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SOME SHOTS FROM THE OCTOBER 18TH BANQUET



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BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS

On October 18th, our first fund raising banquet was held and 64 adults plus one Intermediate School student attended. It was an evening of real joy as those who attended were able to check out our Silent Auction, enjoy rich fellowship, eat some delicious food prepared by a caterer who recently won the Grand Prize of \$3000 in a recipe contest. The chocolate éclair for dessert was a winner. The main speaker, Macie Madison, brought us a message that was a real motivator. One lady in attendance responded to the message with a request to get involved in one of the Good News Clubs® that Macie teaches. The title of her message was "What About My Neighbor?" Our student, Ryan Rodriguez, attends Hernandez Intermediate School in San Marcos and he gave a testimony about his involvement in the Club that is held every Thursday. Ryan is truly an ambassador for Christ.

THE FAYETTEVILLE FAIR DRAWS BOYS & GIRLS

The *John 3:16 Booth* at the Fayetteville Fair drew about 58 boys and girls. Jim and Louise Walker, Mike and Elaine Kelly, and their pastor Mike Keen and his wife Sheila were able to counsel 8 boys and girls for salvation. Our prayers go out to these children as they begin their walk with the Lord.

TEACHING CHILDREN EFFECTIVELY™ TRAINING

This TCE™ #1 course will be held in Martindale in our new training center during the months of January and February. A special mailing will be generated to inform individuals in the Greater Austin area of this important training session. "This 30-hour course is designed to offer a fresh approach to classroom learning. TCE™ will equip students with basic skills and effective methods to evangelize children and immediately begin a neighborhood outreach ministry or sustain their current ministry. Emphasis is placed on organizing and conducting meaningful classroom activities that enrich children spiritually and are also enjoyable." (CEF® TCE™ brochure) The class will be conducted for four Saturdays and the cost has been \$75. This year we plan to reduce the cost to \$65. Students will be asked to bring a sack lunch. Snacks and beverages will be offered during each training session.

THE DATES WILL BE: JAN. 31ST, FEB 7TH, 21ST AND 28TH FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 14.

OPEN HOUSE PLANNED

Our new office and training center facility is now up and running. Erin is beginning to get her office established and ready the facilities for various training sessions. We would like to invite you to a special "Open House" to be held on **Monday evening, January 26, 2009** at the Martindale facility. Leaving San Marcos on Highway 80, travel approximately 12 miles and our building is on the right. We now have a 4 x 8 banner on the fence in front of the building. The time of the event is **7:00-9:00 PM**. Please plan to attend this function and get to know more about our plans to establish this location as a key spot for the Capital Country Chapter's operations. We will have refreshments and beverages available. All are invited (boys and girls and their parents, Committee members, and friends of the ministry).

IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE TRENCHES

We have many volunteers giving of their time and energy every week to communicate the truth of God's Word. Here is a list of those currently working in the trenches and we praise God for you:

Catherine Bebee, Ruth Cephus, Macie Madison, Falon Williams, Cyd Anderson, Terry Beveridge, Carol Cassbier, Erin Watson, Katherine and Jon Price, Louis Gervais, Norma Elmore, Vi Dunbar, Penny Ackerman, Pastor Rob Anderssen, Angie Brannon, Marsha Miller, Jonathan Graham Jr., Victor Morrison, C. Ronald Kariker, Julius and Joann Obenhaus, Gladys Wright, Robert Clark, Jane Walton, Pastor Mike Rinker, Violet Taylor, Dean Taylor, Sharon Thornhill, Terry Vlug, Penny Vlug, Joan Bond, Dorothy Mangene, five members of the Mitchell family (Becky, Neely, Joanna, Leta, and John), Ken and Donna Strom, Sunhee Jung, Hyunee Kim, Yoonhyoung Koh, Miyoung Lee, Myungwon Lee, Hyou-Jin Kim, In-Sung Byon, Sangmi Cho, Jinjoo Kwon, Seonim Yu, Jina Park, Eunkyung Lee, Backgyoung Lim, Sooah Lim, Joohee Chun, Thomas and Jungmin Lee, Prins Bae, Eugene Han, Justin Yoon, Hyeyoung Lee, Jinjoo Ha, Jiye Lee, Minhee Cho, Sugun Hong, Nikki Gonzales and Nancy Hopper.

GOOD NEWS CLUBS GETTING UNDERWAY

The Smithville Independant School District approved a Club to be held at the **Smithville Elementary School** every Tuesday, beginning Oct. 28th. About 12 children came to the first meeting and one boy accepted Christ!

The Leander Independant School District approved a Club to be held at **Westside Elementary** every Wednesday, beginning Nov. 12th.

The Austin Independant School District has approved a Club to be held at **Baranoff Elementary School** every Thursday, beginning Oct. 12th. About 12 children showed up for that first meeting.

USHERED INTO THE KINGDOM

Please pray for 29 boys and girls who have prayed to receive Christ since September 1st. Pray that they will become involved with the Mailbox Club and begin to grow as they complete lessons that are sent to them.



WORDLESS BOOK WRIST BANDS POPULAR WITH ADULTS



Over the past two months a Christian brother and sister in Christ have asked if they could have a wrist band. They were so impressed with this simple way to share the gospel that they wanted to know how to get one. We had some on hand, so it wasn't a tough question to answer. One wears his at a public school where he teaches and the other at an office supply store where she works.

LONGTIME GOOD NEWS CLUB TEACHER RECOGNIZED

A very gracious lady, Catherine Bebee, was recognized at the banquet for 40 years of service teaching boys and girls the truth of God's Word. She has been teaching at the 2nd Street Missions church in East Austin; first with her mom and then by herself when her mom passed the baton on to her. Catherine told God when this happened that she would continue at her post until God told her otherwise. Congratulations, Catherine for your faithful service. Catherine was given a framed certificate of recognition to commemorate this special time in her life. We were honored to have her husband, Eldon, and their daughter, Gayle in attendance.

INAUGURAL GOOD NEWS CLUB AT SMITHVILLE ELEMENTARY

After five of years of praying to establish an After-School Good News Club® at this school, on October 28th, the first club was held. We had 12 children present with several others who had signed up that were not able to attend. We expect the numbers to swell in future weeks. What a blessing it was to have two moms check off on the permission slip that they wanted to know how they could help out. Of the 12 who came 8 were boys and 4 girls.

God made the entire afternoon extra special when He touched the heart of one 10 year boy at the invitation and following a time of counseling, he asked Jesus to become his Savior. Please pray for Jerett to begin his walk with the Lord by reading the Bible each day that was given to him. Jerett was given other information to reinforce the decision he made. When he was asked to tell someone else about the decision he made, he made it a point to tell Donna. This was truly the day that the Lord made (Ps 118:24)

I saved some more blessings for last. Because one lady who lives in Smithville went to Warrenton to work at the Discipleship Center (Mailbox Club), she came back with a charge from Reese Kauffman, President of CEF®, to find the nearest Local director for her community and get an After-School GNC™ started. Through her efforts and the grace of God, people were mobilized, articles were placed in the newspaper announcing planning and training sessions, and the rest is history. We now have our first ever GNC™ at the Smithville Elementary School. The lady God used to bring this about is Norma Elmore. She lives in the RVICS village, Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service, which is located in Smithville. Smithville is their national headquarters. Many of the RVICS are on board to help out with this club. This has resulted in our having eight adults from four different churches signed up for duty with this club.