

# April 2009 Newsletter



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## Randy's and Rob's Reflection

### Restoration

As soon as we pull out of the current economy, we will, I am sure, begin hearing stories about companies that survived and restored their businesses to a much stronger place than when the bad economy began. We love stories about restoration.

One can go to Log Cabin Village in Ft Worth and see the old log cabins that have been restored. It is quite amazing to see how people lived before the turn of the century. What makes this such a lesson in history? It is the process of restoration.

I had the rare privilege to help my Step-dad restore a 1932 ford Model "A" and what a thrill it was when we could actually ride around in that car; restoration made that possible.

We love hearing the stories of restoration and just seeing something restored. It gives us hope, wonder and enjoyment to see a building, car, or even someone's heath restored. However, there is one restoration story that has lasted through two millennia. That is when the lifeless, beaten body of Jesus was laid in a tomb one Friday and burst forth whole again the following Sunday morning, restored to the eternal life he lived before his life on earth.

Restoring life to one who is dead is not an earthly power. Restoration power is reserved for the Almighty, which is a great reason why God has that title. But it did not stop with Jesus. We have seen how in the name of Jesus lives have been restored to near where God intended in creation. For those who call on Jesus as Lord our Final restoration will come only when this life is over. Oh, that restoration might quickly come.

In Christ...Randy

### Hola! Amigos and Amigas,

It is a privilege to write to you and thank you for your support and prayers while on my Mexico mission trip during DCC's Kingdom week. I am excited because of the great news I have to share! Obviously I made it back in one piece. We were originally going to do most of our work in Mexico City, but due to recent turmoil our missionaries and hosts, Luke and Lindsey Greer, decided that we were safer in Pachuca, Mexico, which is about an hour north of Mexico City. There were six of us in all, and we had no idea how Mexico would change us.

To begin, we stayed with host families that were amazing people. Even though I don't speak Spanish and they spoke little English, they definitely understood hospitality. The Hispanic culture is very much "every time we meet, we eat," we remained well fed during the whole trip. I could see how much these people loved God simply by how much love they showed us through their hospitality.

The first day we visited the local church and were amazed at their authentic and passionate worship. After church was the customary fellowship dinner. We then enjoyed one of the area's tourist spots. We closed the day with the youth group of the church, which met in a couple's home that was turned into a bit of a lounge. We taught them how to play Spoons, but much to my chagrin and despite my natural spoon grabbing abilities, I was eliminated quickly! It is hard to not be bitter about that. If only I could have a rematch... We called it a night at around 10pm, though it felt like midnight.

The second day, we got up and helped to paint and do some minor fixing-up of a building in a rather poor neighborhood. This building will be used as a "HQ" for some of the church's outreach to this community and will provide space for cell groups to meet. On the third day, we returned and made some finishing touches. We helped with an outreach to the people in the neighborhood which sells large bags of food called *dispensias*, These were sold at cost, along with some clothing and toys. The whole experience was bittersweet because we were scheduled to begin the sale at 11am, and were sold out at 10:50 am. We saw people coming from a half mile or so, and had to tell them we were out. But, it was not only beneficial to help those in need, but now the locals knew this church was here to help. It was the beginning of something I hope and pray will help spread God's love like wildfire in Pachuca.

To summarize the experience is difficult. No words can express the experience of encountering a different culture or express the vast power and presence of God. I saw a passion in Mexico for God and passion for people that put most American churches to shame. I realized that God is just as alive and active in Mexico as he is here in the states. I realized that in matters of customs and culture, there is no better or worse: only different. I have a greater appreciation for the Hispanic culture and its people. I have an even greater appreciation for the task God has commissioned His church with, telling people the Good News of His grace and abundant love. And there is one thing I know better than ever: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Friends, thank you for helping me make it to and from Mexico. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Know that God is good and is at work across the world. Because of you, I got to be a small part of it, as you did through me. DCC thanks you, I thank you, Pachuca thanks you, and I'm sure God does too. May God go with you, or in other word *adios!*

\* Rob \*

# April Events

**Come and Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!**

## **Easter Schedule:**

**April 10 - Good Friday Service - 7:00 p.m.**

**April 12 - Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Service - 8:30 a.m., followed by Easter Breakfast at 8:45 a.m.**

**Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. with Morning Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.**

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### **Concert of Prayer**

**Saturday Morning**

**April 4 from 10 - 11:30**

### **Planning Meeting**

**April 26 - 1:30 p.m.**

Following the Youth's Fund-Raising Luncheon we are having a planning meeting. If you have events planned be sure you get it on the church calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts!

### **Youth Sunday**

**April 19**

We always look forward to being blessed by our Youth as they minister in song, with puppets and share what they have learned about God.

### **Youth Fund-Raising Luncheon**

**April 26**

Be sure to come and support our youth's activities as they grow, as Jesus did, *"in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men."*

### **CCLW Ladies' Retreat**

**April 17 - 19**

Come, relax and learn from Julie Gariss as she shares what the Bible says about being *Anchored* in the Lord. Worship will be led by Heidi McKee. There will be worship, crafts and fellowship galore! Registration forms are located in the overflow room. See Sherry for more information.

### **W.I.N.G.S. Ladies Night Out**

**at Mama Mia's**

**April 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

**All ladies are invited!**

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### **Master's Men**

**Los Molcajetes**

**April 27 at 7 p.m.**

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**HCCC will be recognized for providing snacks for 200 children who are taking T.A.K.S. tests at Smith Elementary! Funds will be collected for this outreach effort on March 29th and April 4th. Help us with our goal of \$115!**

# Prayer Concerns

**Cancer:** James Collins, Dwayne Davis, Richard Everitt, 6 year-old Gracie, Reg Griffin, Jim Hatten, Cheri Keyhoe, Beth Leeck, Linda Madden, 3 year-old Nate, 4 year-old Reagan Richards, Gina Rollins, Billy Seals, Stephanie Smith, Sue Wells, Larry Wilshire, Doug Young

**General Health:** Robin Biles, Ruth Ann Brock, Lela Cauthon, Jeannetta Collins, Jay Collins, Cal Donaghe, Eli Douglas, J. W. Downs, Colleen Elliott, Jesse Fenwick, Robert Fulton, Jo Kemp, Carroll Kennedy, Bob Kinkade, Lindsey Kolkman, Wendy Labelle, Joe Leadabrand, Emmett Lopez, Arthur and Marie Maddox, David Reed, Jerrie Reynolds, Cecil and Nita Rollins, Mike Wells, Dylan Whitten, Bobbi Zaborac

**Grieving:** Leeck family, Penick family, Kolkman family, Broom family

**Other:** Samuel Baah, Jason and Nith Chouchantharat, Marc Gordy, David Macky, Adam McComber, Military, Ngatzu family, our country's leaders

**Spiritual:** Mission 2810, Conexion 180

**Missionaries:** Christian Camp of the Living Word; Church Growth Ministries. Colegio Biblico; Cornerstone Assistance Network; Dallas Christian College; MBC Ministries; Mid-Cities Pregnancy Center; Rawang Christian Mission

**Church Leadership:** Randy Grosenbach, Patrice Morrison, Rob Courtney, Dr. Alan Pickering, Rogelio Lira, Jay Leeck, Mike Morrison, Jim Hatten, Robert Labelle, Pungram Ngatzu, Tom Snider, Allen Wright, Cody Elliott, Don Olday, George Jones

## Anniversaries

Cody and Stacey Elliott April 8

Loy and Sue Thomas April 20

## April Birthdays

Rob Courtney April 3

Jay Leeck April 6

Patrice Morrison April 6

Kim Robinson April 6

Susan Olday April 8

Nagram Theinkang April 9

Sam Gillette April 9

Hailey Glasgow April 12

Bobbi Zaborac April 19

Sarah Thomas April 22

Andrew Herrell April 29

*"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him: and with His stripes we are healed."*

*Isaiah 53:5*

## WORSHIP SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
1:30 p.m. Conexión 180°

- 4:30 p.m. Puppeteers for Jesus (PJ's)  
5:30 p.m. Youth Choir and Drama  
6:30 p.m. T.R.U.T.H. (grades 6-12)  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

### MONDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 p.m. Home Bible Study Groups  
7:30 p.m. Conexión 180°



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## CHURCH STAFF

**Minister:** Randy Grosenbach  
**Youth Minister:** Rob Courtney  
**Hispanic Minister:** Rogelio Lira  
**Music Director:** Patrice Morrison  
**Church Secretary:** Edye Baldrige  
**Elders:** Jay Leeck, Mike Morrison  
**Deacons:** Jim Hatten, Robert Labelle,  
Tom Snider, Pungram Ngatzu, Allen  
Wright, Cody Elliott, Don Olday,  
George Jones

## PASTORAL COUNSELING

Individual, Marriage, Family Counseling  
817-281-2927, Church Office  
Or  
817-807-6869, Dr. Alan Pickering  
Dr. F. Alan Pickering, M.A. MFT, M. Div., D. Min.

# HE IS RISEN!