

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2004

FROM: Jerry Page

TO: Pastors, Office Staff, Executive Committee, Lay Advisory,
Association Board, Principals, Retirees

RE: News Items, Et Cetera

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CCC Student Literature Evangelism programs—79 students in Bakersfield, San Jose, Modesto, and Visalia/Fresno (and towns within an hour of these locations), distributed 48,327 books, sold \$317,389 and earned \$206,302 before the schools put in their matching scholarships. 545 people requested Bible studies which are being followed up. Janet and I had the privilege of meeting with the student leaders from all over the Pacific Union at their final retreat. What inspiring stories of lives changed!

675 CCC Pathfinders and leaders attended the “Faith on Fire” NAD Pathfinder Camporee. Over 300 young people from all over were baptized there. So many reports of the deeply spiritual programs and decisions for Christ as appeals were made. Steve Horton, Ernesto Espinosa, Hap Lewis and our lay Pathfinder coordinators did a great job getting everyone ready and to the Camporee.

Pastor Eddie Vargas, Jim Miles, Elena Briano, and Doris Tetz-Garcia took 10 Hanford church youth to Nicaragua on a mission trip in August. They baptized six people, renovated one church and built another, performed clinical medical work under the direction of a full time missionary nurse, and held adult and children’s evening meetings. Everyone had a wonderful time and they saw the Lord’s hand touching lives in a mighty way!

Joseph Jones and Pierre Steenberg have taken a team of 19 to speak at 13 evangelistic sites in Ghana, Africa. 700-900 people attending every evening, 100 responded to first call and they passed out baptismal bags for this coming Sabbath.

Brief Soquel Camp Meeting Summary

- a. 8-10,000 attending on Sabbath and 3-4,000 during the week.
- b. 48 precious people were baptized including 15 youth.
- c. So many thousands of other spiritual decisions for the Lord and others are preparing for baptism in the future.
- d. Miracle token of united answered prayer in evangelism offering. It has reached over \$1,012,703.48 as of 9/7/04!! And I smiled in disbelief when some of you began to pray for this several years ago! Vision of full time youth evangelistic team and a full time secular campus ministry leader arose during the week also.

- e. Over 4,000 people toured the full scale sanctuary—over 1,000 community guests and 50+ from community pastoral teams. Requests for 160+ Bible studies and a lot of other services and materials, etc. Plans are now for it to be back at camp meeting next year and also spend two weeks or so going to local city locations for one week at a time (San Jose, San Francisco, etc.)
- f. So many other miracles, marriages restored, truth learned, and etc., etc., etc.
- g. First Phase of Capital Campaign and North Park are finished and what a blessing! Since we have “waiting lists” on most of our lodging space, please pray for the Lord to “expand our territory” somehow.

CCC Schools are back in session. MBA enrollment is 222 and off to great start. Spontaneous prayer gatherings have been initiated by staff. Industries fully leased out bringing cash into budget as well as work opportunities. More information on enrollment in all schools, etc., later.

Mark Ferrel is the new senior pastor of the San Francisco Central Church family. He will continue to help Redwood City from a distance along with Tom Dodge being district pastor there. Mark had been helping San Francisco Central for months on a part-time basis and the members are excited with this step.

Bret Schlisner has accepted our invitation to be the full-time secular campus ministries pastor for Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo. This exciting new outreach ministry is being funded by San Luis members and the Conference evangelism offering. Bret has been a pastor, helped plant a church, and most recently, been one of the recruiters for Union College.

Mel Sudean and his team did a very good job running Camp Wawona this summer with a NAD camporee as competition. There were 515 campers (about the same as last year), many decisions for Christ, and reports from various sources have been extremely positive. It also looks as though the budget will end in the black this year.

New CCC members—these proud parents “added two feet to their homes”:

Keith and Rose Scott

Steve and Kristin Wohlberg

Samuel Keith born July 8

Seth Michael born July 22

The Fresno Fil-Am evangelistic meetings in June were held by Art Bushnell. 12 people were baptized, 20 have made decisions and are still studying for the baptism coming up in November. Thanks for keeping working for our Lord, Art! They are trying to steal him to Hawaii as evangelist for Oahu but not sure if he and Hope will go.

One Student LE Story: 18-year-old Zeke Vasquez from Coalinga knocked on the door of Mary Ann, a Hollister woman who had never heard of Adventists before, but was looking for someone who believed in the seventh-day Sabbath. California Youth *Rush* Bible Worker Emily Gibson followed up the interest, and connected her with Pastor Pierre Steenberg. She had already started reading *The Great Controversy* and was convinced of the truth about death.

Upcoming Evangelistic Meetings in September to Pray for:

1. Campbell with John Bradshaw
2. San Jose Central/Milpitas District meetings with Byron Corbett
3. Clovis with Brian McMahon
4. Templeton Hills/Paso Robles with Steve Wohlberg
5. East Palo Alto with Craig Dossman
6. Net 2004 with Walter Pearson (October)
7. La Voz de la Esperanza meetings with Frank Gonzales
8. Other local church outreaches not listed here

Upcoming Events:

1. Singles' Retreat, September 17-19 at Wawona, speaker Ross Caulkin
2. Youth Convention, October 10 in Fresno Civic Auditorium, speaker Les Pollard
3. Young Adult Retreat, October 15-17 at Wawona, Speaker Michael Goetz
4. Men's Retreat, October 22-24 at Soquel, speakers Walter Wright and Tony Moore
5. DVD Low Budget Evangelism Training, October 31, Dale Leamon and George Johnson—more details later

**“The trouble with many of us is
we would rather be ruined by praise
than saved by criticism.”**