



...His footsteps,
our pathway. Ps 85:13



A Message from Pastor Tom:

Greetings! The Lord is leading our Church family into a season for the next ten years with the call from Him of "Honoring God by Living Like Jesus." How can I and the people with whom I live and associate be about Honoring God by Living Like Jesus? First, we can become people who continually are GROWING closer to the Lord through the STUDY OF THE WORD and PRAYER! Are we students of the Scripture and warriors in prayer? Have we given as much time to Him as we give to anyone or anything else? Secondly, we will be people who are CONNECTING with others in groups where SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS NURTURED, LOVING CARE IS PRACTICED and GODLY RELATIONSHIPS are DEVELOPED! Thirdly, we will be about SHARING our FAITH and our SERVICE! Wow, that is simple but profound and grounded in Scripture. Please pray about this and communicate to me your thoughts, ideas and comments at tthies@efcc.org or 760-781-2147. Blessings!

Ministry Spotlight: *Global Outreach to Beijing*



Many folks from our church family have had the opportunity to serve in short-term ministry teams (GPS Teams). This year, two GPS teams have been formed to minister in Beijing. Both teams involve folks from our Adults 50+ ministry.

One team embarked on their overseas journey from September 19-28. Members of this team include: Fred and Gayle Folbrecht, Lillian Armentano, Bill Whitmer, Mickey Card, Susi Williamson, Bertha Sarabia, and team leader, Pete Turner. The focus of the trip was to fellowship with Chinese seniors, teach conversational English, and assist in a preschool, with the goal of building relationships leading to friendship evangelism. Here is an excerpt from one of Pete Turner's updates after the team visited a house fellowship:

"...They shared some of the ways they celebrate holidays and we shared a few of ours. The leader of the fellowship's wife shared once again from her heart about the work they are doing. We all sensed her passion for the lost and her longing for older mentors to help guide them. She wept as she shared with us. It was a moving experience."

A second GPS team, the "Connecting With China Women's Team", left for China on October 19th and plans to return November 1st. Their primary focus will be teaching and training young women leaders in the house churches in Beijing, as well as to meet and interact with unbelievers. The team members are: Mary Waring, Loraine Doud, Diane Hamlett, Gayle Sharp, Angela Smith, and Carol Uhler. Please be in prayer for their preparations, health and safety, and Spirit-led opportunities!

A Visit to Cypress Court

by Carol Miller

On a sunny Friday morning in late September, I had the privilege of tagging along with Edie Barba as she did her Touch of Love visits at Cypress Court, in north Escondido. I felt a little nervous, not sure of what to expect.

The facility is beautiful, with rich décor, soft lighting, and a friendly, welcoming staff. After signing in at the front desk, we took the elevator to the third floor to a couple's apartment. An attendant was tidying up as we walked in, the couple smiled and greeted us, and Edie introduced me. We gave them the latest CD of Dennis's sermon so they could listen on their CD player, and chatted for awhile.

Our next stop was the apartment of a vibrant lady from down the hall, and she greeted us with a cheerful hello. She was knitting in an armchair in her living room, and explained that she was making little caps to send over to an orphanage in Romania, where there is no heat in the living quarters. She sends about 100 of the little hats every year. Her living room window was open and I could see the courtyard with its trees and flowers, shady walkways and red-roofed gazebo.

During our visit, another one of our TOL "visitees" stopped in with a newspaper. She was dressed in T-shirt and sweatpants, on her way to the gym (part of the facility). It seems that just walking from one end to the other is a good workout for some! (One of the residents mentioned in passing to me that if you walk the hallways around the perimeter of the building four times, it equals a mile)

The lady we were currently visiting is also a part of the welcoming committee for new residents. It is obvious that she has lots of energy and wants to stay busy. Before we left, we joined hands and I led in prayer. I thanked the Lord for this woman's willingness to use her gift of knitting to bless children from far away with warmth and comfort. As we were leaving, she mentioned that she still needed to bake 200 cookies for a serviceman's center that day!

I truly enjoyed my first experience "filling in" as a Touch of Love visitor and look forward to getting to know these seniors better.



Remembering the Drive-In *By Jere Smith*

We all have fun memories of our younger years going to the drive-in with our friends, on dates and later with our families. Many of us remember taking pillows and blankets for the kids and sometimes a pizza and some snacks. The drive-in movie theater seems to be something of the past in this Hi-Tech world we now live in, but it's fun to reminisce now and then...

The first drive-in movie theater opened in June of 1938 on the east coast. Within ten years another 43 drive-ins had opened up, and California was on its way to becoming one of the top drive-in states. By the 1960's California had 220 drive-in theaters in operation. Since that time, the number of drive-ins operating within the state has declined by 90%. Still, California is one of the "Top Five Drive-In States" and more than 20 remain open.

This story came from a newspaper article about my cousin Roy and his wife Cora on their 50th wedding anniversary: In 1947 my cousin Roy was with friends at the Waikiki Drive-in Movie Theater in El Centro. At that time there were curtain dividers between each car for privacy. Next to the guys, was a car of girls who went to the same school. One of the girls knew one of the boys, so she threw a note over the curtain and invited them to come over and bring coffee. That's how Roy and Cora met, and where their story began.





The Dillanes with Grandson

James and Christina Dillane

James and Christina have been serving the Lord through ministry to children for many years. They are currently partnering with the Chinese Bible Church of San Diego for the big CMC West Coast event to be held in San Diego in December.

Q: How did your involvement with CBC begin and how have you been involved?

A: We began working with Asian churches in 1987 by invitation through our volunteer work with Child Evangelism Fellowship to assist with developing a Sunday School program and then for special conferences. In 1993 we joined Chinese Bible Church of San Diego for our first retreat with them. Other Chinese churches began asking us to join them in their annual family retreats to bring their children's programs. Then, it expanded to Arabic, Filipino, Indonesian, and Japanese by word of mouth and invitation. Now, we are involved with our local Native Americans.

We have not kept track of how many programs we have done in the last 24 years. It averages about 4-5 each year. Our real joy comes when we see "our kids" come up to us and tell us what God is doing in their lives. Some, God is positioning on His field of service in social, medical and translation work. They are marrying and having their own families and we will be teaching their children, Lord willing.

When we get their names before the retreats, we begin praying for them. We began making it a policy to pray regularly with their contact persons before their retreat. So, we can see God at work in every phase of shepherding these children and mentoring their leaders. So as not to repeat lessons for the children, we write our own curriculum each year with emphasis on the Bible, creation science and missions. As the apostle John says in III John 4, "I have no greater joy than to know that my children are walking in the truth."

This summer God graciously brought us through 5 retreats and now we are on the threshold of a large Chinese Mission Convention in San Diego between Christmas and New Years. It has been in preparation for 3 years. The children's program is dedicated to teaching the children about the true, living God and His purpose for getting His message to the world in such a time as this.

Q: What are the biggest challenges in coordinating a large event like CMC West Coast?

A: Providing for 300 children, infants through 6th grade seems overwhelming, but we know this is not about a conference. It's about the Savior who said that we should not hinder the children from coming to Him. He planned beforehand good works that we should walk in them. As Hudson Taylor used to say, "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." We have seen Him abundantly supply so far and we will see Him complete the work He has begun.

Immediate needs: We are praying for **prayer warriors** for our workers and children for Dec. 27-30, and for **volunteers** who are able to make 1 or 2 or more of our 7 sessions to be an escort, teacher assistant, to comfort a child, to watch over our little ones who need to nap in the evenings. If you can help or would like information, please contact Carol Miller at (760) 781-2120 or cmiller@efcc.org.

TOL Tidbits

Each month we will try to feature a few notes and thoughts submitted by our Touch of Love volunteers about their visiting experiences.

Very bright and talkative. So excited she had been asked to do the morning devotion for the other residents. The staff asked her to since they saw a Bible in her room.

Prayer request: That the Lord would continue to use her to minister to her neighbors.

Had a very nice visit. She is a very happy lady and feels very blessed by God for the health that she has even though she has some real challenges. She is very thankful for her helper that comes most days. She loves to talk. Prayed together.

I told her I would come again in 2 weeks and would call to arrange a time... She loves Mocha Frappacinos like me, and she knew of a non-Starbucks place that made them better. She also said she liked to play games, so when I call, I will have her choose frapps or a game. She lives so incredibly close to me, it's nice.

We had a wonderful, long visit. She just celebrated her 91st birthday and is lookin' good....

New Visitation Ministry

A new ministry is forming for seniors, called **Care and Compassion**. I personally have a heart for seniors and a desire to better the lives of these special people. Life Care Center in Escondido has welcomed us with open arms! My goal is to gather 200 visitors for this facility, to have two visitors per resident to bring God's love to each one so they can feel a purpose in life and a hope to live with gladness, not loneliness, in their soul.

We are already growing and will continue to grow with God's direction and will! Blessings to all!

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The House that Ray Built

In the mid 1970's, Ray Robinson decided to build a house on Royal Crest Drive in Escondido. After coming up with his own designs, he purchased building supplies from warehouses in the area and got to work. He hammered and sawed, installed electricity and plumbing, poured concrete, took out orange trees, and installed windows and doors and insulation. Since he was also working full-time at the San Onofre power plant, Ray worked on his big project on evenings, weekends - every chance he could get.

Amazingly, in just one year, the house was finished and ready for moving in. Ray and his wife Rose Ann lived there for over 30 years, and sold the property in 2009.

During a recent visit to Ray and Rose Ann's apartment in Cypress Court, I sat down with Ray and looked at photographs of his beautiful two-story masterpiece. An aerial view of the home is framed and hanging on their living room wall. Here are some pictures of the house that Ray built:



Happening This Month :

November 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Lunch with Leaders	9	10 KEENAGERS' Potluck & Movie	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Thanksgiving		
27	28	29	30			

8th - Lunch With Leaders
11:30 am, Café

10th - Potluck & Movie Day
11:30 am, Chapel Downstairs
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