

**October 2006**

# The Fishnet



## From the Community Director:

Dear CIE Community,

Welcome to all our new CIE Community members from Walk #35; we were all so moved and blessed by your powerful testimonials at Closing of God's grace, love and power to change lives! They were awesome Walks; both the men and women's teams seemed to have an extra enthusiasm and energy as we returned to Ventura First UMC and enjoyed the beautiful renovation and not having to put up the "Jericho wall"!

Even though we are in between Walks—there is no down time! Our new Walk #36 Lay Directors, Jeannette Woo and David Eseke, are now in the process of forming their teams. The Board is already reviewing and praying about new Pilgrim applications. NOW is the time to sponsor, the Winter Walks always come so quickly as we lose the time during the Holidays, then before we know it, March is here! The main work being done now, as well as throughout the year, is the work of prayer! We pray for our Lay Directors as they choose their teams and speakers, and assign positions. We pray for the Weekend Spiritual Directors as they choose the clergy team and we pray God will send the right Pilgrims on this Walk. You may be the answer to some of these prayers! One of my favorite lines from Utmost for His Highest (Chambers) is "*Prayer does not equip us for greater works—prayer is the greater work.*" We have definitely found this to be true.

The Board would like to thank Nancy Simpson, Kevin Ferguson, and Tom King for their hours of service on the CIE Board of Directors; *thank you* so much! We welcome Linda French and David Rogers as the new Board members. I feel blessed to work with such people of prayer and faith. CIE Board members serve with a true servant's heart and a deep love for this unique ministry.

Please check the enclosed CIE Calendar for upcoming dates/Walks – it would be great to see you all at our "Potluck" in November, to fellowship and support CI Chrysalis.

DeColores,  
Jeanne Catlett

Just a reminder...

All personal information (addresses, etc.) received on the Walks, via rosters, etc., should be used only for communicating CIE business. Thanks

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**“Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God.”**

- Isaiah 41:10 (The Message)

To the Emmaus Community,

De Colores! My name is Jeannette Woo and I was just announced as the Lay Leader for the Women's Walk #36. I was a pilgrim on CIE Walk 19. I never thought I would ever be the Lay Leader for an Emmaus Walk, but God does amazing things. He pushes us to grow in our faith and in our walk.

Because of some personal wrestling in the last year, I was not able to participate in the last walk. In selecting the verse for this walk, I wanted to reflect God's goodness during our trials. The verse I selected was "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God." (Isaiah 41:10 NKJV). You can imagine my surprise when I discovered that it was the same verse for Walk #35. However, "The Message" translation came to mind – "Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God." So I will trust in the Lord for this walk.

If you want to be blessed, join me in doing God's work on Walk 36. If you are a new community member, I invite you to see the other side of the Walk by being a cook. The Lord always does miraculous things during a walk. Come be His hands and feet.

Jeannette Woo

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De Colores, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

It's my hope that this message finds you all in the glow of drawing near to our Savior following Walk #35. It has been a great blessing to search the Bible in study and prayer, looking and listening for a scripture for Walk #36. After multiple choices, I have decided on Psalms 42:7, *Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.* This scripture is much like my faith walk where there has been great challenge yet a confidence that the Lord's grace never fails. I have been refreshed and excited by the fantastic passion, love, and support I have received since I have said "yes" to this new assignment as lay director. Please keep praying for the pilgrims and team members that the Lord is calling together for Walk #36.

In His Name,

David Eseke

**Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.**

- Psalms 42:7

### Channel Islands Emmaus 2007 Walk Calendar

All activities are held at Ventura First UMC

Walk 36	Walk 37
MARCH 1-4      MEN'S WALK #36	AUG. 2-5      MEN'S WALK #37
MARCH 8-11    WOMEN'S WALK #36	AUG. 9-12    WOMEN'S WALK #37
MARCH 24      REUNION	AUG. 25      REUNION
WALK #36 TEAM BUILDINGS :	WALK #37 TEAM BUILDINGS :
<u>Jan. 20</u>	<u>June 23</u>
<u>Feb. 10</u>	<u>July 7</u>
<u>Feb. 24</u>	<u>July 21</u>

## What Really Matters

From the first day we enter into this world words are uttered to us that talk about our outward beauty. "Look how cute she or he is..." But the truth of the matter is that in the end it really does not matter. Beauty is fleeting. We must keep our hearts and eyes upon the things of God as Colossians 3:2 commands us, because only what we do for Christ will last. If we become the most financially secure person on the face of the earth, does it really matter? The Bible says *what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul? What can a man give in exchange for his soul?*

As a community of faith, we must continue to do all we can to the glory of God. We must seek his pleasure in everything we do. The world says achieve all you can, get all you can, climb as high as you can. In the end even ladders rot or rust (if made of iron or steel) and if you were able to get all the money in the world you cannot take it with you. What really matters is that we seek with all our heart, mind, and soul to be a true expression of the love of Christ. We must with the help of the Holy Spirit love our neighbor as ourselves.

The time is drawing near. He is soon to return, let's not be caught asleep. Do all that you do with a pure heart and God will reward you. Let go of everything that is dark and ungodly. Do not try to please man for one day he will give you his approval and the next day take it back.

What really matters is the inward purity by which you serve the Lord, for man looks on the outward appearance but God looks at the heart. May the good Lord teach us all how to love with a pure heart so that when people encounter us they encounter God's spirit that is alive in us.

Blessings,  
Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Cavalain Hawkins

Greetings Emmaus Family,

We hope you are enjoying fall, baking delicious goodies, sitting by an evening or early morning fire, and watching football!!! Yes, it's football time again and so in honor of this season we have a cheer we'd like to lead. Here it goes . . . .

Give me an "S" . . . you say "S" . . . give me a "P", give me an "O", give me an "N", give me an "S", give me an "O", give me an "R", give me another "S", give me an "H", give me an "I", give me a "P"...what's that spell? . . . You say, "**SPONSORSHIP!**"

Sponsorship is the heart of Emmaus and we'd like to take you back to the time you were sponsored. When you were approached about attending a Walk to Emmaus, what were your thoughts? Did you have apprehension, were you open and willing, or were you maybe full of suspicion, doubt, and fear? Well it is likely that the people you approach to attend a Walk to Emmaus will have these same feelings. We (David and Heidi) will be reaching out to model a "Dessert Night" or "Sponsoring Night" where we can gather together in community to share about how to sponsor and how to come together as a community and share this great adventure in sponsoring. It will be great fun! We will be contacting people from Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Ventura, and Santa Barbara to host these 4 special evenings and we pray that you will come and be encouraged in your endeavors to be a messenger for God of His love and grace and power. When we firm up the dates you will get an email invitation; please pass it along to other community members of Channel Islands Emmaus. We are hoping and praying that you will come.

God Bless,  
The Eseke's  
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## November Potluck!

De Colores, Community! Please join us for a Potluck Reunion between our Channel Islands Emmaus (CIE) and Channel Islands Chrysalis communities on November 11, 2006, in Ventura. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to fellowship with friends, and meet the youth of Chrysalis. There will also be lots of time to eat, sing, and worship together. We ask that you bring a potluck dish to share (enough for 8-10 people). You can bring a main course, salad, side dish, or dessert. Don't forget to bring serving utensils! CIE will provide the cups, plates, napkins, and silverware, along with coffee and lemonade.

When: Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Eastminster Presbyterian Church (EPC)

8180 Telephone Rd, Ventura 93004

Bring: Nametag and Potluck Dish to share

EPC is easy to find in East Ventura. Exit Hwy 126 at Kimble Rd. Go south on Kimble (if you come to Telegraph Rd – turn around). Turn left at Telephone Rd and EPC will be at the corner of your first right.

This promises to be a good time for all, so bring the family and a friend or two. Remember to come with a grateful and humble heart, serving Christ in all that you do and praising Him for who He is and what He's done in your life. Be blessed and be a blessing. We look forward to seeing you there.

Questions??? Call Dan and Cathy Bojorquez at (805) 659-4313.



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