



NEW LIFE NEWS

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GREAT MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Submitted by Lynette Corbeil

The Chinese Mission Convention 2011 – West Coast is a wonderful time to come together with others in the body of Christ to pray, learn and be involved in the Great Commission. God has a place for all of us in missions. CMC West Coast will be held at the San Diego Town and Country from Dec 27-30, 2011 and is going to be the premiere missions' conference on the west coast. Thousands are expected to join together to discover their role in the Great Commission. The program will be filled with teaching from people such as George Murray and Francis Chan. Over 50 mission agencies are expected at the exhibition hall so people can connect directly with missionaries from the field, and workshops will be given by leaders in the mission field. Topics range from broader aspects of missions to specialized mobilization tracks such as College Outreach, China Missions, Cross-cultural Ministries, Local Church & Missions or Marketplace/Business as Missions. The website www.cmc-westcoast.org has more details if you want to learn more about the convention. More information is also available on the NLPC Mission Board, or you can speak with Dean Abbott or Lynette Corbeil. ✝

SERVING INCAS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF PERU

By Nathaniel and Alicia Gutierrez

We have been called to serve in the hinterlands of Peru as third generation missionaries to a city called Huanta.

After meeting at Covenant College, we were married in 2005 and spent a year in Tacoma, WA where Nathaniel was working for Youth for Christ, implementing a Hispanic ministry there. In 2006, we moved to Escondido, CA so Nathaniel could attend seminary at Westminster Seminary. During our time in Escondido, Nathaniel interned under Rev. Juan Arjona and Rev. Philip Hoadley at Mision Vida Nueva and gained valuable experience working in Hispanic ministry. Four years, seven foster kids, and one baby boy later, Nathaniel, Alicia, and Jeremiah moved to Rossville, GA (near Chattanooga) where we could focus on raising support for our call to Peru.

We have been full-time support-raising for a little over a year now, and are happy to announce that we have almost raised all of the monthly funds needed to move to Peru. Our goal is to leave the

states by the beginning of the year and begin our journey as full-time missionaries to Huanta. Aside from raising support, we are busy with the logistics of moving overseas as missionaries. We are researching what to do with our things and how to ship some of them to Peru, obtaining passports and visas for the family, and figuring out where we will live when we first land in Peru.

Once there, Nathaniel will focus on starting and establishing church plants in the city of Huanta and will train future pastors who can go high into the Andes and reach the Quechua people who have never heard the gospel before. The Gutierrezes are eager and excited to move down to Peru and begin our ministry to both the Spanish speakers in the city and the Quechua people in the mountains.

Please pray for Nathaniel, Alicia, Jeremiah (2 years old) and Gabriella (6 months old) as we work through



the details of moving and starting a new life and ministry in Peru. Pray as we say good-bye to family and friends in the states, and as we adjust to a new culture. Please pray that other missionaries would be interested in coming down as teammates. Pray that the rest of our monthly support would come in and the remainder of our one time gifts might be met by the end of this year so we can get down there quickly. Please pray that many, many Quechua and city people will come to know Christ through this ministry. ❖

NEW LIFE WOMEN'S RETREAT 2011

By Heather Sandifer

For our women's retreat, Tara Barthel flew all the way from the blustery cold of Billings, MT to speak to the women of New Life and North City Presbyterian. It was such a blessing to have her reveal to us the different applications for peacemaking from Peacemaker Ministries.

The first session was a time when she shared personal stories and really had a chance to open up a little more about her experience, personal struggles and how she was able to use peacemaking principles to help overcome problems and conflicts in her life.

The main point of the first session was the gospel. Barthel noted, "When

we are at our worst, God's love does not waiver." Our reconciled relationship with God is what makes reconciled relationships with others and peace within ourselves possible (*II Peter 1:9, Isaiah 26:3-4*).

The second and third sessions focused on Biblical theology for conflict resolution, which included these helpful steps:

- Glorify God: Trust and obey, Serve others and grow to be like Christ.
- Get the log out of your own eye (*Matthew 7:5*).
- Gently restore (*Galations 6:1*).
- Go and be reconciled (*Ephesians 4:3*).

The last session pointed out that we can only have lasting peace through a change of heart. Barthel asked us to search our hearts to see what and whom was ruling and warned us to be aware of idols. "For every glance God gives us, we should take ten glances at Christ," she said, and further admonished us to search for Christ so that we might find redemptive relationships that would help maintain lasting peace in our lives.

We are very thankful for this time of learning, worship and praise. I pray that the women benefited from Barthel's teaching and will be able to apply these concepts to their lives each and every day. ❖

IF LUTHER HAD AN IPHONE (1483-1546)

Submitted by Anita Patton

Imagine if Martin Luther had had an iPhone, he could have...

Chatted with Columbus as he sailed the ocean blue...1492, 1498, 1502
Had a live peek at Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*...1498
Encouraged Michelangelo as he began work on David...1502
Called Leonardo for the low-down on the identity of Mona Lisa...1503
Ordered flowers online for Columbus' funeral...1506
Watched Henry VIII's coronation live...1509
Ordered a Peter Heinlein watch from Amazon...1509
Asked Copernicus, "Is the sun really the center?"...1512
GPS'd Portugal's trade route to India...1515
Given a shout-out to Magellan...1526
Set up conference calls to Ponce de Leon, Balboa, Cabot, Pizarro and de Soto
Text messaged congrats to Anne Boleyn...1535...Oops! 1536
E-mailed congrats to Jane Seymour...1536
Googled the first illustrated study of the human body...1543
Received a message from Copernicus, "Yes!"...1543



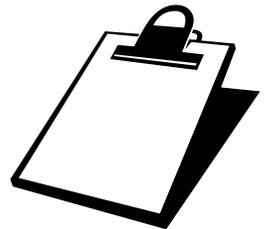
Read the timeline in *Luther, a Graphic Timeline, Echoes of the Hammer*, by Susan Leigh and Dave Hill. (Deborah Creedon has a copy in the library.) What an amazing period for scientific discovery, exploration, art, religious and political upheaval. ☛

SUMMARY OF SESSIONAL ACTION IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

Submitted by David Dinwiddie

Arriving members were assigned shepherding elders and departing members were commended to the care of their new churches.

- Elder Guy Kemp presented reports on the trustees meetings, the budget and the financial condition of the church and related good news throughout. Trustees up for re-election at next year's congregational meeting include Dennis Burks, Stephen Yerbury, and Doug Byce.
- The elders will prayerfully contact a number of members who have not been attending services regularly.
- The El Cajon Presbyterian Church is now meeting on Sundays in the Rancho San Diego Library Building.
- The Session, upon recommendation from a committee of the trustees, selected Adam and Tabitha Kemp to be the New Life Doorkeepers for a planned two-year term.
- A committee consisting of Dennis Burks, Doug Byce, Greg Leiser, Brian Scott and David Dinwiddie has been formed to research new facilities for a possible New Life Church expansion.
- Pulpit supply for December 11 will be Dr. Peter Jones in the morning service and Rev. Dave Diaso in the evening service.
- A deacon in each of the shepherding groups will be assigned to assist with the shepherding function.
- Session completed the deacon certification process for Curtis Chism and Dominic Mammina to stand for election to the office of Deacon at the next congregational meeting. If elected, the candidates' ordination and installation will follow upon completion of the Deacon Training Program. ☛



Make plans to bring family and friends to the Christmas Eve Service at 7pm, December 24.

JIM AND ANNA BRINKS

By Anna Brinks

Jim and I were married April 24th, 2009 and after moving to the Little Italy area of downtown, we knew we needed to find a church that was closer than the United Reformed Church in Escondido we had been attending. We have been attending New Life for just over two years now after hearing about this church from former members. In addition to the gospel teaching and sacraments, we were welcomed by so many people that we knew this church was one we wanted to call home.

Jim and I heard about each other several months before we actually met. There were several people in the EURC who thought we would be a good match. I introduced myself to Jim (Yes, I introduced myself to him!) at a friend's Christmas party in December, 2007. We hung out a couple of times with friends after that and then had our first date in February, 2008. Ten months after our first date (In-n-Out Burger and the San Diego Zoo), we were engaged. Four months later, we exchanged our vows in the Westminster Seminary Chapel. Two and a half years after that, we are parents to a wonderful baby boy, Chase Cannon. We are amazed at how the Lord has blessed us over the last four years.

I grew up in Escondido and attended Calvin Christian Schools and the URC. After graduating from nursing school (Trinity Christian College) and working for a couple of years as a staff nurse in Chicago, I became a traveling nurse. I "traveled" to Georgetown, Virginia (where one of my sisters lived), and then returned to San Diego in July, 2007. I worked as a traveling nurse at Sharp Mary Birch Hospital for Women & Newborns for one year and then took another traveling assignment to Seattle where my other sister lived.



I've been working at Sharp Mary Birch as a staff registered nurse in the NICU since January, 2009.

Jim grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan and graduated from Dordt College before moving to Escondido in 2006 to work for Superior Ready Mix Concrete. He now works for T.B. Penick & Sons (since March 2010) as an HR Benefits Administrator.

When we can, we enjoy traveling to spend time with family in Los Angeles, Seattle, South Dakota, Kansas, Chicago, Indiana and Michigan.

We are excited to see where God leads us over the next few years and already feel blessed to be a part of New Life. We look forward to meeting more people and continuing to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. ☩

The memoir of Mary Peterman's father David K. Myers is now available in paperback and as a free E-book. *Preaching on the Plains* chronicles Myers' life as a circuit preacher across the Dakotas and Montana. The printer is offering a 25 percent discount until Dec 14. Visit PreachingOnThePlains.wordpress.com for more information. ☩



THE SOURCE OF LOVE

John Stasukevich

*Oh dear Lord as I come near
My praise and adoration you will bear
I enter into your courts with praise
And hinder not my voice to raise.*

*You are the mighty omnipotent one-
Holy, righteous and compared to none
Omniscient, omnipresent, majestic King
To you my offerings I do bring.*

*Creator of the universe
In you I will my soul immerse
To lift you high on eagle's wings
Oh, most glorious King of Kings.*

*You sent your son to show us the way
And to give us hope for that coming day
When he shall return and the trumpets
sound*

Oh, what jubilee and joy shall abound.

*Where Oh death is now thy sting?
Thy mercy Lord is a blessed thing
When I consider all Thy ways
I'll rest in you for all my days.*

*Your love is like the setting sun-
So beautiful is our redeeming one
Who paid the penalty for our sin
And now allows us to enter in.*

*How wonderfully soothing is your grace
It makes my heart continue pace
And comforts all who know your love-
That glorious bliss from above.*

*You are full of loving kindness
Gone forever that crippling blindness-
Indeed you've opened all our eyes
Who've been rescued from our demise.*

*Oh what joy comes from salvation
You have given to every tongue and nation.
We worship you with sweet oblation;
Your Word is truth and our sanctification.*

*Now our joy is entirely complete
As we look forward to when we'll meet
Our triune God in heaven above
Who alone is our source of love. ☩*