

Communities of Joy!

Greater Los Angeles Stake

June 2003

Last Call for SPEC 2003

If you are an 11th or 12th grader who wants to go to **SPECTACULAR 2003**, we must have your registration and fee of \$225.00 before June 9th. Flights are already being booked for those registered to leave July 25th and return August 2nd. Fundraising efforts to assist with this \$600 trip are underway.

The Los Angeles group is getting excited to link up with the entire "CALIZONIA" delegation for a week so SPECTACULAR it is beyond description! Music, arts, leadership, sports, worship, and lifelong friendships. PLEASE JOIN US! Contact me for further details ASAP!

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Mary Ethel & Jay Cooper, long time members of the Costa Mesa Congregation, celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on May 16, 2003.

La Nueva Esperanza Celebrates, Works, Witnesses



Baptism service in Baja

It's been a busy month! Mother's Day is always a major holiday in the Hispanic community. This year the mothers of La Nueva Esperanza were surprised by a barbecue held after church. Carne asada and salsa made for good fellowship. Ten women (and one very young one) also had a women's night out for Mother's Day.

Some of the members attended a Witnessing Event sponsored by a local Christian radio station. We also made our annual trek to Buckhorn for work week. We held a worship service while we were there, and the congregation enjoyed the peacefulness of the grounds.

Tying into what is happening here in GLAS in Hispanic Ministries, I have also been blessed to be a part of the ministries in Ensenada and Tecate,

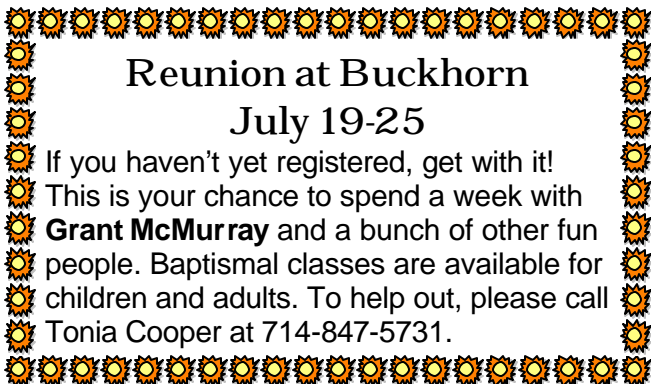
Mexico. On May 18, 6 people were baptized in a joint service between the two congregations. We found a spot in the mountains with a natural pool—not to mention horses, chickens, and a variety of wild life—for about 100 people to celebrate these baptisms and confirmations and fellowship together.

We continue to press forward not as a separate entity, but part of the whole body as we uphold the sharing goal of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of all the ministries of the Comunidad de Cristo.

Submitted by Linda Espiritu-Santo

Reunion at Buckhorn July 19-25

If you haven't yet registered, get with it! This is your chance to spend a week with **Grant McMurray** and a bunch of other fun people. Baptismal classes are available for children and adults. To help out, please call Tonia Cooper at 714-847-5731.



SPECTacular FUNdraising!

All contributions for individual scholarships should be made payable to the Community of Christ and sent to Denise Leichter ASAP to allocate to specific campers.

Join us for **Krispy Kreme** donuts and coffee/juice at the beginning of Stake Conference 6/22. Start your day with a high on calories and giving to others!

Go online and participate in our year-round "SCRIP Direct" program. Spend what you would normally spend on food, gas, meals out, and gifts and let us reap a percentage benefit. We will also have a "shopping booth" at Stake Conference. Go to www.ScripCenter.org. Our account is **Community Of Christ Youth Program #8189386**.

Please contact me directly with questions. I can help you spend your money to benefit our youth! DeniseLeichter@earthlink.net, (818) 996-4961, or (818) 996-4709.

First Mission Center Conference, Last Stake Conference To Be Held June 22

Dear Saints,

On June 22nd, at the Center for Christian Ministries in Temple City, we will enjoy a special moment in our history, as we hold the last Greater Los Angeles Stake Conference and the first Southern California Mission Center Conference on the same day. The World Church Leadership Council approved our mission center plan on May 15, so we are ready to launch.

The stake conference will begin at 9 AM, with priesthood calls and reports on results for last year. At 11 we will share in a service of music and preaching, with the guest ministry of Apostle Ken McLaughlin. After lunch, provided by the Canoga Park Congregation, the mission center conference will sustain its leaders, approve a budget for the remainder of 2003, and celebrate a new beginning.

I hope you will come to Temple City and lend your support to our new mission center.

Paul Davis, Greater Los Angeles Stake President

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- Do you know any young people who are simply outstanding? Nominate one of your young friends for recognition at Stake Conference on June 22. Contact Denise Leichter at deniseleichter@earthlink.net or (818) 996-4961 to make a nomination.
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REMINDER: Youth Workers Must Register

All congregational and camp staff workers who work with children and youth must be registered youth workers. For more details on this World Church and Stake regulatory and safety issue, contact Henrietta Kaleikau. Her phone is 714-633-6595 and email is hdkaleikau@aol.com. Thank you!

Check Out www.CofChristLA.org Again

We invite you to review our updated Mission Center website. Please go to www.CofChristLA.org for information on the latest news, leaders, and dates. It is a wonderful communication tool, put together by our talented webmistress, Meredith Bischoff. She can be reached at garybgud@ix.netcom.com.

Please review the details for your individual congregations. If you want to add a congregational facility picture to your site, send Meredith a digital or regular photo or slide. In concert with the map, it will help guests find your congregation.

If you have comments or ideas, please contact Meredith or Denise Leichter. We want this website to be a reflection of our "Community of Joy" and an invitation for all to join us in the ministry of Jesus Christ in the Southern California area.

Submitted by Denise Leichter

**Youth Worker and CIT
Training Day June 28**

"Let Your Light Shine"

If you enjoy working with children and youth, please plan to attend a training day at Temple City on June 28, 8:30-4. The day will include resources for youth work, the legal aspects of working with youth, and help with the registration process. Older youth who wish to become Counselors-in-Training are especially encouraged to come. There is no charge for the day. Contact Henrietta Kaleikau at 714-633-6595 or hdkaleikau@aol.com for more information.

Upcoming Events

- June 8-13** Launch Out! Mission 2003 at the Temple in Independence
- June 22** Stake/MC Conference at Temple City
- June 28** Youth Worker Training at Temple City
- July 19-25** Reunion with Grant McMurray, Buckhorn
- Jul 25-Aug 2** Spectacular at Graceland University

- Aug 9-12** Children's Camp at Buckhorn
- Aug 14-17** Junior/Senior High Camp at Temple City
- Sept 13** Temple School: Intro to Caring Ministries The Elder
- Basic First Aid/CPR class
- Sept 20** Introduction to Understanding Scripture