

# Communities of Joy!

Southern California Mission Center

November 2003

## Older Adults Enjoy Fall Fiesta Luau



Forty of our young at heart feasted on Kalua pork, lomi-lomi salmon, teriyaki chicken, and poi, and enjoyed Hawaiian singers and hula dancers during the banquet at the Fall Fiesta, held October 20-22 at Long Beach

## Good Women...Spend a Day Together

Forty women gathered at Hemet for a full day together on October 25, and as women can do so well...we packed in a full and balanced program of Worship, Learning and Listening, Great Food, Boutique Shopping, a Multi-Cultural and Generational Matinee Movie, and Service to Others. The age range was 16-86 and they came from as far away as Simi Valley, Long Beach, Anaheim, and Orange. Our guiding thought was "Good



Women... May We Know Them, May We Be Them, May We Raise Them." A special highlight of the day was discussion on domestic violence and packing of "Gift Boxes for a local Battered Women's Shelter." Our budget and the generous gifts of the participants allowed us to provide additional bags of items to a Women & Infants Special Needs Home that the Anaheim Congregation supports. The Costa Mesa ladies and our Evangelists provided our worship and prayers of blessing. Betty Ryan handled all our logistics and organized our catered luncheon. Twenty women from Hemet attended and were such gracious hosts.

"Good Women Gathered" were a blessing to each other, and we are planning now to have another event in the first quarter. Join us in 2004!

Submitted by Denise Leichter, Retreat Director

## Canoga Park Halloween Party

Neighborhood families, special friends from Simi Valley, and car loads of kids came from as far away as Moreno Valley to join the Canoga Park children and youth for a sensational night



of fun. The hall had been transformed into a sensory experience with decorations, music, food, and costumed characters. There were pumpkin carving contests, costume awards, baked goods, scary emcees, dancing and FUN...FUN...FUN for more than 70 people.

What a great event and outreach! Don't miss marking your calendar for next year.

Submitted by Denise Leichter

## SoCal Mission Center Conference to be Held November 16

The second SCMC Conference will be held Nov. 16 at the Center for Christian Ministries in Temple City. Refreshments will be available at 8:30, praise singing with John Hatton, Jack Cave, and Jeanne Davis will begin at 9:00, and the business meeting will begin at 9:30. The items of business are elections of World Conference delegates, the 2004 budget, and Buckhorn board elections.

At 11 the worship service will begin, planned by Frank and Jean Woodson, with Mission Center President Paul Davis preaching. The Costa Mesa congregation is serving lunch of chicken cordon bleu, green beans, salad, rolls, and dessert.

We should be able to finish the business in the morning session, so the afternoon will be free. Please contact Tonia Cooper, Conference Director, with questions.

## Temple School Schedule Planned

We are pleased to announce the following five classes in our winter Temple School schedule. All classes will be held at the Center for Christian Ministries in Temple City from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

### February 7

SL101 An Introduction to Caring Ministries

Instructor: Greg Barentine

PA104 The Elder

Instructor: Craig Crossover

### February 21

SS101 An Introduction to Understanding Scripture

Instructors: Hiroshi Matsushita and Evelyn Sora

SS320 Survey of the New Testament

Instructor: Craig Crossover

### February 28

AM200 Aaronic Ministers: Ministry of Presence

Instructors: Hiroshi Matsushita and Sherry Southland

Submitted by Henrietta Kaleikau,  
Temple School Coordinator



Justin Pearson of Hemet received Cub Scout awards for swimming, bicycling, and art this fall. He is shown here with his father, Bill

## Nominations Due for "Honor Our Youth"

Please send your nominations for young people who deserve recognition for their academic, spiritual, athletic, or community activities to Denise Leichter for "Honoring Our Youth" at the Nov. 16 SCMC Conference. Her email is deniseleichter@earthlink.net.

## Chris Ho, Jazz Pianist, to Play at Canoga

Chris Ho, pianist from some of our past reunions, will perform a New Age Jazz Concert at the Canoga Park Congregation on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30. He is an extremely gifted musician, and you won't want to miss this special event. For more details contact Vickie Hrovat at 661-257-1922.



## More Halloween Party Pics



## Spectacular Team Visits La Nueva Esperanza

In October La Nueva Esperanza enjoyed the ministry of Denise Leichter and the Spec youth. We hope to get some visiting ministry from the Spec experience in our neighborhood in South Central where we can reach out to other young people. The congregation is meeting on Wednesday nights at Sergio's house to study and work with the children.

Baja enjoyed the ministry of Apostle Ken McLaughlin on Sunday, Oct. 19. He preached in Ersenada on Sunday morning, then traveled to Tecate to ordain the pastor, Georgina Venegas, to the office of elder. A family of 5 were also baptized and confirmed in the same service. After the service, we celebrated with tamales and cake. It was a full and blessed day.

Submitted by Linda Espiritu  
Santo

## Elect WC Delegates

World Conference 2004 Delegates will be elected at the November 16 SoCal MC Conference. If you want to be included in the ballot, submit your name and congregation to Tonia Cooper as soon as possible.

## Covina Messiah Singalong December 21

The Covina Congregation will host a Messiah Singalong on Dec. 21 at 5 PM. Elbert McAlister will be at the piano and Rex Boos will direct. Refreshments will be served. All are invited.