




TEXICO UPDATE

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News from the Texico Conference!


 The Rio Rancho (New Mexico) Church has begun a six week evangelistic campaign conducted by Dr. Jim Stevens. The first five nights were held at the Rio Rancho High School Performing Arts Center. This Friday evening the meetings will move over to the Rio Rancho church. It's been exciting to see the cars pulling in the parking lot one after another, as eager visitors and members have come to hear Dr. Stevens present the messages of truth. There has been approximately 110 visitors in attendance thus far.



In talking with some of the guests, we are hearing how the Holy Spirit is leading people to these meetings. One lady who received a brochure in the mail struck up a conversation with one of her neighbors. The neighbor said she also got a brochure in the mail, but was just about to throw it in the trash. Before she did, she told God if He wanted her to go, He would send someone talk to her about it that day, which her neighbor did. Both women and a son have now been attending. Then after coming to the first meeting, a gentleman approached one of the members and asked what church they attended. The member responded, "the Seventh-day Adventist Church." He asked which one, so she told him the church in Rio Rancho. He said, "I have to tell you something. My wife and I were baptized in an Adventist church in Albuquerque in 1980, but moved away and we both backslid. We have not attended church for many, many years, but when we got the flyer in the mail for the prophecy seminar, we decided to come and we also want to return to the Adventist church." How wonderful it is to see miracles taking place and we praise God for His goodness!

Even the children are excited about coming! They have their own special meetings being held simultaneously with the adults. One child was asking her parents if they could make sure and come the next night because they wanted to be there for a special activity that was planned.

The church members have been great, planning and pitching in to make sure everything is ready and running smoothly. Friendships are being formed with our visitors and we pray that God will send a great harvest for His honor and glory! Please remember these meetings and Dr. Stevens in your prayers. Submitted by Sue Hinkle, Communication Director

 In February, the Women's Ministries of the Santa Fe Marcy Park Church organized a delightful "couples dinner" at the church gymnasium. This event brought many couples (both church members and visitors) together for a



great evening, where they could express their love to each other with beautiful promises to enrich their married life. Italian food, a chocolate fountain and a beautiful wedding cake complimented the atmosphere of love and friendship. Women's Ministries director, Gloria Rivera, and other women of the church, made this night unforgettable! Submitted by Pastor Leonard Cummings



The Lubbock English congregation welcomed 200 members and visitors on Sabbath, March 6th, to hear the internationally acclaimed King's Heralds quartet bring their 82-year heritage in gospel music. Founded in Keene, Texas in 1927 by four young college students, the group has come to be recognized world-wide for their blend and musical expertise. This "trans-denominational" group has toured the United States, the islands of the Caribbean, all of Latin America, the South pacific, Australia, the Orient and Africa. Among their audiences have been heads of state, kings, presidents, governors, ambassadors and other dignitaries.



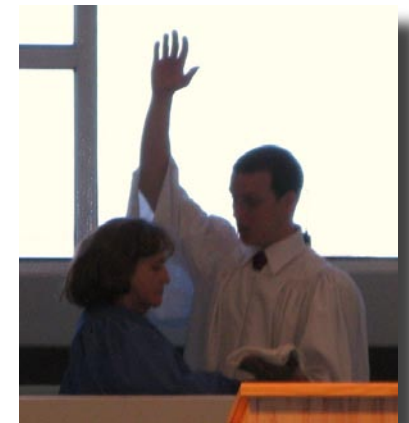
A hearty Fellowship meal followed the morning worship concert and a tentative date for March, 2011 was set for them to return.

The quartet performs in a variety of musical styles, making them a favorite with audiences of all ages. Their rich blend, harmony and balance as interpreted through their well-known a-cappella singing, creates a rich musical experience. A portion of the concert was devoted to the children, which made a "fun-time" for the whole family. Thirty men have been a part of the King's Heralds quartet since its foundation in 1927. They have recorded in 30 languages, on over 100 albums and toured over 50 countries. Their music is treasured by people all over the world, from the highlands of Papua New Guinea to the steppes of Russia, to Punta Arenas in Chile. Submitted by Kathy Flyger



The following testimony comes from Dianne Stickney, member of the Alamogordo church.

It is often said that hindsight is 20/20. Looking back over my life, I can see how God has been there through all the abuse, alcoholism and even bringing me through two suicide attempts. It is only by the grace of God that I am here today, because medically I shouldn't have survived the second suicide attempt or the other numerous times throughout life.



My world came apart on March 16, 2008. I always felt I didn't need anyone to care for me; I could make it on my own. Although He was always there, Jesus allowed me to go through a tough medical situation, which taught me that I couldn't do everything on my own. I finally got it when I had a serious and frightening medical crisis.

I was taking an antibiotic to kill the MRSA infection, which resulted in my arm swelling, turning red, and going numb. As a precaution, I was admitted to the hospital for 24 hour observation. Within a few hours I spiked a fever, and my blood pressure rose to a dangerous level. Suddenly, I was having violent spasms which nearly threw me on the floor. A specialist diagnosed the cause as a

reaction to one of the medications I was taking, so they discontinued all my medications.

During this time of waiting for my body to respond, I became more frightened than I had ever been in my life. Darkness settled over me so heavily that I couldn't remember any of the Bible texts I had memorized. I couldn't pray because when I tried, it wouldn't seem to penetrate the darkness. I was afraid of dying because I wasn't sure I was right with my Savior.

The only thing I could think to do was to be anointed. When the Pastor Andrew Spooner arrived, I was relieved, but not sure if I had gone too far away from Christ to be worthy of anointing. Pastor Spooner prayed and anointed me, but nothing seemed to change. A short time after he left I felt like I had arms around me. Then the sweetest voice I ever heard said, "My child, it's not your time to die. I still have work for you to do." With that, I drifted off to the best sleep I have ever had. I was at peace. I knew Jesus still loved and cared for me. No matter what happened from then on, I was walking with my Savior. I knew I had to be baptized. I had been baptized before, but not for the right reasons. This time, I was compelled to follow Him. I had filled the void, which I had experienced so long in my life. I know my Jesus is with me. Each day He awakens me and I am grateful. The signs are foretelling the soon return of Jesus. My prayer is that we will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and labor for Him while we still have time. Written by Dianne Stickney



On Thursday night, February 25, the classrooms at Crestview Christian Academy came to life as "The Museum of Living History." The students from pre-school to 8th grade dressed in costumes as particular American history characters. While standing in front of their backdrops, they told about their lives and why their place in American history is important. The students were divided into categories ranging from the presidents and first ladies to the Wild West.



In the exhibit called "Making a Difference," students portrayed many women like Clara Barton on the Civil War Battlefield, Rosa Parks on a bus stop bench and Susan B. Anthony at the podium at Seneca Falls. Nancy Hart, portrayed by Amanda Kear, stood in the forests as she relayed her harrowing experiences with the British army. Down the way, Annie Sullivan was teaching Helen Keller to sign the word for "water."

In the Wild West exhibit, Brandon Perez, 7th grade, chose to portray Billy the Kid. He said, "It was really entertaining and I learned a lot and had fun being Billy the Kid." He joined the likes of Daniel Boone, Sacagawea, Lewis & Clark, Pocahontas and Annie Oakley.

The exhibit "Sports and the Arts" included Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Mary Cassatt and Mildred Didrikson. Their backdrops included a golf course, baseball diamond, art gallery and a covered wagon. "America's Firsts" gave the emphasis to the Americans who dared to go first. Women like Amelia Earhart and Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman doctor, were joined by Sally Ride. Standing by these women were Neil Armstrong and Alexander Graham Bell.


It would not be a museum without an exhibit of presidents and the heroes of American wars. The stories of Chester Nimitz, Robert Gould Shaw and Matthew Brady were showcased along with the heroics of Deborah Sampson, Molly Pitcher and Sybil Luddington. Metzger Camacho and Hiram Marquez, portraying Betsey Ross and George Washington, did a short dialogue that kept the visi-

tors captivated. The presidents' exhibit also displayed first ladies. Abraham Lincoln was joined by a very regal Mary Todd Lincoln and George Washington shared the stage with Martha Washington.

Not to be outdone, the Kindergarten class did a presentation on Christopher Columbus while dressed as his loyal crew. Down the hall the pre-school class reminded us of that fateful evening when colonists, dressed as Indians, threw tea into Boston Harbor. It was history in the making as we watched our three year olds reenact this scene while chanting, "No taxation without representation."



Many of the visitors to the museum were surprised at the length of the monologues the students committed to memory and the attention they paid to their costumes. There were many tireless hours spent as parents worked with their children either sewing the costumes or scouring the thrift stores and costume shops. The enthusiasm of the students and the creativity of the teachers made the program a success. Submitted by Melissa Galetti, Principal

 The Olympic motto may mean "Faster, Higher, Stronger," but the LJA mini-Olympics' motto on February 26, could have been "Laugh, Create, Fun." We imitated the winter Olympics by stepping on paper plates and using them as our ice skates as we slipped and slid across the fellowship hall.

The first competition was speed, paper plate skating across the fellowship hall floor. There was a boy's race and then a girl's race. Keeping the paper plates under their feet started out as a real challenge. The room was filled with good humored laughter and a few "thunks" when students fell and slid across the floor. This caused the "thunkers" to have good-natured laughter about themselves and others. However, with practice and persistence the students could "skate" quite well!

The second competition was the singles figure skating. All figure skating had to be done with the paper plates on their feet. A CD player playing patriotic music was brought in to help set the mood for the fun activity. Creativity abounded as students took their turn doing twirls, splits, and artistically moving their arms in time with the music. Next, came the partner's figure skating. Students made up interesting routines that sometimes made their teachers cringe for fear of crashes and collisions. The students cheered each other and demonstrated camaraderie to the cringing teachers' delight.

There was at last the final team sport of ice hockey, which in our case, looked very much like "Capture the Flag." It was Norway vs. the United States. They were on their paper plates trying their best to catch their opponent or capture the flag. The final ceremony was a game called "Capture the Tail." Students stood one behind the other holding onto the shoulders or waist of the person in front. There were no paper plate skates this time. The head of the line was Miss Zimmermann who led the long line in a series of twists and turns so she could catch the person who was at the end of the line.

Each student received a lifesaver as a medal for participating in the first Lubbock Junior Academy Winter Olympics.