

Colton SDA Newsletter

March 2011

Up Coming and On Going Activities

Dinner and Talent Show



Tonight is the big event!

Come and support the Youth and Community Services Ministries by coming to dinner at 5:30 p.m. It is a real bargain of a price at \$4.00 per person. Then stay for the talent show and see our members display their talents. It is very reasonably priced at \$3.00 per person.

For a family of four it's only \$28 dollars for a whole evening of food, fun, fellowship and first

rate entertainment. Don't forget to bring a friend!

Ask Nestor or Mary Lou Domingo for questions on the Talent Show. Ask Laura Bauchert for questions about dinner.



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Spring Family Fun Day

Back by popular demand but by a new name Spring Family Fun Day will be held on April 10. Come and have a breakfast with international flair then stay and play. Activities will include:

- * Treasure Hunt
- * Gunny Sack Races
- * Water Balloon Toss
- * 3 Legged Race
- * Egg and Wood Spoon Race
- * 50 yard Dash
- * Crafts
- * Bounce Houses (Two this year!)
- * And few surprises!

Bring a picnic lunch and a friend, or two, and enjoy the fun.

See Kristi Cruise for questions.



2010 gunny sack race.

Mark Your Calendars



Mar 19 (Today) 1:00 PM - Deacons/Deaconesses Mini-Potluck and Meeting

Mar 19 (Today) 5:30 PM - Comm. Svcs. Fundraiser Dinner/Talent Show

Mar 22 (Tue) 6:30 PM - "Get Fit 4 God" fitness session

Mar 23 (Wed) 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting: Rob Cruise

Mar 27 (Sun) 10:00 AM - Women's Ministry Committee Meeting

Apr 9 (Sat) 11:00 AM - Communion Sabbath

Apr 10 (Sun) - International Breakfast Fundraiser

Apr 10 (Sun) - Spring Family Fun Day

Verse of the Month

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:20

Pastor's Perspective

Where is God when innocent people are being destroyed?



Katsuo Maiya, 73, cries in front of the rubble where his sister-in-law's house stood in Rikuzentakata, Iwate prefecture. Maiya's sister-in-law and her husband were killed in the March 11th earthquake and tsunami.

Why is the world wasting away? Is there hope for humanity? Who can explain to us the reasons and meanings of the ongoing destructions happening all over the world? Where is God while all these disasters occur? Is He the cause of all the calamities? Is this the wrath of God being demonstrated as these disasters and the destruction all around the world?

The destruction of several seashore towns of Japan that mesmerized the world as they saw and watched the power of the earthquake and the tsunami that struck Japan in the past weekend makes many people around the world think of their own mortality. The mass destruction of buildings by the earthquake of 8.9 on the Richter scale, the 40 feet tsunami that destroyed the lives of over 10,000 people, with many thousands of people in Japan having been displaced and homeless, are mind bothering events that stir up a concern of many nations about safety and survival in future natural disasters.

What is the answer for the disasters happening all over the world? The earthquake that destroyed Haiti, the tsunami that struck Indonesia had a similar devastating impact as Japan, the flood in Australia that cost them \$5.6 billion Australian dollars of damage, the earthquake at New Zealand, the uprising of nations in the Middle East; what is happening with our world? Is the International Humanitarian effort that have been deployed to provide disaster relief for people of Japan, Haiti, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand the answer for these disastrous events?

I would like to make an observation base on the Scripture's approach to this mind boggling issue. The Scripture presents Satan came before God to discuss Job, the god-fearing man. Job 1:8-12. ⁴⁸ Then the LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.' ⁹ 'Does Job fear God for nothing?' Satan replied. ¹⁰ 'Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his



Sugawara Haruto, center, plays with other children at Sezugawa Secondary School, which has been set up as an evacuation centre and is now home to more than 280 people. Of the 17,000 residents of their village more than 10,000 remain missing.

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hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹ But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.' ¹² The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger.' Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD."

The Scripture clearly tells us that Satan went out and completely destroyed Job's livestock, business, workforce, his children, and totally cleaned out Job's possessions. Interestingly the nature of destructions Satan used to destroy Job's economy was very similar to what we have seen today with all the destruction happening around the world. Satan used terrorist measures and violence to attack and terrorized Job's family. In verse 9 of the first chapter it says that the Sabeans came and attacked Job's agriculture. In verse 17 states that "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!". There were natural disasters that brought fire from heaven and the wind

to completely annihilate the rest of Job's economic infrastructure empire (farm land).

The worst outcomes of the natural disasters, Job's children were all killed. How terrible

that was.

Scripture presents that Job had a hard time comprehending what had happened and why the disasters turned against him. Job's desperate response was that God brought everything to him and He alone would take it away. In verse 20 of the first chapter Job said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." The book of Job revealed the truth that all the violence and natural disasters that threaten and devastate many innocent lives are the work of the evil power of Satan. Satan's agenda is to misrepresent the merciful God as a God of vengeance and destruction. Yes, God is the God vengeance and deliverer for the innocent and the oppressed. He is also the God of justice and righteousness that He will judge the righteous and the unrighteous and bring their final reward at the day of His second coming.

The major theme of the book of Job is that we can trust God in spite of all the disasters and sufferings that impact the lives of the innocent. Job discovers the justice of God and the hidden agenda of the Devil behind all the trials of life; the Devil's decisive action is to inflict suffering on the people of God so that they will give up faith in Him. However, Job the man of God prevailed!

Pastor Mataafa



Sisters hug each other when they meet at a makeshift shelter.

Ten Commandments Series: Part Two

Contemplations on the Third Commandment

“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain!” Interestingly enough, there are two parts to this commandment. The first idea that came to my mind as I was learning the Ten Commandments, was that the commandment was limited to the language we use. Jesus’ counsel to His followers is to keep to the basics: “let your ‘yes’ be ‘yes’ and your ‘no’ be ‘no.’ If you go much farther, you begin to skirt danger.” I found that when I was in the Army and heard foul language all day, every day; I had a hard time not using foul language. And even today, I find that I need to pray to God to help me forget that I heard the bad language just about as soon as I have heard it! I have found, too, that when I pray for that kind of help, God does help me keep from using the wrong kind of language.

In the rather recent past, I have come to think that the Third Commandment also has to do with the life I live. When a woman



marries, she takes the name of her husband. We know of people who have given their names big black marks. When have you ever heard of a boy in our age being called Judas? He gave himself a bad name by betraying Jesus, and there have not been many people named Judas ever since! In today’s political world, I think of the way the senior Senator from Kentucky opposes just about everything that President Obama tries to do for and with our country. His name is McConnell, too, but I am ashamed of being associated with that name when Mitch McConnell behaves that way. Thus, we as Christians must consider, how does our behavior reflect on Jesus? One of the great quotations from Ellen White is the following from Christ Object Lessons: “When

the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own.” (p. 69)

Charles McConnell

Outreach Training with Doctor Peeler

On Sabbath afternoon February 26 Doctor Peeler was welcomed to the Colton SDA Church for outreach training. Each of us has a circle of influence; family, close friends, work associates and casual acquaintances. He pointed out that in today’s world the most effective way to reach people for Christ is to show genuine interest in these individuals. So what are the qualities for soul winning? Doctor Peeler listed these :

- ⇒ You must have a **personal relationship with God**.
- ⇒ You must have a **love for souls**. John 11:36
- ⇒ You must have **faith**. Matthew 8:8-10
- ⇒ You must **pray**. Matthew 7:7-11
- ⇒ You must be **totally consecrated**. John 17:19
- ⇒ You must have the **indwelling of the Holy Spirit**. Acts 1:8,9
- ⇒ You must **persevere**.



You may already have these qualities or perhaps you are still cultivating them. Either way there are some principles you can employ to reach others. The story of Philip and the Ethiopian in Acts 8 gives the best illustration of these principles:

- 1) **Be on the lookout** with spirit filled eyes, seeing how God sees and see God moving. Acts 8:26
- 2) **Be willing to reach anyone**. Forget about looks and lifestyle.

Acts 8:27,28

- 3) **Be Obedient and open to the Spirit**. Speak when the Spirit says. Acts 8:29
- 4) **Build relationships**. Develop a circle of influence. Acts 8:30,31
- 5) **Be willing to listen** (even to all the questions we can’t answer!)

People will respond when we show genuine interest in them. Acts 8:32-34

6) **Begin where they are**. Answer the question they have right now. Present more later. Acts 8:35

7) **Bridge them over to Jesus**. Show how Jesus is the answer to their questions. Acts 8:35

8) **Bring them to a decision**. Ask them to make a commitment. Acts 8:36, 37

9) **Baptize!** If they make a commitment don’t hesitate to baptize and then study everything later. Acts 8:38,39

10) **Believe the Spirit will take over**. The Holy Spirit will help a willing soul grow, let Him do His work. Acts 8:39

Doctor Peeler is a dynamic speaker and the Holy Spirit was present during his presentation. It is our prayer that each person in our church will seriously put these things to use, not because we need a bigger church, but because we want others to have the joy and assurance we have found in Jesus Christ.

Kristi Cruise

Activities Report

Children's Church

Carlos & I attended a "Children's Church" workshop last fall and learned many things, but what stood out the most was:

- A Children's Sabbath program is totally different from Children's Church.
- Children's Church starts after Sabbath School Class from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is in another room other than the sanctuary.
- Children's Church is geared towards children ages birth (with parents) to age 12 (with helpers from juniors & youth)
- Children's Church gives children the opportunity to worship in an age appropriate setting at their own level of understanding. And also allows the children to feel special.
- During Praise time in Children's Church don't sing Hymns but have songs that are lively and use movement and action.

We decided, for our first Children's Church on February 19, to use



Carla and Teresa greeted each child with a smile and a name tag.

a previous VBS theme "Crocodile Dock", with the emphasis that "God cares for us because he loves us". There was coloring and play dough for arrival activities, after Teresa and Carla helped them to register.



Ducking the "Sea Spray."

The children put all their energy into singing praises to the Lord as they sang and moved to the songs; "I will get down", "This little light of mine", "Faith", and "You are worthy of my praise", with the help of Marissa, Samantha, Robert B., and Je-Ann. The children and parents had a surprise visit from Jenny and Oscar (puppets helped by Leann & Diana) who sang "I will not be afraid" and "You are my King".



Praising the Lord with heart, soul and body.

Then, Carlos, dressed as Moses had the children follow him through the dessert of the outside classrooms and back into the hall to rest before they crossed the parted sea. As the story of the Exodus came alive, some were even wet from the mist of the ocean!

The children separated into two different classes for craft projects directed by Cathy,



The littlest attenders made hearts to remind them of God's love for them.

Laura, & Shirley and they ate their snack as they watched a video

of Chadder the Chipmunk. They also enjoyed playing a game and learned the bible verse; "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watched the Lord rescue you today." Exodus 14:13



Crossing the Red Sea. Led by Moses (Carlos).

A total of 15 children took part in the activities, 4 whose parents are not members of Colton church, but were invited by a family member.

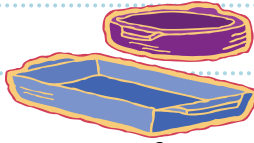
We were blessed to play a part in serving the Lord and thank all the great helpers mentioned above and also Rob Cruise who ran all the technical equipment, Kristi for catching all the excitement in photos and Jorge & Maribel Rangel for cleaning up the room when everything was over. IT WAS A HIGH SABBATH!

Mary Lemos



Leann & Diana giving life to Jenny and Oscar.

Recipe



Spicy Basil Pasta

8 oz. Container of Progresso pre-packaged Original Basil Pesto (in the Deli section of Stater Bros. or with the cream cheese.)

1 cup olive oil

Red chili flakes

Grated parmesan cheese (to taste)

Garlic powder and salt to taste (or garlic salt to taste)

12 oz. package of angel hair pasta

A few cherry or grape tomatoes

Several fresh basil leaves

Boil pasta (broken if you prefer) in salted water. (12 oz. makes an entire casserole dish so you can scale down the ingredients if you want to just make a smaller serving).

Follow the pasta directions for proper boiling or test for your desired softness, but the dish is better if the noodles are not too soft. Drain and rinse briefly (10-15 seconds) in cold water to separate the noodles, but the noodles should still be warm when you finish. If the noodles get too cold you can always reheat for 1-2 minutes in the

microwave.

In a separate skillet or pot put in the olive oil, red chili flakes (if you wish you may add the fresh basil and cut tomatoes here, but do not heat too long) and heat for a minute or two, until the flakes start to sizzle - but do not "brown" them and remove from heat.

Add in half (or more) of the pesto sauce and stir until mixed completely.

Add the oil/pesto mix to the pasta. Add the garlic salt (or garlic powder and salt) sprinkle to taste. Then mix well.

Add as much grated parmesan cheese as you wish, mix well.

Garnish with the cut tomatoes and fresh basil leaves if you did not heat them with the oil.

Serve with your choice of fresh green salad.

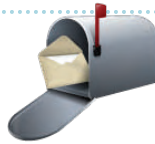
Enjoy!

Laura Bauchert

**Recipes are needed. Please think of recipes you would like to share and submit them!*

Mailing Information

This newsletter is designed for mailing to friends and family. However the Post Office will require 60 cents for mailing if you do not remove the staples. It is recommended to remove the staples, fold the newsletter and tape it closed. If done in this way the letter should only



cost the price of a first-class stamp. It is our hope that this newsletter can be an evangelism tool and an encouragement to our members. If you cannot, for any reason, mail a newsletter but would like for someone to receive one, please provide a name and address to Kristi Cruise and she will make sure it is mailed.



Coloring Section

This is Moses parting the Red Sea. If it is okay with the grown up who brought you to church you can color this during the sermon. Need crayons? See Kristi Cruise and I will get you some.

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Increasing member communication



This newsletter was sent to you by a member of the Colton SDA Church.

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 March 19. Please turn in your articles or photos by Tuesday, March 15 before 5:00 pm.

Who Said...?

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| 1. "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I lay down my life for you?" | 5. "Look, your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." |
| 2. "From now on all generations will call me blessed." | 6. "...The joy of the Lord is your strength." |
| 3. "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?" | 7. "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?" |
| 4. "Even up to half of the kingdom, it will be given you." | |

What Are Their "Real" Jobs?

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| 1. Demetrius. Acts 19:24 | 5. Luke. Colossians 4:14 |
| 2. Paul. Acts 18:1-3 | 6. Lydia. Luke 19:2 |
| 3. Joseph, Mary's husband. Matthew 13:15 | 7. Zacchaeus. Luke 19:2 |
| 4. Alexander. 2 Timothy 4:14 | 8. Tertullus. Acts 24:1 |

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| Answers to last month's quiz: | 4. I Am. John 8:58 | 9. Root of Jesse. Isaiah 11:10 |
| 1. Alpha and Omega. Rev. 1:11 | 5. King of Kings. Rev. 19:16 | 10. True Vine. John 15:1 |
| 2. Bright and Morning Star. Rev. 22:16 | 6. Lamb of God. John 1:29 | Isaiah 9:6 And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. |
| 3. Good Shepherd. John 10:14 | 7. Master. John 1:38 | |
| | 8. Prince of Life. Acts 3:15 | |