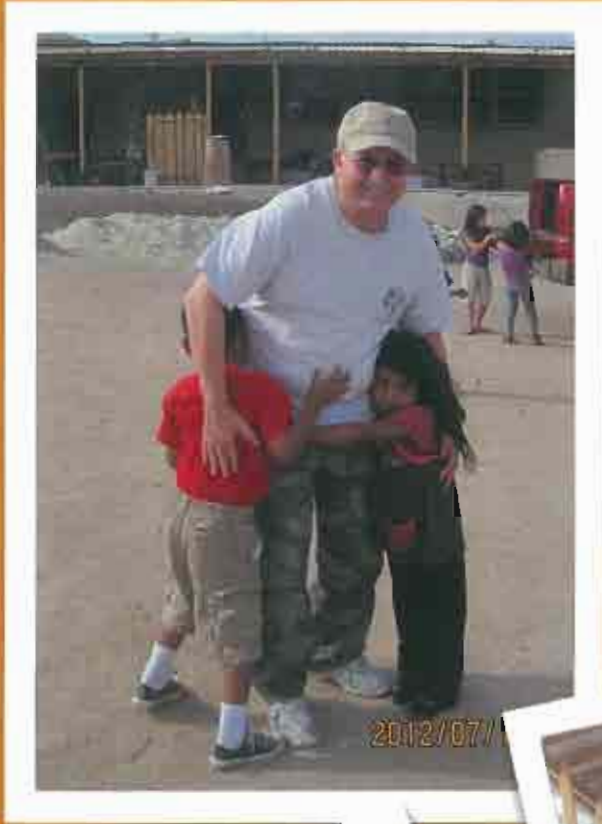
On Friday, Spectrum Ministries took us to a landfill outside of Tecate. There we found people who work long tiring hours scavenging cardboard, metal and other recyclable items to earn money; some even living onsite in cardboard houses. We began handing out hot dogs wrapped in tortillas along with cups of water and the people kept coming. It was heart wrenching seeing very black hands and the look of desperation reaching to us as we passed food and water to them.

Later that day we went to dinner at Casa Manuel, a home that accommodates 25 boys. Luis and Aide have done a superb job providing a real home and family for these boys. We played games after dinner and then later discussed with Luis his future plans for Casa Manuel. He expressed his concern about the loss of support this past year and the effect it would have on keeping Casa Manuel open and operating. Luis is also planning for these young men's future education and how to finance that as well. We were able to provide money for school shoes for the boys.

Our next mission trip to Mexico will be July 8-13, 2013. We hope you will consider coming on this adventure with us. Do something radical and out of the ordinary; mark your calendar and show the love of Jesus to those who are in need. We hope to start making short trips to help Spectrum Ministries during this next year. This experience would be available to those who cannot take a whole week off, but could go on Wednesday through Saturday or Sunday.

Please keep in mind that children's clothing and toys, for all ages and in good condition, are always needed and appreciated. If you have a donation, please drop it by Bear Creek Community Church anytime and we will pick it up and take it with us on our next trip. For more information, please call Bob & Judy Lees at 209-952-5541.







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THE LORD'S PRAYER

BY PASTOR JEBBY MOATES

As I sat down to write this article, I had several ideas churning around in my head. I have been frustrated with the state of affairs we face in our present day world, and to be honest a bit bewildered. I had planned to write an open and passionate essay on my personal convictions regarding one of many issues. But before starting all that, I took time for my morning routine, which includes time to pray and reading the Bible.

Fourteen years ago, while in Cheltenham, England, with Youth for Christ, a lady at Elim Pentecostal Church gave me a devotional book by a Welsh pastor named Selwyn Hughes, called 'Every Day with Jesus.' This book turned out to be a gift from God. This devotional contains 365 lessons, one for each day of the year. While it only takes about 15 minutes each morning to read the daily lesson and look up the Bible passages (Old and New Testament), going through this daily study rocked my world! It was, and still is, an experience where I hear God speak to me directly and specifically depending on what has and is going on in my life.

The lesson was from yet another book written by Selwyn Hughes entitled, "Treasure for the Heart" from the Every Day Light series; it was on the topic of the Lord's Prayer. Before sitting down with my Bible and a cup of coffee, I was lost for what to write here, but after reading the scriptural passages and the lesson; I have not just an idea, but an inspiration.

I thought about how our present economy appears to be so hopeless and seems to be getting worse and asked: Are we headed for another depression?

Jesus prayed, "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

I pondered the fact that, here we are in the fall of 2012, an election year, who is the right candidate? Who am I supposed to vote for?

Jesus responded, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing."

1 Timothy 2:8

"Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension."

Jesus expressed the true perspective, "For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen."

I asked, as a musician and songwriter, what hope do artists have in a time where accountants run the entertainment business? Are we doomed to a constant rehashing of whatever sold the most units? Has originality and creativity been made obsolete by the bean counters and the "politically-correct"?

1 Chronicles 16:11 "Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face continually."

Luke 18:1 "Now, He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not lose heart."

And Jesus taught us to pray, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

At the end of today's lesson, Pastor Selwyn Hughes leads us, the readers, in a prayer:

"O God, as I begin this quest for a deeper and more effective prayer life, my heart cries out: Lord, teach me to pray as I learn to live- vitally and victoriously. Amen."

Jesus taught us the ultimate prayer in Matthew 6:9-13

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."





Photo by Nancy Jordan

WASTING NOT A Bountiful GARDEN

One of the greatest joys of growing a garden is sharing the fruits (and vegetables) of your labor with family and friends. Typically early in the season everyone is eager to receive from your bountiful garden. They shower you with praise about how wonderfully fresh and flavorful your produce is, but a few months later it is a different story.

Friends and family have had their fill of zucchini and tomatoes. If they see you coming from a distance; arms laden with produce, they are likely to hurry off in the opposite direction as if they were responding to a fire. Glancing backwards for just a minute they might yell, "I'm running behind, but catch me next time!" So the next time you try calling first, but even after numerous tries, no one picks up; you get the feeling everyone is avoiding you and your vegetables show no inkling of slowing down.

Yes, I am afraid this has happened to me and determined not to waste my produce, I scour every cookbook and magazine I can get my hands on that has recipes for tomatoes and zucchini. It was great fun for a while, but I had to stop when I realized my family was turning an odd "zucchini" shade of green! Okay, I am just kidding, but I don't like to waste food, so I do have a few suggestions if you are searching for easy ideas for your "boatload" of

produce.

I love, really love, cherry tomatoes, but I can only eat so many and I pick 2 to 3 baskets a day! So now I dry the "extras" in the oven and the results are amazingly sweet and tangy "gems." I freeze them to use later on pizzas, sauces or just to eat as snack! Other tomatoes I freeze whole and use later in spaghetti sauce.

I freeze zucchini and eggplant in a variety of ways depending on what I have available. Small zucchini I cut lengthways, salt and cook until just tender, then chill in cold water or cover with ice. I slide the chilled zucchini into quart size ziploc bags, date and freeze. They are perfect for stuffing. Chopped zucchini or eggplant can also be cooked with onion, mushrooms and Italian herbs. Let the mixture cool a bit and also freeze in quart size bags. It is perfect to add to eggs, spaghetti or just as a side.

Studies have revealed that American households waste 1.28 pounds of food each day, which averages out to about 14 percent of the food brought into the home. When done properly canning, drying, pickling and freezing will save your produce from wasting away and keep a little bit more of the other "green stuff" in your wallet.

Sweet & TANGY GEMS

TO DRY CHERRY TOMATOES:

24 ounces stemmed and sliced tomatoes
Aluminum foil
Olive oil
Salt

Preheat oven to 350. Cover a heavy baking pan with foil. Lightly cover pan with oil. Place cut tomatoes (seed sides up) on pan, keeping smaller halves to the center. Lightly salt the tomatoes. Place in oven for 1 hour; reduce heat to 225 for another hour. If tomatoes begin to brown reduce temperature to 200. Check often (every 15 minutes)

Remove smaller tomatoes to plate. They won't be entirely dry; it might take a few times to find out if you want them drier and while they are tasty right out of the oven, they are even better the next day. Store in small ziploc bags (I use snack size or sandwich) and enjoy!

BBTs (BACON, BASIL, & TOMATO)

4 ounces minced cooked bacon
5 1/2 ounces chopped dried cherry tomatoes (gems)
Basil leaves
1/2 cup mayonnaise (plus a thin layer of mayonnaise for each piece of bread)
1 baguette cut into 1/2 inch slices
1/2 Avocado chopped (or guacamole)

Mix the bacon chopped cherry tomatoes and mayonnaise together.
Spread a thin layer of mayonnaise on each slice of bread.
Lay a fresh basil leaf covering the mayonnaise.
Spread a layer of the tomato mixture.

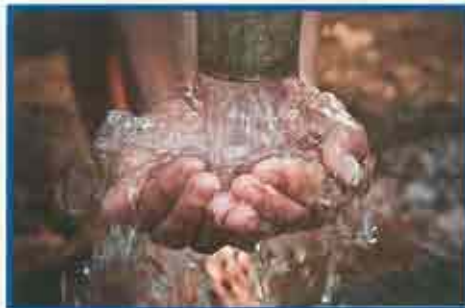
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THE NEW MONEY

Financial Advice for Young Adults

By Jesse Beltran

First Day at a New Job

Congratulations! This notice has been brought to you because you have been selected for one of the most important jobs you'll ever have. It's a job that has a long history and many applicants. It's challenging and the hours are long, but the benefits are unbeatable. Effective immediately, you are now God's Steward.

Since before the 12th century a steward was a person appointed by a large household or monarchy to be the financial planner of the entire household or kingdom. This was a very respected, noble position and a very trusted one. The steward was given all the money in the kingdom and then was obligated to allocate it to its proper place. All paychecks, rent payments, expenses, repairs and upkeep could not be paid for without the steward's knowledge and stamp of approval. This is the legacy that you uphold... only you are now steward for the King of Kings.

Now, like any other job you will need training, so listen up. Throughout the rest of your life you will receive money, through other various jobs and situations. Sometimes you will receive a lot and other times you will receive only a little. There may be

times when you have so little you will wonder if you still have the job. You may rest assured. Money, like shifts in the weather, will come and go, but you will ALWAYS have this job, with every penny you earn.

Also, like any other job, there are rules. I'm sorry to say that being a steward, as noble a position as it is,



does not grant the right to take the money and do whatever you like with it. Which brings me to the first and most important rule... IT'S NOT YOUR MONEY! Now, I realize this might not seem fair. We all work hard, and let's face it, most of the jobs out there are less than ideal. I realize it's difficult to work hard and then receive that long awaited paycheck only to remember that it's not your money. But, while you are remembering that, remember this - God, your employer, created this money. He created it for many different reasons. Among them is to take care of you and yours, but also

to expand His kingdom. That's where you, as steward, come in.

The second rule... Under no circumstances will you be FIRED from this job. I know, sweet deal, huh? This is not a license to slack off! The fact is that a steward is a very trusted position and if you do not perform your job adequately, you're likely to be trusted with less and less of the boss's money. You'll still have your job, but well... less trust means less benefit.

Speaking of benefits! That's what you get when your Boss is also the creator of the universe and all that it encompasses. Out of all the funds that you're being trusted with, the Boss is only asking 10% for the expansion of His kingdom. That means that 90% is

yours to decide how to best use for your life, your family and how to best perform your job. Many other stewards often become so advanced in their stewarding skills, they reach a point where they can give much more than 10%, live very comfortably and be prepared for whatever challenge awaits them.

Once again, congratulations on your new job! And as you move forward please remember this article and look for future articles as we will look further on how better to allocate your 90% so you can become the best steward you can be.

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Occupation: Project Manager at Earth Shelter Developers.

City I live in: Lodi, CA.

How long I've attended Bear Creek Church: 4 years.

What I enjoy most about Bear Creek Church: The honesty & follow-through of the Mission Statement.

Ministry I serve in: Bear Creek Water.

Why I serve in this ministry: It has a positive impact on so many people. The Lord led me to it through prayer.

When telling others about Bear Creek Church I use these words: Friendly, Good People, True Message.

A key event in my life and the impact it had on me: My marriage—39 years ago. It brought me out of darkness and led me to the Lord through my wife, Kate.

If I could do anything, I would: Continue to serve the Lord and see my children do the same.

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13—I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

Favorite Bear Creek Church Event/Activity: Pastor Jebby's Easter Play—'Picture of Jesus.'

Last Movie I saw or Book I read: 'Courageous,' both the book and movie.

Favorite Vacation Destination: The Ocean.

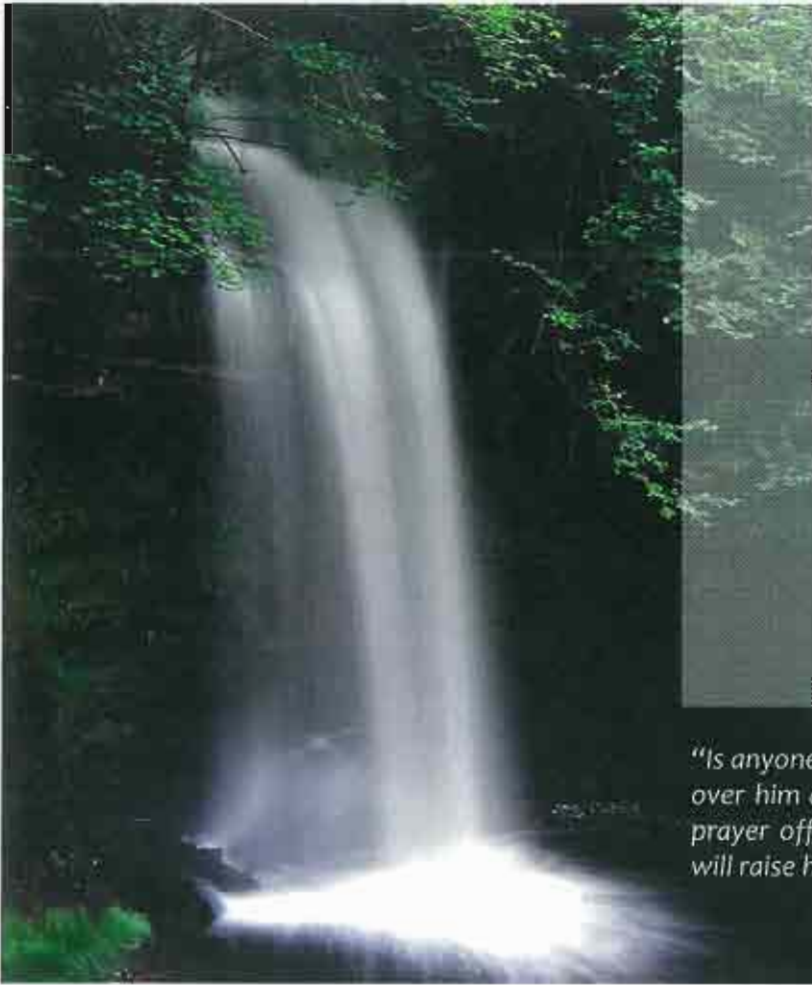
Hobbies/Special Interests: Motorcycle riding and family.

Favorite Holiday: The Lord's Birthday.

Pets: Patches, our cat. I found her in our Strawberry Patch just newly born.

The people who mean the most to me: All my family and the people who are still lost to the Lord.

Other information you would like to share: I find the most reward in giving and serving and continuing to try to improve in God's eyes. I feel he has guided me and would never give up on this sinner.



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"Is anyone of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well and the Lord will raise him up."

James 5:14-15

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THE HEALING ROOM OF BEAR CREEK CHURCH

by Pastor Dotti Curwilm

"...AND JESUS HEALED THEM ALL." MATTHEW 12:15

WHAT TO EXPECT

Going into a new experience is usually easier when you know what to expect. The unknown often makes us anxious and uncomfortable and fear is removed when we can see what's ahead.

Love, faith, joy and worship are four characteristics you will encounter when you visit the Healing Room. These things combined together, create an atmosphere that will surround you from the moment you walk into the building.

Upon arrival, you will be asked to fill out a form sharing your need for physical or inner healing. Then you will be invited to enter the sanctuary of the church. Many are healed and set free as they wait in there, surrounded by the tangible presence of God and His beauty and love.

We will then bring you into the Prayer Room where trained leaders, who partner with Jesus and his Holy Spirit, will pray for you. It's a peaceful and joyous time, when people who care about seeing you find freedom and wellness come by your side and shift things in the heavenly realm on your behalf. They bring, from heaven to earth, the good things God has for you. We are honored to stand with you, cry with you, laugh with you and rejoice with you as you get to really experience the goodness of God.

We do not expect you to speak a certain way or act a certain way, but only to come into the Healing Room just as you are. We don't expect you to be from a certain social or ethnic background, or a certain age or from a certain church. It doesn't matter how you dress. All we expect is that you come. And when you come, we will be excited to show you love, see you healed and set free.

"I WISH ABOVE ALL ELSE, THAT YOU WILL PROSPER IN HEALTH AS YOUR SOUL PROSPERS." III JOHN 1:2

If you have a need for physical, emotional or spiritual healing we invite you to make an appointment for either Monday Evenings or Friday Mornings.

To schedule your appointment email Pastor Dotti at prayingdotti@aol.com or visit bearcreekchurch.com/healing-ministry/.

A Family Ministry

Adult Classes: Marriage, Parenting, Prayer, Health/Fitness and Finance classes are just some of the class topics provided for men and women and couples to choose from.



Youth & Children: Our commitment is in laying a strong spiritual foundation through creative, innovative and fun programs designed to meet the interests and maturity level of the children.



Toddlers and Nursery:

Your little ones will feel God's love and have fun every time they come.



2012 SECOND QUARTER CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY OCT 17, 2012 6:30-8:00 PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED 5:30-6:00 PM IN THE LOBBY
ONLY \$3.00 PER PERSON!

Class: Serious Results "Prism Phase II"

Teacher: Pastor Bobby Spencer

Oct 17 - Dec 19, 6:30 - 8pm

Description: *Serious Results Fitness, Health, & Nutrition Solution*, uses the PRISM® program coupled with Pastor Bobby's vast expertise in this field. A vehicle for lasting change, he deals with the whole person; the *physical, emotional and spiritual*. You will learn about the underlying issues that cause you to overeat and develop an understanding of food addiction. Join Pastor Bobby for a time of restored hope, and become the person you were created to be. Materials fee \$45. **MUST PRE-REGISTER** to receive materials by start date. Phase I is a pre-requisite.

Class 101—Discovering Bear Creek Church

Teacher: Pastor Bill Cummins

Sunday Oct 21 & Nov 18

Description: Would you like to know more about what BCCC believes? Our future goals and objectives? Discover Bear Creek Church and how to begin and belong to the growing family of Bear Creek. Class 101 is a pre-requisite to serving in all our ministries as well as becoming a member.

Class 201—Daily Walk with God

Teacher: Carmen Feldstein

Oct 17 - Nov 14, 6:30 - 8pm

Description: Learn Biblical practices that can and will transform your life.

Class 301—Spiritual Gifts

Teacher: Pastor Bill Cummins

Nov 28 - Dec 19, 6:30 - 8pm

Description: Understand what spiritual gifts are, why we have them and how God intended for us to use them in the body of Christ.

Topic: God, America and Our Founding Fathers

Teacher: Pastor Bill & Bob LaCasse

Oct 17 - Dec 19, 6:30 - 8pm

Description: Take a journey with Pastor Bill and discover how God became an integral part of America's development as a nation and as a people.

Topic: Love & War

Teacher: Pastor George & Lisbet Liepart

Oct 17 - Dec 19, 6:30 - 8pm

Description: Finding the marriage you've dreamed of will help you take your marriage to new levels through deeper intimacy by stepping into the great adventure God has waiting for you and your spouse together. What **'Wild at Heart'** did for men, and **'Captivating'** did for women, **'Love & War'** will do for married couples everywhere.

HOPE

H e l p i n g O t h e r P e o p l e t o E x p a n d



COURTESY PHOTO
The beautification project in the neighborhood.

HOPE kicked off its **Youth Beautification Program** at Eden Park on August 13th opening the opportunity for community members to fix-up and clean their curbsides.

- High school WorkNet staff, assigned to HOPE, collected data from community members for future projects to bring a clean, beautiful and presentable outlook to HOPE communities. The WorkNet staff picks up trash at the park and in the neighborhood every day. Curb sides are cleaned and graffiti is removed daily as well.
- Learn It, a free tutorial program, distributed backpacks for students.
- The Boys and Girls Club provided a Jumper for the kids to enjoy.
- WorkNet staff also painted faces and played games with confetti eggs and hand-made bean bags.
- Other generous donors provided delicious hot dogs, fruit and cold drinks.

HOPE works in conjunction with local agencies to improve the image of Stockton youth who are willing and able to positively improve their environments. Over 250 community members came out to enjoy the festivities and to get their homes added to the list of projects.

HOPE's membership is growing and more services are being added from Resume's to VA benefits. In the last four months;

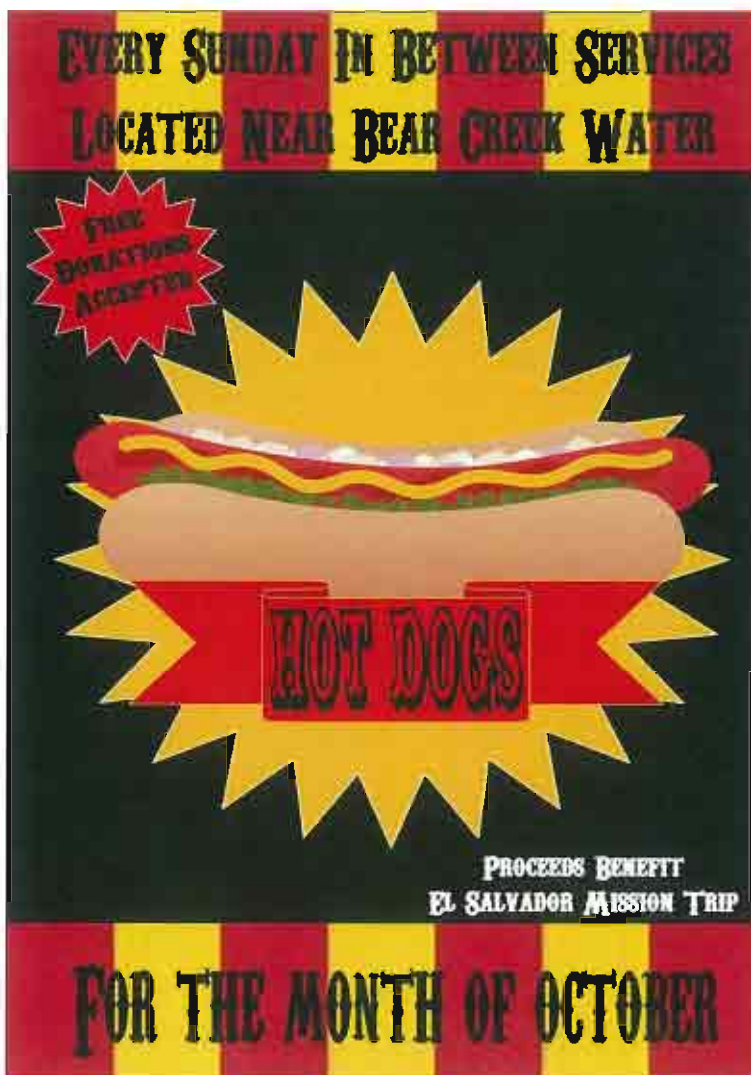
- 35 participants (some felons) have attained employment.
- 20 clients have returned to high school, college, or began a GED Program.
- 14 WorkNet youth worked on the Youth Beautification Program.
- 7 families have been reunified.
- 4 adults received VA benefits.
- 2 young adults joined the Army.
- Over 70 new people per day receive counseling.
- Over 2,000 community members have participated in the various events supporting the **Gang & Violence Prevention Program, Families Against Violence, Feeding the Homeless** and the new **Youth Beautification Program**.

HOPE conducts **Mentoring Workshops** every Friday at the **Boys and Girls Club's Cechini Club House** providing mentorship and support for over 50 youth from 8 to 15 years of age. Youth learn various strategies on how to avoid being a target of bullying and gang recruitment. Education is encouraged as plans are made for college and career paths. Frank Martinez, retired correctional officer, and a team of HOPE members provide real life stories and lessons to youth who may find themselves in similar circumstances.

The **Dress to Achieve** Program recently graduated six students and they are actively seeking employment through staffing agencies and utilizing online skills to apply for positions throughout Stockton. Graduates celebrated their commencement on Friday, August 24th with their families and friends at HOPE.

With crime at an all time high, HOPE's staff is in action working to recruit youth into weekly employment preparation workshops at the downtown office to provide a source of income through WorkNet assignments. HOPE believes that working youth are less likely to get in trouble, and are more responsible and focused on succeeding. HOPE also works to build strong caring relationships. Participants learn to positively mentor youth and replace the negativity in their neighborhoods.

As we prepare for the holidays, your contributions are greatly needed and appreciated. Please help by sending your tax deductible donations to Glenn Jose, President of HOPE, 910 N. Hunter St., Stockton, CA or call us at (209) 565-5729. HOPE has also prepared a Wish List, see our website at www.HOPEsjc.org where PayPal is available and check us out on Facebook! Our Spring newsletter has just been released. Look for it in local stores and agencies in Stockton, or on our website.



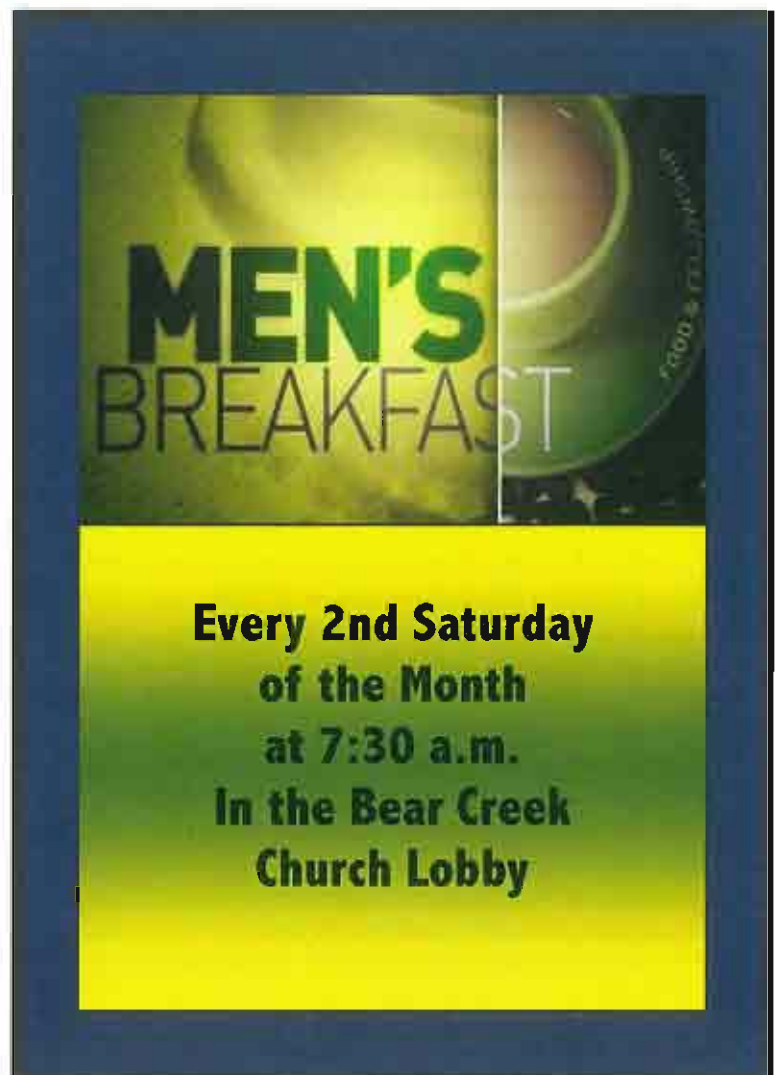
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THE REVIEW

BY JESSE BELTRAN

House at the End of the Street

RATED PG-13

I'd like to preface by stating that I am a fan of Horror movies. This is because of my personal philosophy regarding art. I believe the most powerful art in this world is the art that evokes emotion. So when someone creates a work with the intention of evoking fear, I find it very admirable. This is because fear is one of the most utterly difficult emotions to attempt to stir up in an audience. And even more admirable are the film makers who produce horror, knowing that their film will never win an Oscar, will never make billions and will never gain audience approval the way that your run-of-the-mill action or romantic comedy will. They do it for themselves as fans of the genre and for the few moviegoers who really want to have a work of art scare them out of their seats.

That being said: House at the End of the Street isn't particularly scary, but somehow it does stand out as a work of art.

House at the End of The Street centers around a teenage girl, Elissa (Jennifer Lawrence, The Hunger Games, X-Men: First Class) and her less than Stepford mother (Elisabeth Shue, Leaving Las Vegas, Back to the Future II & III) as they move into a new home next door to a house where two brutal murders happened. When Elissa befriends, Ryan (Max Thieriot, Jumper, Chlo), the melancholy son of the people who were murdered, she uncovers the truth about the killings, the killer, urban legend and Ryan's sister, Carrie Ann.

The fact of the matter is that as a horror film, House at the End of the Street falls so short in the fear department that it can barely be classified as a horror film. Really, it's a drama/suspense film that uses ticks and devices normally used in horror, only to further reveal that it's a suspense film. This has been happening a lot more lately with writers and directors using what the audience will probably expect, based on the fact that the audience knows it's seeing a horror film, and they've seen the same thing a hundred times. This doesn't make it a bad movie, but it does diminish the thrill.

On the bright side, as I said, it does hold its own, not as a horror movie, but as a work of art in filmmaking. The dramatic scenes are so plentiful it could almost be described as "draggy," but it is very well written and well-acted. Jennifer Lawrence is enjoyable to watch on the screen and as an actor she maintains good rapport with her cast-mates. It's hard to escape the sense of realism in the interactions between Lawrence and both her mother and Ryan. The movie's imagery, music and storyline are less predictable than your average horror movie.

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Movie Review Continued...

In the end there is the question of whether or not *House at the End of the Street* is really worth a ticket price. The answer depends on what you're interested in seeing. There is a distinct lessening of the usual profanity, sex and violence you find in most movies. It's on the PG side of PG-13. So, if you're looking for a tame thriller to take your teens to in light of the Halloween season, it's perfect for that. But if you're looking for a real scare, your money is better invested in another title.



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As the Yarn Turns

by Gerry Murphy

Since becoming Christians many years ago, my husband Dan and I have searched our calling to serve the Lord to determine what gift we could give. This is the story of how we found our answer.

About a year and a half ago, I was in the garage and found myself staring at all these containers we had acquired of unused yarn. I pondered disposing of the yarn for years, but for some reason, had decided to hold onto them, never really knowing why or what to do with them. I found myself asking, "What am I going to do with all this?" and the Lord said to me, "Use it." I said, "Lord, how?" The Lord said, "Make hats." I ran into the house and said to my husband, "We are going to use our yarn to make hats!" "Hats?" he asked. "Yes, we will make them for missions in Mexico & El Salvador, The Lodi House,

cancer treatment centers, nursing homes, the homeless or whoever needs them!"

We approached our pastors at Bear Creek Church and they thought this was a great idea. We made a plea to the congregation for donations of yarn and we asked our friend, Donna Davis, to help us make the hats. Donna even came up with the name of our ministry, 'As the Yarn Turns.' Thanks to all the generous donations, we have now made and gifted over 3,000 hats. This would not have been possible without the many people who contributed to this ministry.

While the Lord gave us this mission, it's not ours alone. It belongs to all who have donated the yarn used to knit these hats. The glory goes to God for making this mission happen. We thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts

for their support. We welcome anyone who is interested in serving the Lord with this rewarding venture. The hats we produce are made on looms, which is a fast and easy way to achieve our goals, but any method of making hats is a gift gladly accepted.

We are always in need of yarn. If you have any unused yarn sitting in your closet or craft room, please consider gifting it to this ministry. If you wish to simply drop off yarn, you may do so during the week from 8am to 3pm at Bear Creek Community Church, located at 11171 N. Lower Sacramento Rd., Lodi, CA 95242.

For more information about 'As the Yarn Turns' contact Dan or Gerry Muphy at 209.339.1291 or Donna Davis at 209.473.7100.

Thank you for your generous support as we serve the Lord.



Something For Everyone



Nursery/ Kindergarten

Your children from birth to Kindergarten are nurtured in a safe and comfortable environment. Bear Creek

Community Church is committed to providing a happy, secure experience for your little ones. Our caregivers and teachers are prepared to show your child God's love in an environment in which biblical teaching, Christian compassion and servanthood are demonstrated and taught. This will be the beginning of a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. Our goal is to assist parents in laying a solid foundation of faith in the lives of their children. If you have questions about our care contact:

Flower Hagele nursery@bearcreekchurch.com

High School — 9th through 12th grades

The purpose of this ministry is to foster a vibrant, growing Youth Group that recognizes teen's need for acceptance, boundaries, fun and fellowship with adults who love them unconditionally. We show teens they are loved, accepted, and part of a thriving community. We encourage teens to enthusiastically pursue being intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually fit, and inviting their friends to join them in this pursuit. Most importantly we continually encourage these young people to discover, connect with and follow Jesus. If



you have questions about our programs contact:
Pastor Clint Shamblin pastorclint@bearcreekchurch.com

Kids in Christ — 1st through 6th grades

The purpose of this ministry is to connect children to Jesus; teaching them to honor God by obeying His Word; to respect one another; to invest time and talent by serving; to spiritually grow, developing a biblical world view, so that lives are transformed. Our vision is that Kids In Christ will be a program in which hundreds of children will participate because they feel Christ's love and acceptance here; they enjoy an exciting environment in which to learn; they live God's Word; they want to invite their friends; they feel safe; they bond together with their families. If you have questions about our programs contact:

Ann Pacheco childrensdirector@bearcreekchurch.com

Unshakeable Jr. High — 7th & 8th grades

"I wait quietly before God for my salvation comes

from Him, He alone is my rock and my salvation; my fortress where I will never be shaken." Psalm 62:1-2 This is our verse for the Junior High ministry and where we get the name Unshakeable. The purpose of this ministry is to foster a strong sense of who the Lord is and encourage them to go out into the world with this truth firmly rooted in their lives. We provide a safe place for teens to be themselves while setting boundaries and demonstrating respect for others. If you have questions about our programs contact:

Pastor Clint Shamblin pastorclint@bearcreekchurch.com



Men's Ministry

BCCC Men's Ministry is a place to learn about God's plan and work God's plan for his children, in our church and our community. The Masculinity of Jesus is our model. We want to develop men who sense what biblically muscular, masculine Christianity is all about. Power under control; Strength clothed in tenderness. As we work with men on this level and use Scripture to reshape their attitudes, they will become all that God meant them to be. If you have questions about our programs contact:

Rich Manning r-manning@sbcglobal.net



Hillside 18 – 29

The Hillside is where Jesus took others so that they could hear Him speak, where they gathered to experience who He is, and the place where radical life change happened. We know that anything lasting must be founded in truth, supported by lifestyle change, and authenticated by how we serve others. Sunday nights we gather to have a one of a kind service found nowhere else in Stockton/Lodi. Where teaching is made relevant, worship is felt, and adults 18—29 gather to connect in life together. Come experience it for yourself. If you have questions about our programs contact:

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Women's Ministry

The purpose of this ministry is to help women become connected to each other, deeply and meaningfully. We need each

other in a world that is fast paced and pulling on us from every direction. Even more importantly, Women's Ministries exists to connect women deeply and meaningfully to God. Our purpose is to encourage, equip and enrich. We do this through opportunities to study God's Word together; pray together; laugh and have fun and fellowship together; learn spiritual principles that equip us to face the challenges and choices that confront us; serve God with our gifts and talents; reach out and serve others; and support one another. If you have questions about our programs contact:

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Young at Heart

Young at Heart is for those who are 50 years and older or those who just like to have fun. Enjoying a delicious potluck meal, listening to and learning from guest speakers, movie nights and participating

in various other activities together form the basis of lively Young at Heart get-togethers. It's a great time to connect with friends and embrace new ones! Young at Heart meets the third Friday of every month (between January and October) at 6:00 p.m.



in the Worship Center Lobby of Bear Creek Community Church. If you have questions about our programs contact:

Donna Davis davis820@sbcglobal.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October – December 2012

EDUCATION/GROWTH

- **THRIVE 2012 2ND QTR. CLASSES**
WEDNESDAYS, OCT 17 - DEC 19
Join us at 5:30pm for a delicious meal (only \$3.00) and then participate in one of several classes from 6:30 - 8pm
- **CLASS 101 "DISCOVERING BEAR CREEK CHURCH"**
SUN OCT 21 & SUN NOV 18
- **CLASS 201 "WALKING WITH GOD DAILY"**
OCT 17 - NOV 14, 6:30 - 8PM
- **CLASS 301 "DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS"**
NOV 28 - DEC 19, 6:30 - 8PM
- **SERIOUS RESULTS "PRISM PHASE II"**
OCT 17 - DEC 19, 6:30 - 8PM
- **GOD, AMERICA AND OUR FOUNDING FATHERS**
OCT 17 - DEC 19, 6:30 - 8PM
- **LOVE & WAR**
OCT 17 - DEC 19, 6:30 - 8PM

FELLOWSHIP

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST**
SAT-OCT 13, NOV 10 & DEC 8, 7:30AM
- **CLUB 31**
SAT-OCT 20 9:15AM
- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY**
TUESDAYS, 7PM
- **PATTERNS OF FAITH**
OCT 9 & 23 6-9PM
- **YOUNG AT HEART**
OCT 19 6PM

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **MUD BOWL**
OCT 10
- **HARVEST FAIRE**
OCT 27
- **COMPASSION SUNDAY**
NOV 18
- **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**
NOV 21
- **LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA**
NOV 30
- **ANNUAL MEETING**
DEC 1
- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**
DEC 24

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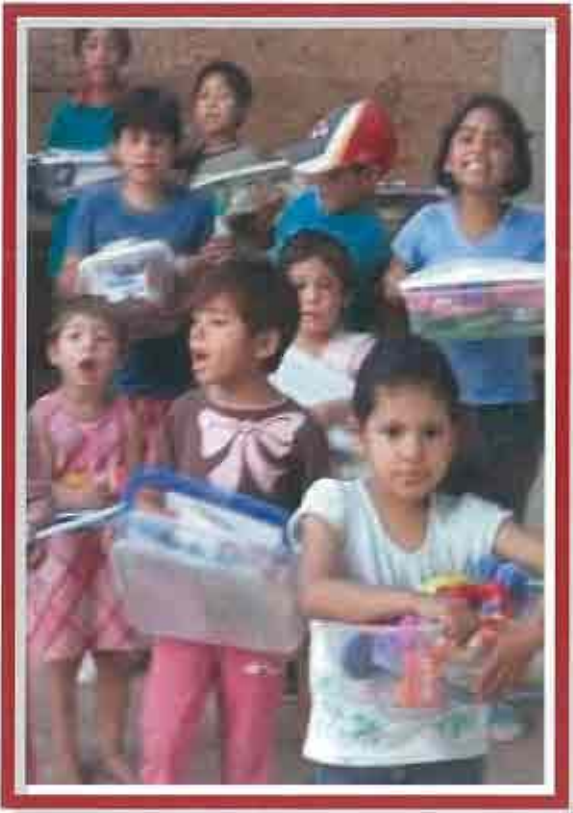
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Share the LOVE...

Bear Creek Community Church is dedicated to helping others in need. For the past 14 years, your generous donations have helped the *Love in a Shoebox* Ministry Team provide shoeboxes filled with school items, personal hygiene products and non violent toys to children in Mexico for Christmas.



This year the *Love in a Shoebox* Ministry Team, along with the help of Mike and Karen Corder, will once again deliver 400 shoeboxes to Mexico over the Thanksgiving break.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- Pick up a Blue Shoebox from Guest Services at Bear Creek Church
-Available Sunday's thru Oct. 28th
- Fill the Shoebox with misc. items and Love.
- Return Shoeboxes to Guest Services no later than Sunday, November 11th.
- OR... make a donation to BCCC "Love in a Shoebox" and we will do the shopping for you.

Questions? Please contact:

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Susan Woehl: 209 327-5270

Debbie Ramirez: 209 483-7363



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Closing thoughts...



GIVING THANKS

Psalm 95:2-3

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

CORINTHIANS 1:4-5

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way — in all your speaking and in all your knowledge.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Scripture quotations are from the New International Version (NIV).

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