

Communities of Joy

Greater Los Angeles Stake

April 2002

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

A Look Back:



- February 15-17: Children's Winter Camp at Buckhorn had 58 children (previous year had 43) and 23 adults, complete with snow.
- March 10: **Wynn Maile** and **Sergio Juarez** with 17 children provided worship service at Anaheim congregation.
- Anaheim congregation
- March 22-24: Jr/Sr High Retreat at the Inland Empire with 17 youth from 3 congregations. Guest ministry was provided by **Don Ivans**.
- Congregational Visiting: During the first quarter of the year Children's director **Wynn Maile** and Children/Youth Minister **Diane Shirota** visited in the Anaheim and Costa Mesa congregations.
- Albertsons Children/Youth income: \$124.30 on November 30, 2001 and \$344.54 on February 28, 2002

Coming Events:

- Summer Children's Camp, June 27-30 at Buckhorn Camp, Inc. with **Wynn Maile** and **Sergio Juarez** directing.
- Summer Jr/Sr High Camp, August 15-18 with **Jeremy Fletcher** and **Terry Norwood**.
- Spectacular July 28th – August 3, 2002 at Graceland University (See bulletin insert)
- Congregational Visiting: **Wynn Maile** and **Diane Shirota** plan to visit Long Beach, Orange, Canoga Park, Burbank, Ventura, and Covina congregations during the next two months

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A Look Back:

- The GLAS High Council had a retreat on January 12, which included discussion on the possible implementation of mission center organization that will be voted on at World Conference.
- There were regional pastors meetings on January 19 at CCM, Inland Empire, Long Beach, and Ventura which included a motivational session via the internet
- There was MIS-Shelby computer training on March 15-16 at CCM for pastors, recorders, and stewardship commissioners. The sessions were video taped for future training.
- Video class sessions taped at last fall's presentation on preaching in the stake by Presiding Evangelist **Danny Belrose** have been presented in several congregations with positive responses.



Coming Events:

- “Foundations for Effective Ministry” sessions to be presented in Hemet-San Jacinto congregation on Sunday’s April 21 through May 26
- At Santa Barbara congregation, **Scott Sinclair** will be teaching *An Introduction to Understanding Scripture SS101* on April 27 (8:30 AM to 3:30 PM), **Mary Lou Bruington** will be teaching *Stewardship* on May 4 (8:30 AM to 3:30 PM), and **Keith Martindale** will be teaching *Spiritual Gifts* on May 18 & 25 (8:00 AM to noon).
- Training for persons to be involved in camp and reunion children/youth staffs will be on May 11 at CCM. Training will be presented by **Tim Dodds**, camping specialist for the World Church.
- Regional pastor meetings at CCM, Inland Empire, Long Beach, and Ventura on May 18.

HISPANIC MINISTRIES

A Look Back:

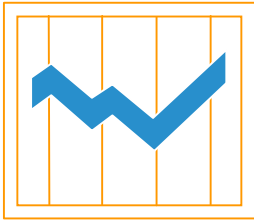
- During February, Friday night children/youth Bible classes resumed in South Central Los Angeles with average attendance of 40 children/youth/adults. La Nueva Esperanza meets at 5:00 PM on Sundays at CCM, 7:30 PM for adult Bible study in Los Angeles, weekly family visitations, and Women’s Fellowship events once a quarter.
- On February 24, La Nueva Esperanza congregation celebrated the baptism of **Siara Juarez**.
- During January and February, a proposal for an Ethnic Resource Center in Los Angeles was submitted to the World Church. Researching possible locations in South Central Los Angeles has continued.
- During February an award was received from the City of Los Angeles for projects by the YPC club (which averages 40 participants at twice a month activities) for collecting toys for tots, mural painting and other community service projects.
- During January and February, a YPC club was attempted in Temple City, but the response didn’t warrant continuation.
- Ten children attended the Buckhorn Winter Camp on February 15-17 and twenty congregational members attended the March 10 Anaheim children worship service.



Coming Events:

- **Sara and Sergio Juarez** and **Linda Espiritu Santo** will provide translation ministries at World Conference and the June 9 GLAS Conference.
- The 8th annual GLAS/San Diego Hispanic Retreat at Buckhorn will be August 31 through September 2.
- **Ken McLaughlin** will be the guest minister at the September 20-22 Tecate (Mexico) Youth Retreat.
- The national Community of Christ Conference of Hispanic Ministers will meet in Chula Vista, CA on October 10-13.

FINANCIAL AND BISHOPRIC UPDATES



- **Gary Stephens** has resigned as a member of the stake bishopric in order to devote more time to business and family. He has the heartfelt thanks of the stake leadership for his excellent ministry.
- Orange renovation program is on schedule and within budget constraints. Due to integration with the Aspen project, the

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be completed prior to the classrooms.

- Aspen Education Group and the Church are entering into final contract negotiations. The conference approved loan will be repaid to World Church during the initial seven-year contract. Anticipated completion of the school component of the construction project is June 15. Plans were unanimously approved by Orange Planning Committee and are now under review by the Orange Building Department.
- The stake endowment fund board met on February 18 and March 12 with other invited members of the stake to work on alleviating the stake financial situation. There was also a teleconference on March 26 that included discussion on helping with congregational financial needs. The board next meets on April 30.

Income to the Stake	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>
○ Rental Income	\$ 4,702	\$ 3,000
○ Membership Contribution	5,075	-
○ Interest	538	-
○ Miscellaneous (Including Albertsons)	881	-

Stake Expenses		
○ Administration	13,894	9,974
○ Human Resources	50,132	72,722
○ Congregational Support	11,933	12,750
○ Temporal Expense	29,878	30,525

- Affiliate Investment Pool estimated return for end-of-month January, 2002 = -1.0%

ADDITIONAL STAKE HELPS AND MINISTRIES

A Look Back:

- Approximately 40 members of the stake attended the January 20 Prayer for Christian Unity worship service at Pasadena Presbyterian Church.
- March 9: Bridge Builder Irish Intergeneration Celebration had 58 adults and 12 children at the CCM event with enthusiastic responses.
- Thirty-five persons attended the GLAS World Conference delegate session on March 17, 2002. The **World Conference is April 6-14** in Independence, MO. Please support this important event in your thoughts and prayers.

Coming Events:

- **Ken McLaughlin** will be the guest minister at the **June 9, 2002 GLAS Conference**. **Al Cohen**, executive director of the Southern California Ecumenical Council will also be present to bring greetings.

- **Gary Logan**, World Church Congregational Ministries Coordinator, will provide guest ministry at the **GLAS reunion July 13-19** with **Cynthia Beebe, Glenn Johnson, and Diane Shiota** tri-directing.
- **Richard Foster**, Central Pacific Regional Administrator, will provide guest ministry at the **GLAS reunion July 19-21** with **Denise O'Neil-Leichter** directing.
- **Stassi Cramm**, recently named to Presiding Bishopric, will be the guest minister at the September 27-29 **GLAS Women's retreat** at Buckhorn. **Denise O'Neil-Leichter** is coordinating the event.
- **Matthew Naylor**, Outreach International Director of Development, will be the guest minister for the **November 10, 2002 Fall GLAS conference**. He will also provide ministry at the Older Adults Fall Fiesta, November 12-14.
- The GLAS website, CofChristLA.org has been updated and will be going through other face-lifts in upcoming months.
- GLAS staff members have been assigned as additional resources for our congregations: **Greg Barentine**, El Segundo; **Bill Dodds**, Upland, Inland Empire, Hemet San Jacinto; **Linda Espiritu Santo**, San Luis Obispo, La Nueva Esperanza En Cristo, Ventura; **Dale Hunzeker**, Burbank, Orange, Canoga Park; **Sergio Juarez**, Temple City, Covina; **Henrietta Kaleikau**, Gardena, Costa Mesa, Torrance; **Diane Shiota**, Anaheim, Basileia, Lakewood; **Scott Sinclair**, Simi Valley, Lancaster, Santa Barbara, Long Beach
- **Carol Kostura** has agreed to replace **Diane Shiota** on the Southern California Ecumenical Council board, with **Scott Sinclair** and **Henrietta Kaleikau** being the other two stake representatives.

**Can't Travel to World Conference?
Attend Anyway!**

These services will be shown on the big screen LIVE, via satellite, at the Temple City Center

Sunday, April 7	
8:00 a.m. – 9:45	Communion Service
12:30 p.m. – 3:00	Opening Legislative Session
5:00 p.m. – 7:00	Evening Service
Monday, April 8	
5:00 p.m. – 6:45	Evening Service
Tuesday, April 9	
5:00 p.m. – 7:00	Ordination Service
Thursday, April 11	
5:00 p.m. – 6:45	Evening Service
Friday, April 12	
5:00 p.m. – 6:45	Evening Service
Saturday, April 13	
5:00 p.m. – 6:45	Hymn Festival
Sunday, April 14	
8:15 a.m. – 10:00	Closing Worship Service

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