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Many of you who don't receive this copy of the *Fishnet* by e-mail may be wondering why. The answer is 1) that you're not on our distribution list; if you are, 2) we're getting caught in your computers spam filter or junk mail inbox. Well we have a way to address both of those issues; Michael Sorenson has created a new email address that will put you on our mailing list and get us in to your inbox. All you have to do is send a quick message to channel.islands.emmaus.email@gmail.com (something like "Add me to the *Fishnet* distribution list."), and you'll start getting the latest info on our Community. (If you no longer want paper *Fishnets*, please send a copy of your message to Renata Hundley, the *Fishnet* editor, to cie_fishnet@sbcglobal.net).

For those of you already on the list, ask others if they've received the latest *Fishnet*. If they haven't, forward to them the pdf file you received and remind them to register with Michael. They'll thank you for it.

And don't forget to check out our website (<http://www.emmausci.org/>) for the latest Community dates, Pilgrim lists, and copies of the *Fishnet*.

Want to Know Who the Pilgrims Are?

We are again riding the roller coaster of sponsorship! Full of ups and downs, twists and turns, always thrilling, not knowing what's around the bend! At the time of this writing, the Board is yet again considering extending the deadline. Enough said. Our Application deadline is after the printing date of the *Fishnet*, so it is with reluctance that the decision has been made to hold back on publishing the names of those that have already been approved. The reason for this is two-fold. One, so you get the whole list all at once and don't leave anyone off by accident. And Two, so you get an opportunity to visit our website (<http://www.emmausci.org/>). Here you can get the latest Community info. The latest that the Pilgrim roster will be posted is July 28th (the earliest July 21st - see above for delay).

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From the Community Director:

De Colores! My Brothers and Sisters,

We are well into our preparations for Walk #39 – everything from what we'll be doing at anytime during the weekends – to – what music will be played – to – what we'll eat. Having worked a number of these I notice that we do many of the same things Walk after Walk. Which means that we always seem to be inventing and re-inventing the same wheel – different color and style but it's still the same wheel! Why is that? Is it because no one remembers what we did last time? Is it because we're serving in a position that's new to us? Some of us experienced workers will answer yes to these questions but I think some of our answers come from stepping back and reflecting.

Each of us is different from the last time we served. And the reason we're here has probably changed some over time.

I know that I'm constantly changing – in the deepness of my faith, the daily acts of agape I share with someone, and in my ability to live and share God's grace. When I first came to work a Walk it was to serve Christ. But it was also because I thought it would be fun to work with a bunch of faithful men serving others – it's been a calling in my life. Then I wanted to share it as a sponsor. My reasons for coming back to work these Walks hasn't changed but it's gotten deeper. My first real understanding of God's love and constant presence in my life was as a Pilgrim. A huge leap for a pew-potato. But it was the first time I served at Footwashing that my spiritual life was turned outward and my real vocation was realized. I was made to love, to serve and to worship.

The Walk To Emmaus was created to renew our Churches and to develop Christian leadership. We, as a Community, are renewing our Churches with deeper faith walks, getting involved, and sharing His grace one

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From Our Women's Walk 39 Lay Director

De Colores!

I am amazed at how I have seen God work over the last several months; His goodness never ceases! I cannot believe that Walk 39 is a mere month away! I always look forward to the Walks; it is a great time to reconnect with old friends, spend quality time with God, meet new sisters, and just have fun.

First, thank you to those of you who have signed up to work the Walk, I know that the Pilgrims will be blessed by your presence. It is also my prayer that you will experience the "quietness" and love of God in a

whole new way. Is God nudging you to serve Him on Walk 39, but you have not made a decision? Or perhaps, you have meant to sign up, but life has been busy and you just have not had the time. If you can relate to either of those two statements, I encourage you to please call me (805-407-7012), email me (ciewalk39@gmail.com) or submit a Team application. I have

Diane White

Blessings,



Community Director (cont'd from page 1)

person at a time. We're also developing leaders – you for one, and each Pilgrim that has followed you.

We re-invent that wheel by design. And each of us goes through the process of becoming a leader by learning, then teaching. Many of us are stepping way out in faith by coming back to serve, by taking a position that we're uncomfortable with, by saying yes to giving a Talk. Our Walk experience never ends, it just continues.

In His love,

Dan Bojorquez, Community Director

Serve As an Angel or Guardian Angel

Hello Everyone. It is great to be a part of God's plan. He is worthy to be praised. Amen?!

We are gearing up for Walk #39 and looking forward to the awe-some experience and blessings that will happen there. God has a plan for all our Pilgrims. It is very rewarding to serve on these Walks. If you were unable to work the whole weekend, we invite you to consider being an ANGEL. You can help for a few hours or all day. There are some specific times that we need help. They are;

Men's Walk- Thursday JUL 31, 10am to 12 noon

Sunday AUG 3, 7:30 to 9am and throughout the day.

Women's Walk- Thursday AUG 7, 10am to 12 noon

Sunday AUG 10, 7:30 to 9 am and throughout the day.

ANGELS have an important role and are greatly appreciated. We all thank you for your prayers and support.

GUARDIAN ANGELS are another way of serving. They are needed during the Women's Walk. They watch over the grounds keeping our ladies safe at night. Bring your flashlight, cell phone, and coffee thermos. The coffee and snacks are provided. There are 6 shifts at 4 hours each. They are;

- ✓ Thursday, AUG 7, 10pm to 2am ✓ Friday, AUG 8, 2am to 6am
- ✓ Friday, AUG 8, 10pm to 2am ✓ Saturday, AUG 9, 2am to 6am
- ✓ Saturday AUG 9, 10pm to 2am ✓ Sunday, AUG 10, 2am to 6am

We would like to encourage back-up shifts in case someone is unable to make their shift. You can contact me at (818) 362-1155 or by e-mail snowjett@aol.com . I look forward to working with all of you.

DE COLORES!

David Pierce

Agape for Walk 39

Diane White and Gene Holsclaw, Walk #39 Lay Directors, have decided to focus agape efforts on the Pilgrims for the upcoming weekends. While not privy to the details, I can only guess that their decision is to concentrate the Teams' and Community's thoughts, prayers, and love on those whom He has called to this Walk. So Team member lists will not be listed in this edition of the *Fishnet*. I encourage all of you to honor their decision and bathe the Pilgrims in prayer and in agape love. Please continue to pray for the Lay Directors and Team for protection, patience, stamina, and that they would be God's hands and feet to the Pilgrims and one another.

Gatherings

De Colores all! What a joyful experience it is to gather together to glorify our Father in heaven through worship and fellowship. Outside of team training weekends, it is the only opportunity many of us have to keep in contact with our Emmaus friends. Please

keep August 23, 2008 open for the Walk #39 reunion. Please bring a snack to share, your nametag and your purple worship book. We would also encourage you to bring your heart full of joy and excitement for this opportunity we have been given to worship our Heavenly Father through worship, music, and time to visit.

One of the stated goals of Emmaus is to train up leaders in the church which logically leads to our active participation in our local churches. One of our strengths as the CIE community however is maintaining our involvement in this community through sponsorship, working the walks, and through being servant-leaders. Attendance at the gatherings will serve to continue building this community and enable you to connect with friends that time and distance sometimes conspire in keeping us apart.

After the upcoming walk we will begin to focus on smaller, regional gatherings which will work to support community-wide gatherings. If you have an interest in hosting such a gathering, please make contact with us and we will strive to assist in providing a list of community members in your area, supplies that might be needed and advertising through the *Fishnet*.

You may speak with any board member or contact us directly by phone at (805)937-5190 or by email at woodstock805@aol.com or bwade@hancockcollege.edu.

In His service,
Bruce and Kathy Wade

From Our Men's Walk 39 Lay Director

De Colores Brothers and Sisters,

As we quickly approach the start of Walk #39, a few words come to mind in anticipation:

- Gratitude - I am thankful for the team that has volunteered to serve on Walk 39, along with the Emmaus Community that has graciously sponsored the upcoming Pilgrims.
 - Humility - The true understanding of Servant Leadership, and how by following His guidance, the Pilgrims and the Team will be blessed.
 - Transformation - Through the awesome gift of prayer, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to witness an incredible change in the lives of the Pilgrims, as they receive a clear understanding of God's grace.
 - Joy - The laughter and fellowship that is always a part of serving the LORD on an Emmaus weekend.
 - Excitement - We are always amazed at what God will do on the Walks. *(Even though we shouldn't be!)*
- I would like to thank all of you in advance for your willingness to let God use you to further His purpose in the lives of many.

God Bless,

Gene Holsclaw, Lay Director, Walk #39

Walk 39 Community Schedule

All Events will take place at: First United Methodist Church of Ventura
1338 E. Santa Clara Street, Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 643-8621

Saturday, 08/02/08	Candlelight, Men's Weekend; 8:00pm
Sunday, 08/03/08	Flower Shower, Men's Weekend; 6:15am
Sunday, 08/03/08	Closing, Men's Weekend; 3:00pm
Saturday, 08/09/08	Candlelight, Women's Weekend; 8:00pm
Sunday, 08/10/08	Flower Shower, Women's Weekend; 6:15am
Sunday, 08/10/08	Closing, Women's Weekend; 3:00pm

From the Community Spiritual Director

Listen Up!

In N.T. Wright's recent book entitled *Simply Christian*, he provides a great and concise overview of some of the main doctrinal issues of our faith. He's an Anglican Bishop who is very accessible to our American sensibilities. I commend the book to you.

He opens with a very creative discussion about our human condition, people's innate desire for God and putting the world to rights. It is as if we have an echo of God's voice still audible to us that is a bit unsettling (in that we do not hear it clearly nor directly) though also a bit reassuring (in that we do indeed hear it and it sounds pretty good). Bishop Wright maintains that this "echo" prods forward humanity's search for justice, quest for spirituality, longing for relationship, and yearning for beauty. (I just want to shout out "grace abounds!") Now at some point in people's lives, the desire to hear this divine voice more clearly and comprehend it more thoroughly leads to an exploration of the faith, an opening of a church door, and the using of a pew (Alleluia!!).

Who ever thought that our Walk to Emmaus was part of a remedial hearing program so God's children could hear better?! What a chasay? That's right! Sounds good to me.

Pastor Walt Dilg

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Chrysalis Help Wanted

*Come and get involved with our teens!
You'll feel 10 years younger!*

De Colores Emmaus Community,

The preparations are already under way for the upcoming Chrysalis Flights # 23. The girl's flight Lay Director is Sally Thompson and the boy's flight Lay Director is Patrick Leclair. The first team building is at Newhall Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, September 6, the overnighter team building is at Newhall Church of the Nazarene on Friday evening, September 19 through Saturday afternoon, September 20, and the third team building is at Newhall Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, October 11. The girl's flight is October 16-19 and the boy's flight follows on October 23-26. There are many ways in

Sponsorship

It is once again the time that God chooses to draw individuals closer to Him through the experience called *Walk to Emmaus*.

To those of you who have in the past sponsored people to this weekend I want to say thanks. Because of your passion for Christ and love for the leaders of our churches many

have come to know Jesus more deeply and continue to serve Him, within their own churches, and of course, as team members within the Emmaus com-

De Colores,
Carolyn DeVore

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Chrysalis cont.

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 chrysalis.org. Please include Sally and Patrick, 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