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The Fishnet



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From the Community Director:

Dear CIE Community,

I recently heard a speaker say,

“God calls us TO HIMSELF, then calls us away FROM OURSELVES”

Emmaus is a perfect setting in which we are “called away from ourselves”; (our comfort, our ego, our needs, our struggles, etc.) and surrender to God’s call to become servants to the Pilgrims, in Jesus’ name.

Do you remember the “Emmaus Team Canon” paper you received in your notebook, “It’s Not About Me”? This list contains words of wisdom and guidance for those who desire a servant’s heart, but oh, those are difficult words—and can only be realized through God’s grace and His agape love to us. Walk #35 teams have spent about 16 hours moving toward this goal, and we have one more Team Building yet to go. We have been challenged by powerful talks, blessed by fellowship as we learn our jobs, and encouraged in our spirit as we have waited before God in prayer and worship. Now, Walk #35 is just days away and we wait eagerly to see what God will do in all of our lives, both team and Pilgrims.

A few final reminders:

- If you are sponsoring a Pilgrim, please read again the Sponsorship information, particularly the Walk events sponsors are to attend. Please notice, as well, the sponsor’s responsibilities for the months following the Walk.
- If you are not working or sponsoring, you can bless us all by participating in the prayer vigils (contact Bruce Catlett or Diana Rainer), making agape, being a “part-time worker”, providing snacks or helping financially (we are still replacing the stolen trailer items).
- It is always a joy to the Pilgrims and a huge encouragement to the teams when the Community attends the Walk events. Please make room on your calendar for these dates, including Walk #35 Reunion on Sept. 23.

We are so pleased to be back in the newly renovated Ventura UMC, it is beautiful! Come see for yourselves and share an “Emmaus hug” and Communion with us. We are thankful to God for His blessings upon our Channel Islands Emmaus & Chrysalis Communities and the many lives that have been changed through this ministry.

DeColores,

Jeanne Catlett
Community Director

De Colores,
Emmaus Community,

The preparations are already under way for the upcoming Chrysalis Flights #19. The girls’ flight Lay Director is Shannon Ham and the boys’ flight Lay Director is Dan Bojorquez. The first team building is at Simi Methodist on Saturday, Aug. 19; the overnigher team building is at Newhall Church of the Nazarene on Friday evening, Sept. 22 - Saturday afternoon, Sept. 23; and the third team building is at Eastminster Presbyterian on Oct. 7. The girls’ flight is October 19-22 and the boys’ flight follows on October 26-29.

There are many ways in which to participate in this exciting and vital ministry. You may work as part of the flight team, sponsor a teenager, or support with forms of Agape for the candidates and team. For more information and online team and sponsorship applications, see our website at <www.cichrysalis.org>. Please include Shannon and Dan, along with the entire Chrysalis Community, in your prayers as the teams come together to bring the love of Christ to our teens.

Fly with Christ!
Paul Krieg
Channel Islands Chrysalis
Community Director



Be still, and know that I am God

- Psalm 46:10

De Colores Brothers;

Walk #35, Sept 7-10 2006. It is almost here. The team building meetings have been great. The team is preparing their hearts and minds for this walk. I want to thank all of you for all your support and help. With GOD at our side this is a team effort. If you are not working the walk please support the community at the candlelight night and the closing. God will be there, how about you?

My verse for the weekend is; "BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD" Psalm 46:10

A special thanks to Bob Dawe. God has given him a great talent to work with his hands and wood. He made my cross, all I can say is WOW!

YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST,
KEN SEELEY
WALK #35 LAY DIRECTOR

Important Walk Dates to Remember

- Men's Walk—September 7—10
- Women's Walk—September 14—17
- Candlelight at 8:30 pm on both Saturdays
- Flower Shower at 6:15 am (Reminder: only men may participate in the Flower Shower on the men's weekend; only women on the women's weekend.)
- Closing at 2:30 pm on both Sundays
- Walk 35 Reunion - September 23 from 3—6 pm
Reunion: A time for the pilgrims and team of Walk #33 and the CIE community to come together and praise God, get CIE information, sing.

Hello, Emmaus community!

*Fear Not for I am with You...*Isaiah 41:10. That is the theme for the ladies weekend for Walk #35. Have there been things happening to fear—YES! The path to this weekend has certainly been a rollercoaster. There have been faith tests all along the way. The team has dealt with illness, family deaths, summer vacations and lack of pilgrims. But, God is GOOD! God is GOOD all the time! I have given my fears about these things to Him! I also feel this will be a dynamite weekend and the evil one is scared we will succeed. Too bad for him! We will succeed! We have already claimed this walk for God! At each team building we are weaving each of our individual strands of thread into many yards of fabric as we prepare ourselves to be the Master Tailor's hands and feet for the pilgrims coming on the walk. The team is becoming so tightly woven with love and a willingness to serve, nothing will be able to rip or wear a hole in the material we are creating for the Father's use.

Brothers and Sisters I ask for your prayers during the weekend. Please pray for the pilgrims and team! Also if any of you can angel, all would be appreciated! Especially if any of you guys could help move furniture or help setup the church on Thursday, September 14. Any strong backs and arms would be appreciated! And if any of you ladies would like to help, it might take more of us to move something, but we will "git er done". If you have any questions or want to Angel, just e-mail me at <Woodstock805@aol.com> or phone me at 805-937-5190

A strand of thread,

Kathy Wade
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Fear not, for I am with you.

- Isaiah 41:10

To Serve or Not to Serve: That is the Question!

One pastor wrote:

"During the years of my pastorate, a man came to my town with an intention to bring division in my congregation. He was going to start a new church and hoped to use some members of my congregation to help him do it. The Lord spoke to me and said, *Become his servant*. Instead of avoiding him and isolating him, though I knew he was in the "sheep stealing" business, I became his servant. I invited him to my church on numerous occasions. I asked him to preach for me. I sent the musicians from my congregation to help him with special services at his new church plant. I was determined to be his servant. When the time came and the gentleman was ready to play his final card and start lambasting me, a strange thing happened. No one put credence into what he said. They had seen me be his servant and they were watching him reveal his true character.

God does not need people to fight for Him; He needs people who will be servants. The principles of His kingdom will fight for themselves. The spirit of a servant is what will create unity. A servant does not care who is in control. A servant does not seek preeminence for himself, but only seeks the furtherance of the kingdom of God."

Each of us has come to serve on this walk, some for God, others for themselves. Those who come for their own aggrandizement will bear fruit that reveals their nature. There will be envy, strife, pride, arrogance and the like. When you meet them do not condemn them for their actions for their very nature has already done this. Pray for them and allow your fruit of kindness, gentleness, selflessness and servant hood overwhelm them to such an extent that they are transformed into what God really intended for them to be.

Remember Matthew 6:21 "Where your treasures are there will your heart be." When you serve, serve with humility, seeing others better than yourself. When you serve, always think the best of some rather than the worst. When you serve, let God do the judging for when we judge others through our lens it is marred with prejudice, misconceptions and brokenness. Our eyes see dimly through the hearts of others while God sees through the lens of mercy, love, and compassion.

I close with John 15:13 "greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friend."

Blessings,

CLH

How to be a Supportive Sponsor

Dearest Friends,

Pray, pray, pray, and then pray some more because that's what it's all about! Sounds a bit like the Hokey Pokey but what I'm urging you to do is to open your heart and give God your worries, concerns, praise, thanks, and real day-to-day issues. The biggest and best Agape gift a Sponsor can give their Pilgrim/s is a fully weighted prayer covering.

Pray for your Pilgrim's openness and surrender. Pray for obstacles to be removed, for protection over them, their families, their home, work, animals, and friends. Pray too that your Emmaus Community will be filled with God's presence and fruits of the Spirit which are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Then release your Pilgrim into God's hands but continue your knocking and asking.

I also challenge you as a Sponsor to remember how important a role you have because you are developing the future Community of Emmaus. Be thinking, planning, and praying about these responsibilities you have as a Sponsor during the Walk and after the Walk:

Before and During the Walk to Emmaus

- Obtain at least 12 personal Agape Letters for your Pilgrim.
- Bring your Pilgrim/s to the Walk on that Thursday between 7:30 and 8:00 pm.
- Attend Sponsor's Hour at 8:15pm on Thursday night.
- Attend Candlelight at 8:30pm on Saturday night and call others in your church and area to join you.
- Attend Flower Shower at 6:00am on Sunday morning. (Gender specific)
- Attend Closing at 2:30pm on Sunday and take your Pilgrim/s home.

After the Walk to Emmaus (cont'd on p.4)

Help! Help!

(A Word from the Community Facilities Coordinator)

Sponsorship

We need your help with the upcoming Walks. We need people to help the team move furniture, pray, set up the talk room and get the facilities ready for the weekend. If you are available Thursday September 7th or Thursday September 14th between 9AM and 4 PM, please come by the Church to help. We also need people to help on Sunday mornings of both Walks. Remember all those flowers on the floor after Mananitas? They need to be cleaned up and the pilgrims' gear put away because the Church needs the sleep rooms for worship and Sunday School. This work early Sunday morning (7 AM) could be your agape to the team and pilgrims! The need for extra workers continues after Closura when *everything* has to be put away.

Think about this for your Sunday schedule: 7AM, help clean-up; 8:30, breakfast at one of Ventura's excellent breakfast places; 10:45, worship; 12 noon, lunch on the Ventura Pier; 1:30, help the Team with clean-up, attend Closura, final clean-up; and drive home with the sunset.

When you can't work the entire weekend, this is your opportunity to practice servant leadership and be warmed by the Spirit. Just show up, ask for the Assistant Head Cook-Facilities and you will be put to work.

Tom Hundley

After the Walk to Emmaus (cont'd from p.3)

- Encourage your Pilgrim/s to be in a Fourth Day Group. Help them enter one or start one. Be willing to be involved for a period of time until it gets grounded.
- Take your Pilgrim/s to Gatherings a couple of times (especially the Reunion 09/23/06, 3pm to 6pm) .
- Help the Pilgrim/s re-enter their church and consider ways to act out their new commitments and enthusiasm.
- Inform the Pilgrim/s of ways they can serve the Emmaus Community and future walks.
- Help the Pilgrim/s sponsor. Read Chapter 8 in the Day Four book on "How to Sponsor", Read it with them over lunch or dinner.

Thank you for sponsoring and praise God for your Sponsor!

De Colores,
Heidi and David Eseke
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Walk 35 Pilgrims and Team

Agape insert

Listed below are the names of the pilgrims scheduled to attend Walk 35. Also listed are the members of our community who are preparing themselves to serve as God's instruments in the upcoming weekends. **Please support them all with your prayers.** If possible, support them with your presence at the community events listed elsewhere in this newsletter. If you wish to support them with letters and agape items, please deliver them before the Friday afternoon of each walk.

Men's Walk

Pilgrims:

Jarod Banks

Will Bland

Doug Cowden

John Fuller

Nick Harvey

Preston Lewis

Glenn Lowes

Al Nuno, Jr.

James Reimers

D.J. Schramm

Patrick St. Clair

Mark Swink

Jef Turnbull
(yes, just one "f")

Rod Walters

Drew Cartwright

Bruce Catlett

Jeff Cheadle

Alan Chisum

Brian Clohessy

Paul Dixon

David Eseke

David Ewert

David Faulkner

Kevin Ferguson

Doug Gale

Tom Harper

Cavalain Hawkins

Dave Heiss

Gene Holsclaw

Dennis Hooker

Tom Hundley

Chuck Iacobellis

Tom King

Paul Krieg

Richard Lolley

John Luis

Omer Murray

Tim Nolan

Rob Nowakowski

Joe Ortiz

David Pierce

David Prieto

Robert Rivera

Ken Seeley

Joe Simonson

Rick Slater

Michael Sorensen

Dan St. Pierre

Brook Sturtevant

Andy Thompson

Jim Torgeson

Ray Ulmer

Mark Upson

Bruce Wade

Bryan Wilson

LeRoy Wojciechowski

Women's Team:

Oleta Bennett

Janna Best

Cathy Bojorquez

Jo Brown

Georgette Cartwright

Jeanne Catlett

Janet Chu-Hooker

Randy Clohessy

Carolyn DeVore

Walt Dilg

Alice Duckett

Heidi Eseke

Michele Faina

Tanya Ferguson

Linda French

Linda Graul

Susan Harper

Renata Hundley

Sharon Hurd

Debbie Jansen

Giovan King

Diane Kunz

Marian Lydick

Denise Martin

Linda McCabe

Gail McCaslin

Jean McMullen

Betty Moore

Ginny Murray

Laura Ortega

David Palmer

Kitty Parmalee

Kathy Pierce

Diana Rainer

Mercy Ramirez

Heidi Rogers

Sandra Schooley

Midge Seeley

Ernestine Stansbery

Sue Sturtevant

Janel Suliga

Joanna Ulmer

Kathy Wade

Cathy Wengler

Diane White

Pat Whitmore

Women's Walk

Pilgrims:

Michele Bland

Susan Fuller

Leslie Haggard

Kelly Harvey

Suzanne Hoey

Susan Johnson

Anita Lacroix

Cari Lewis

Helen Lowes

Mele Maka

Joan Owen

Jessie Rose

Linda St. Clair

Sandra Swink

Velma Taylor

Lorena Willis

Karen Wills

Sandra Wilson

Carolyn Wojciechowski

Donna Wojciechowski

Janni Yuen-Chung

Men's Team:

Lyle Barnett

Bob Bechtel

Steve Blasingame

Dan Bojorquez

David Brown

Rick Bushong

Larry Carlson

Jeff Carr

Pray for Upcoming Walks

On any given weekend there are often more than 100 Walks going on in 30 or more states and multiple countries around the world. Just as other communities send agape letters and pray for us during our Walks, they are counting on us to do the same. Below are just some of the Walks that are coming up in the next few months. Please keep these communities and the work God is doing there in your prayers.

September 7-10, 2006

Men—North Mississippi Emmaus Community, Louisville, MS

September 14-17, 2006

Women—North Mississippi Emmaus Community, Louisville, MS

Men—Maryland Emmaus, Westminster, MD

September 21-24, 2006

Men—Southeast Florida Emmaus Community

Men—Central Texas Conference Emmaus, Aquilla, TX

Women—Maryland Emmaus, Westminster, MD

September 28-October 1, 2006

Men—North Mississippi Emmaus Community, Louisville, MS

Men—Maryland Emmaus, Westminster, MD

Men—Puget Sound Emmaus, Lake Stevens, WA

October 5-8, 2006

Men—Coastal Georgia Emmaus Community

Women—North Mississippi Emmaus Community, Louisville, MS

Women—Southeast Florida Emmaus Community

Men—Crossroads Emmaus of New England, Lynnfield, MA

Men—Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus, Seaford, DE

Women—Puget Sound Emmaus, Lake Stevens, WA

Men—Arizona Emmaus, Glendale, AZ

Men—Heartland of Kansas City Emmaus, Kansas City, MO

October 12-15, 2006

Men—Ashland Area Emmaus Community, Ashland, KY

Women—Coastal Georgia Emmaus Community

Men—Dallas Emmaus Community, Dallas, TX

Men—Texoma Emmaus Community, Sherman, TX

Men—Central Texas Conference Emmaus, Glen Rose, TX

Women—Crossroads Emmaus of New England, Lynnfield, MA

Men—Garden State Emmaus, Brick, NJ

Men—Heartland of Kansas City Emmaus, Kansas City, MO

October 19–22, 2006

Men—Oceanside Emmaus Community, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Women—South Sydney Illawarra NSW Australia Community, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Women—Texoma Emmaus Community, Sherman, TX

Women—Central Texas Conference Emmaus, Glen Rose, TX

Women—Garden State Emmaus, Brick, NJ

Men—Nebraska Emmaus, Brule, NE

October 26–29, 2006

Women—Ashland Area Emmaus Community, Ashland, KY

Women—North Mississippi Emmaus Community, Louisville, MS

Women—Oceanside Emmaus Community, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Women—Maryland Emmaus, Westminster, MD

Women—Arizona Emmaus, Glendale, AZ

Women—Nebraska Emmaus, Brule, NE

November 2–5, 2006

Women—Dallas Emmaus Community, Dallas, TX

Women—South Sydney Illawarra NSW Australia Community, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Men—Central California Emmaus, Clovis, CA

November 9-12, 2006

Women—Chesapeake Walk to Emmaus, Seaford, DE

Women—Central California Emmaus, Clovis, CA