



The Chimes

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Missions Report: Project Medsend

PROJECT MEDSEND! Ever hear of it? Are you a bit curious about it? Wonder why it has become one of the supported missions of our church?

The purpose of PROJECT MEDSEND is to develop funding to repay educational loans for healthcare workers as they minister among the underserved at home and abroad.

PROJECT MEDSEND was formed at the request of the missionary members of the House of Delegates of Christian Medical and Dental Associations. Many were having difficulty recruiting replacements and co-workers because of the high cost of health care education. The resulting student loans were preventing or delaying prospective missionaries from reaching their fields of service.

A survey in 1990 revealed that 33 mission agencies had 30 hospitals and clinics which were without a single health professional to minister to the sick and dying arriving at their doors. Mission boards, meanwhile, had 49 doctors ready for service but they were delayed

from entering the mission field until their student loans were paid off. The agencies' needs for immediate personnel replacement totaled 542 nurses, physicians, dentists and technologists.

The vision of PROJECT MEDSEND, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is to become the primary agency for educational debt repayment to enable

currently, 71 mission boards are associate members of PROJECT MEDSEND which has raised sufficient funds to publicize its existence, implement its programs and make 217 grants as of 2004.

The results? Over 300 health professionals are now serving in Central and South America, Africa, Iran, Haiti, Thailand, Mongolia, Cambodia,



Medsend doctors in surgery in Kenya

Nepal, Russia, Central and Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, and inner-city and rural church-based clinics in the U.S. They are able to serve the Lord fully because they have been able to focus on what He has called them to do without the stress and worry of debt. The on-going challenge is to fund

healthcare workers to minister to the underserved in our world.

Initially PROJECT MEDSEND was joined by 16 mission boards and agencies to develop a strategy to overcome the educational debt barrier. Policies and programs were developed to free health care givers to begin careers in missions by paying their student loans while they served. Cur-

currently approved grant recipients and to prepare for those in the process in order to keep pace with the need that has been exposed. The missionaries loans are paid in increments so that if they should leave their assignments prematurely, they would assume responsibility for the remaining outstanding debt.

MEDSEND has received many
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From Pastor Doug

Everything By Prayer

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6,7

Paul tells us that by prayer our worry and anxiety can be overcome by God's peace which surpasses understanding. This means that through prayer God's peace can be experienced while at the same time the depth of it is beyond our human comprehension. In the everyday experience of life we cannot produce the peace of God. The peace of God is not a substance to be stored or to be captured by human effort or exercise. The peace of God is a gift and this gift is made available to us through a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. God's gifts come to us by grace. This grace of God is most powerfully demonstrated by the fact that Jesus Christ went to the cross so that peace may have its power and its victory over the sin and struggles of life. Jesus said that in the world we will have difficulty but we should be of good cheer for He has overcome the world. This peace of God then is through Jesus Christ and it comes to us as we trust God with ourselves and circumstances. The indwelling Holy Spirit brings, delivers and forms this peace in our lives so that God may form the character of Christ within us. Peace is the Spirit of God in Christ reproducing His character in us. Jesus Christ, who was in complete harmony with God, continuously turned to prayer to reveal and share the burdens and concerns of His heart. Paul urges us to do the same, *'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'* When we receive God's love through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we begin to experience the immense peace which is offered to us. Through our participation in prayer and our appropriation of the gift of prayer that God has given to us, the confidence and assurance that we are in God's care embraces and fills us. "Everything by prayer...."

May the Lord Bless and Keep You!!!

Pastor Doug

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Congregational Life—Summer Report

Although our desert weather is upon us, many activities are continuing at Palm Desert Community Presbyterian



Back Pack Project

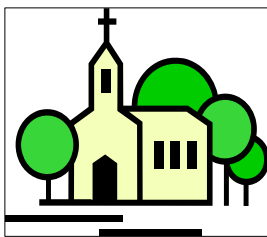
Church and some of them need your support. We recently collected over 70 backpacks to give to the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission as part of our Serve Team. Bill Heck headed up this outreach with Roy Pitkin assisting. We will have one more collection in mid July at church, so purchase that backpack, and fill it with a 3-ring notebook, paper, pens, colored pencils, and markers and bring it to our July collection. The Rescue Mission will pick these up the end of July for distribution to students in August.

What a worthwhile project.

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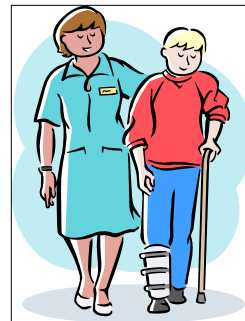
Those who wish to be on our e-mail newsletter mailing list, please send your e-mail address to Stu Parry at Wparry5017@aol.com. or Jhjohnson5@aol.com. Judy Barth, our Chimes editor, and others are working on a system to get current information to you quickly via email.

Mariner Trips



Your Love Team has planned excellent Mariner Travel outings next year. Keep these dates or send a check to Carleen Presley, 43351 Heritage Palms, Dr. Indio, 92201 or call 760-272-5804 to hold a reservation: Christmas Carol by Dickens at Costa Mesa, Wed. Nov.

28, Glory of Christmas, Crystal



Cathedral, Wed. Dec. 5, White Christmas at L. Welk, Tues. Dec. 11. The

Mariner booth will open again September 9th.

Dinners for Eight

Sign-ups for dinners will resume next fall at the Congregational Life Table, so check in the Sunday Magazine for registration information or send your name to Alice Miller if you wish to be included. This is an informal way to get to know one another better, and we have only rave reviews from our dinner participants. We also have Lunch or Brunch 'dinners' and sometimes there are only 6 or 7 in a group.

(Mercy Ships—Cont. from page 1)

notes of gratitude. Here's what an M.D. in Cambodia wrote. "What great news that my loans are paid in full. We sure do appreciate MEDSENDS ministry. This has been a special "season" of life to provide care and compassion to the poor in Jesus' name - and you are the BIG reason we are able to be here for such a time as this. Praising Him with you and the MEDSEND gang."

1Peter 4:10 says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." Perhaps now you can understand why PROJECT MEDSEND has become part of the missionary family of PDCPC!

Joan Macfadyen
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Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord

For the Membership Committee, the past two months have really been busy, with New Membership Orientation, Reception for New Members and finalizing the new pictorial directory.

A special thank you goes to **Richard Ploen**, who continues to put in many hours to complete the new directory. It looks like it will be ready sometime in June. Efforts to get this edition ready are really appreciated by the Membership Committee and the congregation.

Another season of Chancel Choir is coming to an end. Thank you to all the faithful choir members whose music has made our worship services more meaningful. For those who might like to sing in the summer choir, watch for dates and times of rehearsal in the Sunday Magazine.

Thanks to **Don Overbo** for the new covering for the Information Table. *Love & Prayers,*
It looks great! We know it took a lot of

time to get that order completed successfully. The new table, built by the Carpenter's Guild, and the new cover are a great addition to the Fellowship Square Coffee Hours on Sunday.

The new Inspire System for inputting new member information is now up and running. We thank **Penny Noyes, Nancy Williams, Sue Templeton** and **Sara Cyr** for the time they spent learning this new system. The information they entered is very important because it generates a welcome letter and a phone call to our first-time visitors each Sunday.

Summer is upon us. Blessings to all who go to other homes or on vacations. If you stay here, join us and help us prepare for next fall's activities.

*"I am the vine and
you are the
branches. Remain
in me and you will
bear much fruit."*

John 15:5

One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year on Palm Sunday, we join with congregations around the country to accept a special offering for "One Great Hour of Sharing." These funds become a demonstration of God's love for people around the world who are experiencing great need. Through the Presbyterian Church, our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that helps people find safe dwelling, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

This year, the contribution to "One Great Hour" was \$12,465, exceeding last year's total by more than 8%. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee and for the thousands that will be served by your generosity, we extend our deepest gratitude.

Submitted by Jim Aspegren, Stewardship Committee Chair

Mariner's Valentine Cruise to Mexico

February 10-18, 2008

Eight Nights Aboard the Luxurious Carnival Spirit

Ports of call include San Diego, Acapulco,
Zihuatanejo, Ixtapa, Manzanillo and back to San Diego

*Great Prices—Great Cabins Available Now—Later We Won't
Know!*



<i>Cabin Per Person</i>	<i>Price (All Taxes are included)</i>
<i>Inside Cabin</i>	<i>\$ 646</i>
<i>Ocean View Cabin (6A)</i>	<i>\$ 778</i>
<i>Balcony Cabin (8A)</i>	<i>\$ 846</i>
<i>Balcony Cabin (8B)</i>	<i>\$ 886</i>

Suite (11) *\$1446*

Insurance *\$ 129 per person*

Round trip transportation (per person) between PDCPC and San Diego \$50.00

For more information, call Bev Johnson at 253-927-2764 or call CRUISE HOLIDAYS at 760-320-5788.

To reserve a cabin (\$300.00 per person—refundable by November 5—final payment due on November 5, 2007),

mail Reservation Form with check to: CRUISE HOLIDAYS, 610 S. Belardo, Suite 400, Palm Springs, CA 92264.

RESERVATION FORM FOR VALENTINE CRUISE TO MEXICO FEB. 10-18, 2008

Kairos and A Taste of Heaven

Some attendees might say that the April 29th Kairos Ministry event was a little taste of Heaven. It was the closing service for the Kairos Ministry weekend at Ironwood State Prison (I.S.P.).

Gail Beckman, Joanne Crouch, Fletcher Kolb, Milt Olander, Helene Olsen, Diane Overbo, Roy Pitkin, and I rode the bus with about 50 others to a part of the desert just this side of Blythe. We exited I-10 and passed the sign that said "State Prison Ahead - Do Not Pick Up Hitchhikers" Hummm. We had no idea of what to expect.

God's hand was clearly evident in the weekend. Never before has any warden ever attended any of the 16 Kairos events at I.S.P. The

new warden was the *key* speaker ...and he was a born-again Christian! A correctional officer, also a Christian, even spent his *day off* taking photos (unheard of); and instead of the usual yellow police



tape which separates visitors from inmates, there was no tape!!

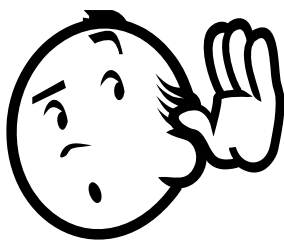
At the end of the service which included many testimonials by inmates, we were allowed to shake hands and mix freely with the 31 participants !!! As someone who

has attended eight of these events, I was totally overwhelmed by the opportunity to affirm these men in such a way. One of the men who has helped plan these weekends for many years said, "I finally felt like a human being after all these years in prison."

Our Kairos team of Bill Beckman, Clark Davis, Jack Findley, & Don Overbo were tired but on quite a spiritual high as "this taste of Heaven" came to a close.

We hope to have more PDCPC folks give and receive a blessing at the fall Kairos event. Details are yet to be determined..

For more information, please contact Karen Davis at 760-568-3137.



Learn How God Speaks to Us

Don't miss it! Pastor Denn will be teaching a four-week fun, mind ex-

panding, and potentially life-changing course. For four Tuesdays in June from 1:30-2:30, he will teach an overview of Genesis, focusing on how God calls us then and now. We'll learn how God speaks to us and why. We'll find out how we respond. We'll discover truth that will transform our lives.

Schedule of Topics for Genesis

- > *June 5 God's Sovereign Call (Gen. 1-11)*
God initiates his call to us.
- > *June 12 God's Embraced Call (Gen. 12-24)*
God empowers our response.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered church family rooted in Biblical truth. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are passionately committed to love God through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As believers, we support one another, serve people in need and proclaim the Gospel message to our community and throughout the world.



EXTRA!
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***A Special Need with
a Short Deadline!***

Well friends, it seems as if God has called us to help fulfill an urgent mission. The morning after I prayed for a project to help those in need, I received a personal phone call from Debbie Moore from Mercy Ship Headquarters in Texas. She was very excited and enthusiastic about receiving our boxes of jackets, dolls and blankets AND she had an additional request from the ship—for cot-

size blankets and for hospital gowns for the children. Many of their patients are adult women who must remain on the ship for weeks after difficult and complicated surgery. Cot-size blankets are DESPERATELY needed.

At the May 10th Women's Ministry Board Meeting, it was suggested that we ask members and friends of the church to donate money for fleece for these blankets. *The fleece we buy is on sale right now.* We would like to purchase as much as possible while it is 50% off! PLEASE make your checks

by Maureen Mulcahey—360-1922

payable to PDCPC, on the memo line write 'For Mending Hearts' and bring the checks to the church office ASAP.

If you are here or away for the summer and belong to a quilting group, please consider passing our need for cot-size blankets on to your group. Aren't we doing as God asked, if we are doing something for one of His in need. I believe the MERCY SHIP project is God calling. We can respond, one stitch at a time. So sew w w w w w and sew w w w w and

New Member Orientation Class on Wednesday, June 13th from 1:30 - 4pm

Must call to register @ 346-8195 x 0