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# The Fishnet



## From the Community Director

De Colores! My Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

It is with a humble and joyful heart that I praise God for the 23 newest members of our Channel Islands Emmaus Community. It is my hope and prayer that you enjoy a deeper, fuller and closer walk with Christ in your daily lives, and that you will be salt and light wherever you go.

The Walk to Emmaus experience is often a life changing one. For those of you who just “Walked”, it has been a blessed and wondrous one that will be near impossible to forget. For those of you who have worked or sponsored pilgrims, you know that it is an experience meant to bless us and those that we serve, and one to be shared with others.

*When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”*

- John 13:12-15

The “Foot Washing” passage of scripture has always touched my heart. It reminds me that Christ himself has touched and cleansed me personally, asking me if I acknowledge who He is and what He has done for me. How can I not know after experiencing His love, His grace, and His forgiveness? How can I not go out and do for others what He has done unto me? My dear Brothers and Sisters, how can any of us not be touched, not be changed by our own encounter with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

And yet the question remains: “What are you going to do about it?” How will you share His blessing, love, and grace? With whom are you going to share it? Pray, open your hearts, and listen. God will place you where He wants and needs you to be. He will move those that seek Him into the fabric of your lives. And he will give you wisdom and discernment, the gifts and talents, the strength and courage you need to seek and do His will. May the risen Christ use you today and always to build His Kingdom.

We love because He loved us first,

Dan Bojorquez  
Community Director

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## Logistics

De Colores Emmaus  
Brothers and Sisters!

We have identified a way to clear out some boxes in Logistics (in-the-hole), while improving placemat storage for future Assistant Head Cooks – Facilities.

I’m looking for someone to scan all of the placemat designs and save them in a slideshow presentation on CD. This would make it easier to select placemats to be printed and then colored for the walks. Ideally, we would want to have five CD copies for each support team notebook. If any of you technical experts are interested in helping, please call me at 661-255-0579.

Thank you,  
Michele Krieg  
Logistics Coordinator

## From the Men's Walk #38 Lay Director

De Colores my Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

It is an honor to be asked to serve as the men's Lay Director for Walk 38. I am excited about this opportunity and I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months to pull together a powerful team of humble and Godly men. While there will certainly be challenges along the way, I have faith that God will provide whatever is needed, and that he will richly bless all those pilgrims that he has already chosen for this walk. The scripture for the weekend is from **Philippians 4: 13 "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me"**. This verse is especially

meaningful for me because, over the years, I have come to understand that God **does** provide faithfully and abundantly. God does not want us to fail, so he will do whatever is necessary to help us succeed. I have trust and faith in that completely.

I invite all the men in our community to come and work on Walk 38 and see how God will not only bless the pilgrims - but also bless you for your humble spirit and servant's heart. You can also be an important part of this walk by sponsoring a pilgrim.

Take a good look at your circle

**I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me**

**Philippians 4: 13**

of friends and ask God to show you who might be ready to experience this incredible gift called the Walk to Emmaus. Then come, serve, and see how God will shape all those who boldly take up the cross for His glory.

I look forward to working alongside all of you, as we seek God's will for this walk together.

In his service,

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## From the Women's Walk #38 Lay Director

De Colores Sisters & Brothers within the Channel Island Emmaus Community!

I am humbled to be God's overseer for Walk 38. He wants us to use Joshua 1:9, as our theme; "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

We have to "go" and claim our promised land, which means we move from where we are today and leave things behind in God's care. We begin by worshipping and praising God, and as we continue to seek His presence, He will share how He wants you, dear sister and brother, to serve Him.

- 6 brothers will be prompted to serve as guardian angels so we can sleep peacefully knowing you are keeping watch over us, praying for us and over the holy ground of the walk
- Many of you will be asked by God to prepare notes and gifts of agape for the pilgrims
- 72 of you will sign-up to pray for every hour during the walk.
- At least 40 will step out in courage and ask to sponsor another Christian; and many will say yes
- 60 of you will desire to be part of the team to serve God and His children, and to witness His miracles for themselves
- 40 ladies will be drawn to come angel for the day
- 30 ladies from the community will join in the flower shower
- 10 brothers will help put everything back into the hole
- 100 will lovingly attend Candlelight and Closing to show their support and agape love to the pilgrims and team

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## From the Community Spiritual Director

### GRACE NOTES: Greetings!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and our marvelous community of faith known as Channel Islands Emmaus.

With the closing of Walk #37, I was introduced as the new Community Spiritual Director. Thanks to those present for the warm reception that announcement received. (For those of you who may not be acquainted with me – I am the Senior Pastor at Ventura UMC and have served on a number of walks since joining the community at Walk #19.) As my term begins, I want to express my deep gratitude to Rev. Cavalain Hawkins for his inspired and dedicated leadership these recent years. He was a great CSD and beloved by many for his humor, spirituality, and guidance. We will

miss his leadership, yet hope to benefit from his gifts and graces whenever he is able to join with us on future walks.

I would ask that you keep me in your prayers as I begin this service for our community. It is a sacred trust for which I will need your prayer support. With God's empowering grace, together we will face our challenges and grow our community further into that which God would have us be.

Let us look forward to the fun and satisfaction we will experience as we seek to faithfully and effectively work with the Spirit to help grow disciples of Christ. Thanks be to God for the opportunities of ministry in Christ's name that we find in CI Emmaus.

Rev. Walt Dilg

## Chrysalis News

De Colores Emmaus Community,

Do you want to know what is going on with the youth of today? Do teenagers scare you? Do you want to see how God is working in the lives of our kids?

Well...do something about it! Come and work alongside them and see for yourself!

The preparations are already under way for the upcoming Chrysalis Flights # 21. The girl's flight Lay Director is Carolyn DeVore and the boy's flight Lay Director is Joe Powell. The first team building is at Newhall Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, September 8; the overnighter team building is at Newhall Church of the Nazarene on Friday evening, September 21, through Saturday afternoon, September 22; and the third team building is at Newhall Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, October 13. The girl's flight is October 18-21 and the boy's flight follows on October 25-28.

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 [cichrysalis.org](http://cichrysalis.org). Please include Carolyn and Joe, 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

**"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, do not be discouraged; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."**

Joshua 1:9

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Please hold our hearts in your hands as you pray daily for the team and pilgrims. Pray that all of us, pilgrims, team, and community, will be drawn into a closer relationship with our Lord. May He be honored and blessed through our obedience to do His will on earth.

De Colores!

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## November Potluck!

De Colores, Community! Our next scheduled Community-wide event is a Potluck Gathering. This will coincide with the Channel Islands Chrysalis Flight Reunion on November 10, 2007 in Newhall (Santa Clarita Valley). 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 10<sup>th</sup>

**When:** 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Newhall Church of the Nazarene (New Naz)  
23857 The Old Road, Newhall 91321

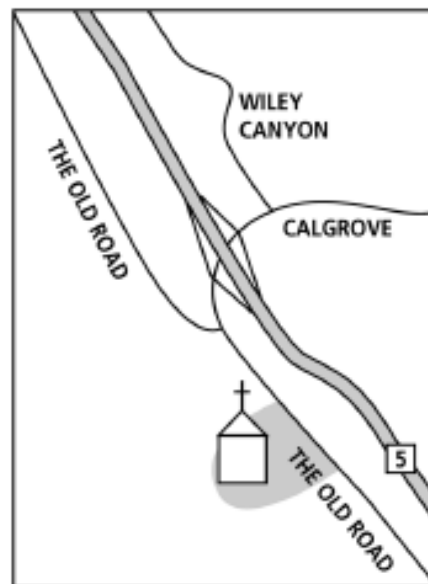
**Bring:** Nametag and Potluck Dish to share

**New Naz is easy to find:**

From Interstate 5,  
exit at Calgrove Blvd.

Turn west onto Calgrove  
(it eventually becomes the Old Road)  
and follow it for about a mile.

The Church will be on your 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 Bojorquez at (805) 794-2853.

## Sponsorship

De Colores,

It is with a sense of sadness that Heidi and I write our last note on sponsorship as we are moving to Utah at the end of September. We are on a great adventure as our kids are now both off to college. We are excited about what the Lord will give us as our next assignments. We are entering a season of being boyfriend and girlfriend with a strong desire to seek Jesus together.

As we were reflecting on our ministries which have been many - including leading small groups, prayer ministry, missionary trips, retreats, mentoring seekers, and doing life with our close friends - we discovered something amazing.

The most fulfilling area of service for us has been what Christ has done through the Emmaus movement. We have experienced such joy at every closing. We have grown in our faith walks by continuing to show up for walks as workers. We have been blessed by some great talks and incredible clergy. We have exercised our faith through prayer and sacrifice. And last and probably the greatest blessing is, we have been included in a community of believers who, only by the grace of God have a heart for us. Yes indeed we have been blessed beyond our wildest dreams. These saints lift us up in prayer; they show love and grace not of this world. You have cared for us, our children, our extended families and friends. In 2 Corinthians 9: 14 it says, "And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the wonderful grace of God."

Wow! The grace of God manifested itself in our lives. What was our part? We showed up. We sponsored as many as God brought to us and now they are our advocates, prayer warriors and dear friends. This phenomenon could only be from the one we all come from. So in closing let me say one last time Sponsorship is absolutely necessary if the Emmaus movement is to continue. It is my prayer that you would all show up for this responsibility and not expect someone else to do it. I pray that you to would feel the deep satisfaction that Heidi and I feel that through sponsorship we have been blessed more than we could have imagined. We will be with you always and look to the day where there are no more goodbyes.

In His Precious Name,  
David and Heidi Eseke



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## Looking Back at Walk #37

Dear Community of Channel Islands Emmaus,

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love which binds everything together in perfect harmony.—*  
Colossians 3:14

Walk #37 is completed – much to the glory and honor of our risen Lord! We praise God as fourteen women felt Christ’s love and saw His face during the 72 hours of the weekend. Please pray for our new sisters in Christ as they not only discern how to best serve their Father, but how to continue that special relationship with Him.

We serve an awesome God and His hand was present from the very beginning!! I thank Him for providing a team that was eager to serve, quick to humble themselves and was full of the Holy Spirit. I thank Him for the prayerful consideration and support given me by the Channel Islands Board of Directors. I thank Him for the opportunity to be used as a vessel to “plant and water” as He “grew” the pilgrims on this walk. And, mostly, I thank God for bringing me closer to Him through the process.

Your sister and His servant,

Carol Conner

Women’s Walk #37 Lay Director



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