



# The Pastors Network

Meeting the 3rd Thursday of the Month at Denny's in Glendora

November 2004

## **Prayer Requests and Announcements**

- The Pastors Network is meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and 1:30 p.m. for fellowship
- Dr. Dexter Low will be here from Malaysia.
- Pastor Belen Kuwaye in the Philippines coordinating for a Pastors Network Meeting for January 2005 city of Cebu
- Pastors Prayer Meeting every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Community Christian Center
- Promise Christian University hosting "Child and Adolescent Counseling" on Saturday, November 20th 9:00-1:30 with Dr. Rudy Cerullo, in Montclair.
- Billy Graham Crusade, November 18-20

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## Visionary Leadership

**BY ADELLE MCKINNEY**

*"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God," I Cor. 1:27.*

Several years ago, Dr. Mike McKinney and I went to a small fishing village in Baja California to hold a city wide crusade. There we met some beautiful people, newly born again and excited to serve the Lord. The missionaries had spent many long hours traveling to remote villages to share with the villagers the love of Jesus Christ, using the powerful medium of the VCR and television powered by a gasoline generator.

These humble people mostly children and young people were amazed at this new technology - a small box able to show such a beautiful story in color, with sound, of this amazing compassionate man, the son of God, Jesus Christ. The older folks stayed in their houses, afraid to participate in anything that might be contrary to their religious upbringing. The missionary eventually befriended some of these villagers and began to explain to them new technologies. He told them that America had already put a man on the moon in 1969. They refused to believe him, calling him a liar and a teller of stories.

To them it was foolishness. The scientific breakthroughs that mankind achieved these past 70 years have always been known of God since the beginning of time. We call these breakthroughs discoveries, but for God it is His foolishness.

A visionary leader is someone who understands this concept -- that what we think is so wonderful and awesome today, will become outdated, ordinary and mundane tomorrow. A visionary leader is someone who persistently pursues after **God's purpose and plans** for his life and for the world. It's not about our vision. It's about His vision. It's not our plans. It's His plans. It's not our purpose. It's His purpose.

Dr. Sylvester Blue, Senior Pastor of His Dwelling Place in Apple Valley, shared with me the very wise words of his voice teacher who said this have to him when he was a young man pursuing a career on the stage and perhaps in opera. (Paraphrased) "Sylvester," she said.  
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“You don’t need to worry or stress out about your career, because God has already placed within the center of your heart, your being, His plans and His purposes for your life and in His time, it will come to pass.”

A visionary leader is able to see as God sees. A visionary leader trusts God for the outcome.

As Vice President of Public Relations for World Maglev Systems, Inc. our vision is not to build the world’s fastest, most economical and environmentally friendly high speed maglev train. Our vision is to see the vision of Mr. Roy Vinson, inventor and founder, come to pass and in turn share his God-given technology to the world.

Could we have ever thought of such a vision? Could we have ever envisioned ourselves as a part of a plan so enormous and wonderful? Not in a million years. Because we were willing to become a visionary leader and pursue God’s vision, and not our own, He placed within our hands, His plans which are greater than our plans and His vision for our lives which is far greater than our vision.

Learn this great lesson of life in ministry: ( 1 Cor. 1:27) “ For God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.” This was Bro. Eddie Villanueva, Pastor of Jesus is Lord Church’s favorite verse in 1978. (Respected Presidential candidate of the Philippines 2004).

**The important thing about  
your lot in life  
is whether you use it for  
parking or building.**

### **RAY OF HOPE HACIENDA HEIGHTS MOVES TO COVINA!**

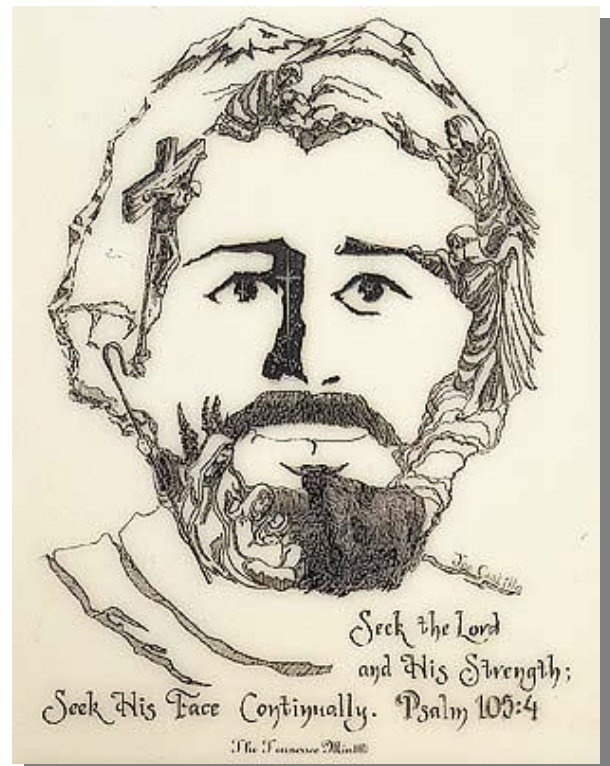
Pastors Ruben and Esther Solorio and their ministry team hosted the dedication and celebration service at their new location:

Covina Nazarene, 260 E. College St. in Covina on October 1, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Danny Diaz was their special guest!

The music and ministry was tremendous as members of the church celebrated moving into facilities that can accommodate their church growth!

Every Friday night, Ray of Hope will be offering ministry and hope to the community in Covina! For more information call Pastor Ruben at 909



# Thank you for your support...

IRAQ - VERY INTERESTING - DID YOU KNOW?

1. The garden of Eden was in Iraq.
2. Mesopotamia, which is now Iraq, was the cradle of civilization!
3. Noah built the ark in Iraq.
4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq.
5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq!
6. Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor, which is in Iraq.
7. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq.
8. Jonah preached in Nineveh - which is in Iraq.
9. Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel.
10. Amos cried out in Iraq!
11. Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem.
12. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq!

"Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, Moses started out as a basket case"

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited-until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

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I have been teaching spiritual warfare, focusing, ( by request), upon deliverance, (many possession cases, witchcraft, spiritism etc here - not where I am, but where I taught!). I have to resume teaching the course later. I have so many churches to visit, and conventions etc. Right now I am on my way to another district convention.

Recently I hiked 4-8 hours daily for 8 days to minister in 9 churches up in the mountains during typhoon time; it rained heavily every day, and the wind blew strongly, and we were miraculously able to cross a wide slide near the top of one mountain. It was well worth it all for the results that followed.

Pray for more financial support for us (as i do for you!). Age, and the economy, have lost two of our supporters.

I trust that this meets you well and still able to breathe life and humor into people! John.

**(John Warren is 70 and a genuine missionary!)**

## Pastors Prayer Meeting, Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Pastors have been gathering to pray for our city and for one another every Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. at Community Christian Center. Pastor Ken Clowdus and members of his church have hosted this event since January of 2000 when the Revival 2000 committee began praying for the Tent Revival. We would invite pastors of every city to locate a similar group of pastors who meet for prayer. It is such an encouragement. Pastors of smaller churches need to be encouraged.

FROM: abrahapothan@satyam.net.in (Abraham Pothen)



Hearty Greetings from India!

Praise be to our Lord who is giving victory and enabling us to overcome the forces of darkness. By the grace of God our work in India is growing well. When we look into the ministry, we have so many reasons to praise and thank God for the marvelous blessings. Our ministry in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh States are growing amazingly.

In the month of August, we had scores of youth camps and gospel campaigns across the state in the week of a cultural festival called Onam. All educational institutions had a week vacation and other offices had three days holidays. Our pastors and youths celebrated this week as a week of evangelism and as a result many people have received Jesus Christ.

Last week one of our graduates, T.M. Jose brought us thrilling ministry news. He is working in a cross-cultural situation, in the Chattisgarh state, which is the middle part of the country among the tribal people. Initially the village people were resistant to the ministry of Jose. However, later through the divine healing of a Kidney patient, God opened the door for ministry. People began to approach Jose for prayer and God did several miraculous healings there. The young men of the village became his friends and now they allowed Jose freedom to minister in that village. He planted a church in that village and began to outreach in three other villages too.

This week we ministered in our church at Pothanicadu. The pastor, Mathai Thariyan just completed forty days fasting prayer. The Holy Spirit is mightily moving in that church. At least seventy-five people were delivered from evil possessions and received the Lord in these days. We heard the testimonies of several of them who were like the man of the Gerasenes, had even hundreds of evil spirits. Couple of years back, God enabled us to buy a piece of land and build a building where they worship and the pastor is residing. Now the room is overflowing. Every Tuesday people from even other towns come there for deliverance. Thank God for this wonderful ministry.

We have an addition to the Doulos family. Shibu & Sherly Varghese, one of our teachers who live on the campus, had another daughter on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Thank God for the precious gift. The construction of the Women's Bible School and Dormitory is moving fast. The first floor (around 4500 sq. feet) is almost in its finishing stage. Right now the expenses come around \$20,500. We praise God for the provisions He provided till now. Electrification, Plumbing, painting works etc. are now going on. In the first floor there are two large classrooms, office room, dining hall, kitchen, store, bathrooms etc. and no bedrooms. However, they will use the classrooms as bedrooms too until the dormitories are completed on the second floor. At present as these thirty-four women students are living in a small house, they are eagerly waiting to move. By the end of this month we hope to move the students to the new campus. The dormitories are in the second floor only. We are praying for its construction. The second floor costs about another \$18,000. We want to shift the girls from the present orphanage to our new facility until we construct a separate building for the orphan girls. (The government is not allowing the orphan boys and girls under one roof).

All the students in the three Bible Schools and the Kids in the Children's Home, teachers are doing fine. Emmanuel, Grace, teachers & staff join with us to greet you. We love you and pray for you. Thank you again for your partnership in the ministry.

Yours in Christ

Abraham & Molly

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember...

Noah was a drunk...  
Abraham was too old...  
Isaac was a daydreamer...  
Jacob was a liar...  
Leah was ugly...  
Joseph was abused...

Moses had a stuttering problem...  
Gideon was afraid...

Samson had long hair and was a womanizer...

Rahab was a prostitute...

Jeremiah and Timothy were too young...

David had an affair and was a murderer...

Elijah was suicidal...  
Isaiah preached naked...  
Jonah ran from God...  
Naomi was a widow...  
Job went bankrupt...  
John the Baptist ate bugs...  
Peter denied Christ...

The Disciples fell asleep while praying...

Martha worried about everything...

The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once...

Zaccheus was too small...  
Paul was too religious...  
Timothy had an ulcer...

AND Lazarus was dead!

Now, no more excuses. God can use you too...

## **Thank God for Children Saying Grace...**

**Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"**

**Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never!"**

**Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?" As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer.**

**"Really?" my son asked.**

**"Cross my heart," the man replied. Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), " Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."**

**Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."**

**The End.**

**Sometimes we all need some ice cream. I hope God sends you some Ice Cream today**

**October 12, 2004**

**Note: Don't miss the special invitation at the bottom of this message.**

The whole world was embroiled in a war whose outcome was very much in doubt. Nazi Germany had braced itself for a long and deadly battle. But before the good guys would counter with a plan to crush Hitler's European campaign, a leader would have to be picked.

Throughout time only a few candidates will ever be offered such historic roles. In 1943, leading the allied conquest would become the world's most important assignment.

President Roosevelt had a handful of talented military strategists to choose from: MacArthur and Patton were the American frontrunners, and Field Marshall Montgomery was the British favorite. Each had earned enough medals to armor-plate a small tank, and each was lobbying for the job. But, the more they jockeyed, the more suspicious the president became. They were interested in reputations and headlines; Roosevelt was interested in winning a war.

Leadership isn't a birthright; nor is it always given to the most impressive. Just ask David's oldest brother, Eliab. He fit the profile perfectly but he couldn't hold a candle to his skinny-armed, melancholic sibling.

More often than not, history's best leaders were the ones who never desired the job. Roosevelt's surprise choice was a younger, quieter, dark-horse candidate; the highly detailed general from Kansas, Dwight David Eisenhower. And, the critics howled. He just didn't fit the profile. And to make matters worse, most of his wartime expertise was from an air conditioned office in Washington, DC. During the first year of WWII he was shuffling papers at the Pentagon.

But, Eisenhower was the right man for the job.

The truest leaders will often rise to the top via a road less traveled. Notre Dame University, for example, has repeatedly warned its "A" students to get to know the "D" students. The school's research has shown that their honor students may very likely be employed someday by their dropouts.

Biblical leadership operates along the same line. God rarely recruits from the most-likely-to-succeed crowd. Instead, He uses "the foolish things of this world to confuse the wise." The list of examples is endless.

Conversely, when He did go with a BMOC, chaos invariably followed. Leaders, such as Samson and King Saul, were quick starters but neither was a closer. On paper they looked good. Each was Magna Cum Loaded. Yet in the final analysis, when tested, leadership ate them alive.

On the occasions when elite candidates did survive, it had much to do with their education at Humble State. It's a pre-requisite for all who serve. Paul, for example, pulled duty in the Sahara Desert for three years. Moses was dispatched to the world's most remote outpost for forty years. It was only in solitude that God could reshape them into the leaders they would become.

But typically, God chooses the least-likeliest to accomplish His work; the common laborer to do His Kingdom building. He picked Gideon, though he displayed serious signs of cowardice. He picked Nehemiah who was employed as an expendable food taster. He picked Jonah, though he had no heart for the job. He picked Peter, though he was forever talking first and thinking later. Each recruit broke the mold, a second stringer at best. At first glance, they were throwaways. Yet each one accomplished great things.

Biblical leadership is unlike any other assignment. The obstacles are bigger. The stakes are higher. The cost is greater. And whereas most have never heard His call, we have.

Aren't you glad He picked you?

Blessings,

Ron Walters

Vice President of Church Relations

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## FAMILY

I ran into a stranger as he passed by, "Oh excuse me please" was my reply.  
He said, "Please excuse me too; I wasn't watching for you."  
We were very polite, this stranger and I. We went on our way and we said good-bye.  
But at home a different story is told, How we treat our loved ones, young and old.  
Later that day, cooking the evening meal, My son stood beside me very still.  
When I turned, I nearly knocked him down. "Move out of the way," I said with a frown.  
He walked away, his little heart broken. I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.  
While I lay awake in bed, God's still small voice came to me and said,  
"While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use,  
but the family you love, you seem to abuse.  
Go and look on the kitchen floor, You'll find some flowers there by the door.  
Those are the flowers he brought for you. He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue.  
He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise, you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes."  
By this time, I felt very small, And now my tears began to fall.  
I quietly went and knelt by his bed; "Wake up, little one, wake up," I said.  
"Are these the flowers you picked for me?" He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree.  
I picked 'em because they're pretty like you. I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue."  
I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today; I shouldn't have yelled at you that way."  
  
He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay. I love you anyway."  
I said, "Son, I love you too, and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."

## FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives.  
And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think?  
So what is behind the story?  
Do you know what the word FAMILY means?

**FAMILY = (F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU**



Graduation at Promise Christian University was especially touching this year! Pastor Belen Kuwaye received her Master of Divinity and Dr. Heather Blue received her 2nd Doctorate in Theology with a major in Christian Counseling.

PCU is for Pastors and Ministers



**A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE** (From an American point of view)

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered:

"I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

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**PASTORS NETWORK  
CODE OF ETHICS**

I pledge that I will do my best to uphold the code of ethics as a member of the Pastors Network.

**We do not proselyte.** We believe strongly in commitment and dedication to the local church. Pastors do not proselyte members from fellow pastors. Evangelists and missionaries do not proselyte members from the churches they visit.

**We pray for one another.** The Pastor's Network believes in praying for one another, encouraging and uplifting one another and preferring one another in the most holy faith.

**We support one another.** Whenever possible, pastors help pastors. We work together.

**We love one another.** We believe that ministers are all servants of God. Jesus Christ is the chief shepherd and therefore we are co-laborers one with another. The sheep and the ministry belongs to the Lord. Therefore, we are not in competition. Our goal is to see our brother succeed in the calling and ministry he/she has been called too. When good things happen and blessings come to our brothers and sisters we rejoice; when difficulties occur we weep -but we do it together.

**We endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** This unity comes from a spirit of "agape" amongst the brethren (men and women).

**Personal conduct.** We ask our ministers and pastors to refrain from the "appearance of evil," and conduct their lives and ministries in keeping with the word of God, Jesus Christ being our example and mentor.,

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## From the Network

The Pastors Network began in 1996 by Pastor Mike and Adelle McKinney and Pastor Lee Wheatley. Several pastors would come together for fellowship once a month, to laugh, to pray, to encourage one another. Today, the Pastors Network meets monthly at Clifton's Cafeteria on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Almost 60 churches, evangelists and para-church ministries join the network from time to time for fellowship.

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Happy Birthday to Pastors Belen Kuwaye, Judith Lopez, Tom Harris; Happy Birthday to Marilen Martinez Guzman, Linda Rodela and Happy Anniversary to EE and Claudia Jackson

New Church Dedication—October 23, 2004  
Lionheart Christian Fellowship—Chino Hills  
Pastor Jason Wills.

### Prayer requests:

For Pastor Freddy Martin who's wife Peggy went home to be with the Lord. Peggy was a jewel—a missionary and pastors wife for 34 years, she always had a smile and a positive word for all she met! She was known and loved through the world as she and Pastor Fred traveled to many nations preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. She is now enjoying her rewards for a job well done!



Pray for Pastor Sylvester Blue who is schedule to undergo open heart surgery in the next few weeks! Pray for new strength. He preached for 10 days straight in a receive meeting and gave the people 100% of his heart and ministry! Pray that now the Lord restores his strength and give Bro. Sylvester a new heart!