

DATE: February 2006  
FROM: Jerry Page  
TO: Pastors, Principals, Office Staff, Executive Committee,  
Lay Advisory, Association Board, Retirees  
RE: News Items, Et Cetera

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Good News as Year End Reports are Finalized!

- 1211 precious people were baptized into our churches in 2005! This is 100 more than the 1111 of 2004. We continue to increase each year and believe it is through methods that can be sustained and lead to higher retention of these individuals. Thanks for praying for the breakthroughs as we move into the future!
- Tithe increase of 7.1% over 2004. We are so thankful and are budgeting on a 5% increase because there were 53 Sabbaths in 2005.
- Salary, mileage, and housing increases—Because of the tithe increase we have a balanced budget after giving the voted 2% increase to all employees at 100% on the scale (as of January 1) and a 2.5% cost of living increase to everyone July 1. Last October we increased all mileage budgets, etc. and that continues. Housing subsidies are increasing gradually as indicated by E.R.I.

The CCC Education Commission met January 29 and discussed many very specific proposals from the four subcommittees. Some were voted for immediate implementation and others are being processed further for the next meeting April 9.

MBA continues to have an excellent school year in so many ways. Enrollment is at 212 (budgeted for 200), baptisms and studies for it continue with students, Youth Evangelism Team is helping with week of prayer and many other spiritual activities during January and February, and a donor gave \$500,000 on December 31 to use for capital projects such as library renovation, computers, bus/transportation vehicles, roofs, student center, etc.

CCC Global Mission preaching teams are currently out in India and Ghana. Others are planning to leave for Ethiopia, Kenya, Chili, Mexico, Cuba and other places in coming months.

CCC Youth/Young Adult evangelism moving forward –Porterville Church will be having 4 weekends of evangelistic meetings in February with their bible worker, Reynando Bibit, and help from Taj and others. This will lead into Shawn Boonstra’s full satellite series in March/April. Taj Pacleb and several Bible workers have helped the Exeter church (8 baptisms last year) and plan evangelistic meetings in April. Taj will also be speaking at Cal State Stanislaus at a meeting in February organized by Candace and Joy (our “stealth embedded” evangelists). They continue to be involved in so many groups and, etc. making spiritual inroads on the campus. Several SOULS West students will be working in our Conference for next couple months as well.

CCC Youth Evangelism Teams –David Dean plans inner city meetings with his new team this year. First one is in Bakersfield in March. The CCC Youth /Evangelism Team has seen 9 baptized so far from their Bakersfield meetings and an exciting trip to build on two SDA homes in Gulfport, MI over Christmas break. Now at MBA through February.

Salinas Church Evangelistic Meetings with A-facts evangelist Eric Flickinger and Pastor John Coelho saw 200 opening weekend and have settled in to a strong consistent interest group of 40 and over 120 total attendance 3 weeks into the series.

Modesto Central Evangelistic Meetings with A-facts evangelist Tyler Long and Pastor James Scarborough began with 240 and in last week they have 50-60 good interests and 26 have made decisions to prepare for baptism.

The two CCC Women’s Retreats at Tenaya and Soquel have been richly visited by the Holy Spirit as Shelley Quinn spoke (she’ll be at camp meeting this year, too!) 70 non-Adventists attended and many have had tremendous response with some beginning or continuing studies toward baptism.

Monterey Peninsula Church is growing and getting younger–As I visit with pastors this time of year, I hear some great stories of how churches are seeing ongoing growth. Pastor John Eagan and his wife, Clareen, have seen the Lord’s hand raising up a thriving congregation in the last few years: 1) attendance has doubled to about 140/week; 2) a lot of younger families have moved in or started attending, leading to thriving children’s divisions, VBS’s, Friday evening Bible studies and a host of other youth activities; 3) tithe has nearly doubled; 4) the church giving strong support of Peninsula Adventist School and paid down school debt by \$90,000!; 5) renovating sanctuary; and 6) a whole host of other ministries such as women’s ministries, follow up of Church Works concepts, worship team, etc.

#### Personnel Changes:

- Ted Baze to pastor Oildale/Shafter District (Taft with Bakersfield Central)
- Roger Bernal will pastor Armona
- Earl Canson is associate pastor of Fresno Westside
- Jerry Finneman took a call to Michigan to do radio ministry
- Irving Haylock pastor of Fresno Sequoia/Selma District

- David Hudgens called to pastor San Francisco Philadelphian/Rainbow District
- Jeremy Kwon of Mountain View Korean will finish this term as CCC Associate Executive Secretary
- Ernest Lewis will be the full time pastor of Modesto Westside/Merced District
- Peter Oh new pastor at Santa Maria Korean
- Errol Perilla will be leading the church in Lamont
- Woo Chang Shim arrived from Canada to pastor the Bakersfield Korean Church
- Daniel Suarez new pastor at Hanford Hispanic/Sanger Bilingual

Wawona Project Entitlement Process—Please pray for positive outcomes at two key meetings that could lead to our project getting permits and beginning building by summer: March 12 Wawona Town Planning Advisory and April 2 County Commissioner’s Meeting.

Pastoral Babies—Congratulations and God’s richest blessings!

The Suarez’ welcomed Kevin Joel January 10. Pastor Daniel says Marilyn and baby are doing well and that big brothers Daniel David 5, Adrian 4, Yonathan 3, and sister Daslyn 2, are very tender and kind to their new sibling. Kevin weighed 7# and was 20" long.

Dennis and Jessica Tello, are delighted that a son, Jaden, was born on December 27, 2005, weighing 8lbs. 3oz. and was 22 inches long. Dennis says Jaden’s big sister, Daniella, is adjusting to the newest family member!

***“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), in God have I put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”***  
***--Psalm 56:3,4 (NKJ)***