

Colton SDA Newsletter

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Women's Ministry



Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Women's Ministry is starting off this year with a fundraiser/"Fit for God" series. We want to lose those extra unwanted pounds and inches that we have accumulated this past year and we would like to tie it in with a fundraiser.

We will not ask you to give us your measurements, weight, or even your goals. We won't ask you if you messed up or cheated. You are on the "FIT FOR GOD" HONOR ROLL! We want you to succeed no matter how little or how much you accomplished your goal.

Please get your family, friends, co-workers, and church friends to support you as you gain strength in your goal. We will also be giving you recipes, exercise tips, encouraging words from the Bible and don't forget the "Fit for God" exercise class every Tuesday to get you to the finish line.

Anyone can sign up in the Church Foyer!!!! ARE YOU READY????????????? You can do it!!!!!! Si Se puede!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

More information will follow when you sign up!

Teresa Padilla

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Community Service Corner



Hello everyone ~ just a preview of what will be happening this year. The 'Park Ministry' event will be on July 2nd, Sabbath. On that morning we will be giving out sack lunches and personal toiletries at the Riverside- Fairmont Park. The music team will be participating in this event as well. I will be looking into what has already been donated and let you know if we need anything else. Thank you for all the contributions. In the months to come we will be working on the details to get ready.

We are also putting together another project-setting up a 'Sewing Session' here at the Colton Church focusing on making quilted blankets and possibly other fund-raising items all to be sold at the 'Parking Lot Fundraiser' event which we will be holding on September 25 in our very own parking lot. Other departments of our church will also be participating in this event. If anyone has any working sewing machines to donate to the project along with any sewing accessories—good sheets, pieces of

material, pins and needles, batting, scissors and other sewing items, it would be greatly appreciated.

HELP WANTED: We invite any sewing/quilting/embroidery expertise to the table. Entry level also welcome. All those wanting to help or learn are welcome — contact Laura Bauchert. It will be fun!

The International Breakfast will also be on the calendar this year—this time on April 10. We will try to come up with some new items that will be pleasing to everyone.

We will also be planning The 'Colton Express' Train Trip August 7 and will keep you updated as time goes on. Plan your calendars accordingly.

We invite The Lord's Blessings in all that we do. Thank you all.

Laura Bauchert

Mark Your Calendars



Jan 23 (Sun) 10:00 AM - Women's Ministry Committee Meeting
Jan 25 (Tue) 6:30 PM - "Get Fit 4 God" fitness session
Jan 26 (Wed) 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting: Pastor Moura
Jan 29 (Sat) 11:00 PM - Communion Sabbath
Jan 29 (Sat) 1:00 PM - Fellowship Potluck
Jan 29 (Sat) 3:00 PM - Elders/Deacons/Deaconesses Training

Feb 2 (Wed) 8:00 PM - Board of Elders meeting
Feb 11-12 (Fri-Sat) - Family Ministries Weekend/Seminar
Feb 13 (Sun) 8:00 AM - Work Bee
Feb 13 (Sun) 11:00 AM - Church Board Meeting
Feb 19 (Sat) 11:00 AM - Children's Church
Feb 26 (Sat) - Personal Ministries Sabbath/Seminar
Feb 27 (Sun) - Snow Trip

Verse of the Month

"Return to your own home and tell what great things God has done for you."

Luke 8:39

Sabbath School Council

Helen Kovarick, as the new Sabbath School Superintendent lead the meeting of the Sabbath School Council on January 8. After a relaxing potluck, the council brainstormed on ways to encourage Sabbath School attendance. If you

do not make a habit of attending Sabbath School then please make a resolution to start this next Sabbath. You will receive a blessing if you attend.

Kristi Cruise



Helen Kovarick 2011 Sabbath School Superintendent.

Big Turn Out For January Work Bee

Responding to a special appeal made at the previous Sabbath morning Worship Service, a total of 20 volunteers showed up on Sunday morning, January 16, for an especially audacious work bee. One of the first orders of business was to finally dismantle and pack away all Christmas decorations. Other projects included: tree and hedge trimming; lawn cleanup and edging; sweeping of the parking lot; sound system

wiring and evaluation; tidying the kitchen; and reorganization of the items in the Multi-Purpose Room storage cabinets. (The CORE Youth group had a separate gathering on the same day to remodel their meeting room. This project continued well into the afternoon.)

Thanks to everyone who pitched in and accomplished an incredible amount of work in one morning's work bee: James

& Laura Bauchert; Art Bell; Alex Cristales; Donnie Cristales; Rob Cruise; Nestor & Mary Lou Domingo; Jerry Johnson; Bud Kovarick; Carlos & Mary Lemos; Chuck McConnell; Oli & Ellie Moura; Diana Moura; Teresa Padilla; Jorge Rangel; Remens Reponhehi; and Tony Rivera.

Jerry Johnson



Pastor Bell's 80th Birthday Celebration

"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with



cially opened with government approval, it was under the leadership of Pastor Art Bell. The liberal arts program brought more students and additional teachers. Pastor Bell was never idle, always on the

him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." Psalm 91:14-16 NIV This verse epitomizes what the Lord has produced for Art Bell. On Sabbath January 15 the Colton SDA Church honored Pastor Bell not only for his 80th Birthday but also for the tireless work he does for the Lord through our church. As



move, riding the tractor in his white shirt and bow tie." He doesn't wear the tie to mow that lawn here at Colton but he is still always on the move. If you would like to read more about the work in Thailand I recommend reading *God's Miracle*.

Following the church service was a Birthday potluck. Special thanks to all the people who

spent hours decorating and planning the Bow Tie Affair. Pastor Bell was overwhelmed by the out pouring of love. But he still had a servant heart and was ready and willing to not only cut the cake but to serve it. After the cake cutting a masterfully designed mountain of ice-cream was



part of the celebration Pastor Bell received a very large card, and a plaque with a globe to signify his world service. Nestor Domingo even wrote him a poem, (see the far right column). Pastor Mataafa prayed a special prayer of thanks and blessing for Pastor Bell.

Pastor Bell is known for his tireless work on the church grounds. This has been his habit for a long time, including his time in Thailand. Dr. Helen Sprengel, in her book *God's Miracle* stated, "In 1990 when Mission College Muak Lek campus offi-



also presented. Thank-you Shirley for that very tasty masterpiece.

Pastor Bell you are appreciated and loved and we pray you have many more happy years!

A PASTOR'S HEART

Lord, bless Pastor Bell with each new day.

Bless his ministry along the way.

Not a common faith that he imparts,
but a faith that is healthy, a faith that is
alive,

a faith that is a gift of a Pastor's heart.

Whether he's on the roof, riding on the
mower, or kneeling on the grass

He's fix'n stuff, a sermon demonstrated that
speaks volume.

From work boots to pulpit, a well-spoken
message stirs the heart to rejoice. There is
nothing like a strong, resilient voice.

Real life tales of missionaries spanning the
globe...

from the temples of Thailand to the jungles
of San Berdoo,

stories told, nothing short of amazing.

But when sorrow comes, there is no better
gift to impart

than the gift of a compassionate Pastor's
heart.

His patented expression: "Aye ya ya ya
ya"...

second only to the wits and one-liners from
his lovely wife Vi.

But in the serious moments of counsel,
sheds wisdom from God's word.

"Not my will but Your will be done" the
mantra of a submissive shepherd.

A servant of the Most High God, a mentor, a
teacher and at times a friend

with a desire to love God to the very end.

A bowtie and a radiant smile of 80 years
young,

striving to live as an apostle of Christ.

He leads by example in the Savior's way
is the gift of a Pastor's heart.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR BELL !

From our hearts to yours,

Colton SDA Church

Pastor's Perspective

Keeper of the Spring

The late Peter Marshall was an eloquent speaker and for several years served as the chaplain of the US Senate. He used to love to tell the story of the "Keeper of the Spring," a quiet forest dweller who lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slope of the Alps.

The old gentleman had been hired many years earlier by a young town councilman to clear away the debris from the pools of water up in the mountain crevices that fed the lovely spring flowing through their town. With faithful, silent regularity, he patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt that would otherwise have choked and contaminated the fresh flow of water. The village soon became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the crystal clear spring, the mill wheels of various businesses located near the water turned day and night, farmlands were naturally irrigated, and the view from restaurants was picturesque beyond description.

Years passed. One evening the town council met for its semiannual meeting. As they reviewed the budget, one man's eye caught the salary figure being paid the obscure keeper of the spring. Said the keeper of the purse, "Who is the old man? Why do we keep him on year after year? No one ever sees him. For all we know, the strange ranger of the hills is doing us no good. He isn't necessary any longer." By a unanimous vote, they dispensed with the old man's services.

For several weeks, nothing changed.

By early autumn, the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools, hindering the rushing flow of sparkling water. One afternoon someone noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the spring. A few days later, the water was much darker. Within another week, a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks, and a foul odor was soon detected. The mill wheels moved more slowly, some finally ground to a halt. Swans left, as did the tourists. Clammy fingers of disease and sickness



reached deeply into the village.

Quickly, the embarrassed council called a special meeting. Realizing their gross error in judgment, they rehired the old keeper of the spring, and within a few weeks, the veritable river of life began to clear up. The wheels started to turn, and new life returned to the hamlet in the Alps.

Adopted from the Stories for the Heart by Pastor Charles R. Swindoll

Are there leaves of anger, twigs of resentment, or silt of unforgiveness clogging your spring of living water? Just as little by little the stream became clogged and contaminated by debris, so our spirits can become obstructed by the *small sins* of day-to-day living. Let's keep the water clean and flowing as David said in the Psalms 19:13-14 May the words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."

May God keep you Strong!

Pastor!

Potluck Recipe

Chicken Stuffed Crescent Rolls

6 oz. cream cheese, softened

6 Tbsp. butter, melted

2 Tbsp. sautéed onions

2 12.5 oz. canned vegetarian chicken, diced

1/2 tsp. salt

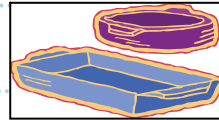
1/4 tsp. garlic salt

1 tsp. McKay's chicken seasoning

2 cans crescent rolls

Breadcrumbs

Cream together the cream cheese and melted butter. Stir in everything else except crescent rolls and breadcrumbs. Un-



fold crescent rolls and roll with rolling pin to about twice the original size. Put 2-3 tablespoons of the mixture on each roll. Bring corners together until covered. Place in 9 X13 inch casserole dish and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake 20-25 minutes at 350 °F.

So tasty!

Scheduling Summit

On January 9 Jerry Johnson, head of the communications ministries, called a scheduling summit. The purpose of the summit was to ensure that planned events do not encroach on each other. With this in mind a group of the leaders of the church met and began planning for the 2011 year. Top of the list was VBS for June 20-25, and the Evangelistic Series

October 7-9, 12, 14-16, 19, 21-22. Many other events were planned as well, which Jerry Johnson is compiling into a list for distribution sometime this month. Make sure you pick one up and mark your calendars.

Kristi Cruise



I Left For One Reason

“Come with me to Spain!” I read through a text from my friend. That’s how the idea all started. I wasn’t trying to run away, neither was I looking for adventure. I just wanted to improve my Spanish and I came to the conclusion that Spain was going to help me.

On the way over, my friend and I had a layover in Paris, France. So we decided to see the Eiffel Tower and had a local show us the way. I know; Strangers in a different country. Bad Leanne. Well, he turned out to be our guardian angel #1. At least he didn’t have us following him at night through alleyways. That was with our second guardian angel in Genova, Italy.

Most of the weekends I traveled with amazing friends as we saw Christopher Columbus’ tomb in Seville Cathedral and pretended to hug the Leaning Tower of Pisa. We heard the Pope give a speech in Vatican City and rode at night on a Gondola in Venice. I even rode on a camel in North Africa, TWICE, which completely made my day.

During the week, I woke up to Spanish, breathed in Spanish, and lived Spanish. By that I mean, I was frustrated with my alarm clock telling me to wake up to go to all my classes. I was better off breathing the vegetarian Spanish food instead of eating because the smell was better than the taste. And I had to live with the idea that being greeted with a kiss on both cheeks was normal there. So I let that boy leave with his face still intact.

Still, most of my time was spent trying to figure out what God wanted me to get out of Spain. Learn Spanish. Yeah, I got that. Pero que mas? What more? As I leaned my head back and was somewhat in awe of the ceilings of countless cathedrals, I realized I didn’t care for them. They were interesting, don’t get me wrong, but inter-

esting only leaves me feeling empty at the end of the day. Yet, when I saw the Gardens of Granada in the Alhambra Palace, something filled me and it wasn’t the work of man, but of God. Those vines and pedals were His designs I was looking at and I didn’t feel so empty anymore.

I’d like to tell you that the whole time I was away, I was filled with God’s love everyday. And that I was ecstatic when I saw the Spanish Steps and when I tossed that Euro into the Trevy Fountain, but that would be a lie. I was homesick the first week, second week, and up until the tenth week as well. I didn’t know I was going to catch this disease and that it actually existed. I wish someone would’ve explained this to me. That way I could’ve taken precaution or at least made a real wish on that fountain. But I at least knew why I had caught it; God wasn’t the center of my life anymore.

Even the Mediterranean Sea that was in view from my balcony, the hiking trail that I ignored everyday on my way to class, or my friends who wanted to hang out in Sagunto and Valencia, sometimes couldn’t help me. You probably think I’m crazy. Well I was.

Let’s just say, God tested my faith, and I tested Him. He told me to jog when I wanted to walk. And He told me to get up on those days when I wanted to sleep just to make time speed up. And if it wasn’t a sin to swear, I would swear to you that it was God who was messing up my internet connection. He knew I needed to talk to Him and not to my friend Noe who was on Facebook 24/7.

I know I should probably finish this with saying that overall, I had a fabulous experience and I wouldn’t trade it for anything;



And that I fell slowly in love, not with a Spanish guy, or the Italian guy who sat next to me on the plane, but with God. But I won’t say that. I

will say this though.

God’s still my friend and I choose to love Him. He knows me better than myself. I completely believe that now. And even though His plane ticket was free, I’m glad He came with me. I’m also glad He gave me the chance to meet new people who eventually became my close friends and helped keep my laughter alive. Especially when I started a food fight in the cafeteria and I got yelled at because of it. But that’s a different story.

Still, God helped me realize that when the comfort of home isn’t within reach, there’s something else I need to reach for; a nearby Friend. Because the whole time I think God was trying to prove to me that, “it’s better to have a friend nearby than a brother faraway” Proverbs 27:10. God knows what I need every moment of the day. It’s just that half the time, or rather for those ten weeks, I was too hard-headed to let Him show me.

Oh yeah. And about the whole Spanish thing, which this was supposed to be about. Well, I’m not fluent. So don’t ask. I just understand a lot more. Pero, esta bien porque creo que Dios sabe que soy la persona mas fabulosa en todo el mundo, si estoy o no estoy con fluidez. Y ademas, pienso aun que mi iglesia es mas guay que la iglesia de España. That’s just Spanish for saying that I believe God still thinks I’m fabulous, whether or not I’m fluent. Plus, I think the Colton SDA Church is cooler than the church I attended in Spain.

New Deacons

Two new deacons have joined the leadership for 2011. Jorge Rangel and Abner Zelaya joined the team of dedicated deacons with a laying on of hands service on

January 15. Thank-you for being willing to serve God through service to the church.

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Church Mission Statement

To provide a grace-filled environment where a diversity of worshipers may experience the healing love of Jesus through the ministry of the Word, the community of prayer, the fellowship of God's family, and the opportunity to serve.

Contribution Instructions

The mission of this newsletter is to provide communication and inspiration for our church members. If you would like to contribute, please contact Kristi Cruise at jrkljrcruise@sbcglobal.net or home phone (909) 872-0394. The next Newsletter will be distributed February 19. Please turn in your articles or photos by Tuesday, February 15 before 5:00 pm.

Quiz Time

1. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible?
2. We all know about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, but do you know their names before they were changed?
3. Who was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot?
4. Who was turned down to fill Judas' place as disciple?
5. Who was Moses' father?
6. How old was Adam when he died?
7. What was Peter's name in Aramaic? And don't say "Rock."
8. Who was a "wild donkey of a man?"
9. Who did Jesus take with Him to the mountain where He was transfigured?
10. Who said, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

How many did you get correct?
 1-3 : Increase your Bible study Time
 4-6 : Keep up that studying
 7-9 : You have been paying attention
 10 : You are king or queen of Bible Trivia!

Need a little help? Here are Bible texts to help you out.

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| 1. Sorry can't help here | 4. Acts 1:23 | 7. John 1:42 |
| 2. Daniel 1:7 | 5. Numbers 26:59 | 8. Genesis 16:12 |
| 3. Acts 1:23-26 | 6. Genesis 5:5 | 9. Matthew 17:1 |
| | | 10. John 1:46 |