



Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

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Brian and Lan

Challenges The last seven months have been emotionally and spiritually challenging. Last September, I left a great job here in Denver for what we believed would be my “dream job” in Houston, Texas.

“Our” Plan We put our house on the market and I began commuting weekly, leaving Lamandra to care for our daughters Margaret (3 yrs) and Adelaide (2 yrs) on her own. Although it was difficult being apart and trying keeping the house show-worthy with two young children, I was focused on excelling in my new role and helping to get the new company off the ground. Unfortunately, this often meant that I didn’t get to come home for several weeks at a time. Needless to say, this situation was unsustainable and it forced us to reflect on our priorities and reach out to the Lord.

Lord Help Us We prayed fervently that the situation would be resolved – we asked God to work things out the way WE thought they should be resolved. But as you know, God doesn’t work that way. So, over time, our prayer changed from “Lord, help us sell our house so we can be together” to “Lord, help us learn the lessons we need to learn from this experience so we can be together soon”. We were truly humbled through this process and desperate for His saving grace.

Answered Prayers There were several points over the course of this period when we very clearly felt the Lord’s hand at work. The most clear and inspiring instance involved the circumstances that ultimately brought me back home to Denver. After much prayer, I was led to resign from my job in Houston before securing another job in Denver. This was stressful and unnerving given the state of the economy, but we both believed that the Lord was calling us to step out in faith.

“Gods” Plan We were not disappointed...not only was my separation from the Houston company very amicable, but the very afternoon that I resigned my former manager from Denver called and offered me a great new opportunity.

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Blessings From Him Through this process there were many nights where we found ourselves asking why, when, and how did we get into this situation? And it really wasn't until we changed our prayers, opened our hearts and surrendered control to Him that things started to happen. In retrospect, it was a wonderful blessing that our house didn't sell. As a result of the past seven months, we now have clarity regarding our work/life priorities and our faith and trust in the Lord has grown. Through it all, our Corona church family has been so supportive of us and we appreciate all the kind words and fervent prayers on our behalf. We feel so blessed to be together again as a family, in Denver, and able to continue worshipping with you all.



From My Minds Eye...

I want to give special thanks for those of you on May 15th who came to church and made our flower beds pop! They look beautiful and people are noticing. A special thanks to “Where Grace Abounds” and “MOPS” for partnering with us in this project. We planted flowers at Dora Moore School as well. Our willingness to love our neighbor in this simple way is going to go a long way in re-creating a relationship with our neighborhood school.

I recently attended a Leadership Institute at George Fox University on group discernment. The idea of discernment is to pay attention to what God want us to be doing personally and what God wants us to be doing corporately as a church. I was encouraged by what I discovered I already knew coming into this conference and at the same time how much I have yet to learn.

One of our foundational beliefs is as children of God we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 6:9-10) This means that Spirit of the very God who created the sun, moon, stars, the Rocky Mountains, and the flowers planted at Corona resides in your body. God whom we worship and say our life is surrendered over to makes his home in our spirit. We know all of this and yet somehow this becomes a ‘ho-hum’ moment for us. We take this for granted and quickly forget this amazing reality.

You see if God dwells not just with us, but in us, we are able to connect with, to link to, to hear the very voice of God. And if we can hear the voice of God- we can begin to discern, notice, and



understand what God’s desire is for you and me. We can do the very same thing for our church.

FYI: we must always balance our hearing God’s voice personally with what scripture teaches and the input of mature followers of Jesus in our community of faith. This gives us balance in our discerning the voice of God.

I want to challenge you in two ways.

- 1- To begin operating under the assumption that God desires you to hear His voice and that you in fact can.
- 2- To begin paying attention to this voice and following God’s leadings in your life.

It - will - change - everything - for - us!
Here are three scripture passages to think about: Joel 2: 28-29, John 14:16-17, John 16: 12-15

May God who dwells in each of us continue to lead and guide us for His glory and His kingdom.

In God’s Amazing Grip,
Pastor John

Moment for Missions

India

Report from Maria:

In April, Renee and I went to India on a short term mission trip for Love Outreach. The primary purpose was to visit and work with Grace Home, LOM's new orphanage. We were very excited to see the work that Jesus himself is doing through LOM

Grace Home, which officially opened on January 20th, is run by Sam and his wife who are wonderful people. To provide some perspective on God at work: The vision to open the orphanage came to Sam, his wife, Jack and I in October of 2009. In a seemingly impossible time frame the orphanage was up and running. Already, the new home has taken in several children who would otherwise be wandering the streets. They are receiving food, clothing, shelter, education and God's love. We are very thankful to God with whom all things are possible.

One of the Love Outreach churches in Navam village became condemned due to several weather incidents. Because of this, we had to build a new church for the congregation who worshipped there. While Renee and I were in India the new church building was dedicated. People from various villages attended, and lunch was served after the dedication service. We went to many churches and homes in the area to minister the love of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is now the 26th year for Love Outreach Ministries. Initially, it started with the preaching of the gospel and the distribution of groceries and clothes to the poor and needy. At the Lord's direction, LOM has grown and is currently serving God's Kingdom with two orphanages, eight churches, help to lepers, care for the sick and elderly, and the provision of immediate medical help to the poor.

Your prayers and financial seeds for this ministry are greatly appreciated and will be rewarded by God. I pray with Jack that the Lord will richly bless you.

In the love of Jesus,
Maria Prabhakar



Report from Renee:

After hearing the call from the Lord to go to India the first time in 2008, I didn't know if I would ever return, but knew I would keep praying. I was content to go or to stay.

By God's grace I was able to return this past April.

Grace Home, a new orphanage was founded in a remote outcast village in South India. To see the work and verify the needs of the ministry, to pray and to encourage the gospel workers, this was the primary purpose of the trip.

After arriving and spending a couple of days recuperating and taking care of necessary business items - arranging transportation into the interior and making lodging arrangements etc, we began the various trips that were planned.

We were able to visit the Love Outreach Ministries' original orphanage, travel with Sister S. to witness baptisms and visit some of the churches planted. We shared our testimonies, heard their concerns, prayed for their needs and met some of the financial needs that were not previously known.

Later in the week, we were privileged to be a part of the dedication of the new church. Celebrating with many believers from surrounding villages and churches was a delight. But the primary purpose of the trip was to visit the new ministry of Grace Orphanage. How can I describe what I saw? I was so touched by the ministers of Grace. Pastor Sam and his wife along with a helper who cooks and assists, are not only caring for the children, but have founded a tiny church in the village, and more. Pastor Sam continues to work as a tailor to provide for his family. K is an auxiliary nurse midwife. Every day she rides with her boss on a motor scooter, often 2 hours or more, then hikes up into the mountains another hour or more, to meet some of the medical needs of the villagers who are completely cut off from the larger towns. Then they essentially stay in the pastors house for another 2-3 hours each day, meeting the basic medical needs of the people in the village and surrounding areas, on their own time. Pastor Sam is providing bus fare, traveling with some of the neediest folks 1-2 hours into the closest town for additional medical care, praying with and sharing the Gospel. The children are well cared for, and even while we were there touring and discussing the needs of the various children, a pastor from an even more remote village walked the many hours with an aged grandmother and two children to place in the orphanage. One little boy had no one left in his extended family to care for him, and the other had only the aged grandmother who will pass on soon. The needs are many, but Pastor Sam and his wife are shining in their dedication and creativity in caring for the children, assuring their schooling and building a better life for them.

Prayer Needs:

- Pray for all the children. For their health, their education, their spiritual, physical, social needs and other opportunities
- Pray especially for Abishek, a young boy with a seizure disorder who is living in the orphanage. He is non-verbal but is able to communicate with signs and gestures. Sometimes his seizures cause him to wander away so pray for his safety and for the Pastor and people of the village who are welcoming him and trying to meet his needs
- Pray for the tiny church. A member donated land and members raised the \$300 it took to build a little thatched shelter where they meet and pray each week on a dirt floor. Pray that funds would be provided to build a concrete building for them to worship and learn together
- Pray for a real clinic to be built in the town.
- Pray for Pastor Sam, his wife and their own children that their needs would be provided for as they work so diligently caring for others



More Mission's Moments...

Sunday May 16 we were so pleased to welcome back to the pulpit and Corona, Victor Rodriguez from Latin America Missions. Victor and his wife Elaine have a long history with Corona, going back more than 30 years when Victor was a young man and met the Rev. Lutz who visited his home in Bogotá, Columbia. While attending Denver Seminary, Victor worked with the youth of the church and now all those folks are grownups with youth of their own! Victor and Elaine's ministry is located in Miami, FL. There are many aspects to their ministry, but one of the main focuses is a bilingual counseling service that provides needed mental, emotional and spiritual help through biblical principles and values. At the early service Victor shared his story of conversion as a young man, and spoke during Sunday school and then again at the second service on the struggles of people who are married.

We are always blessed when our missionaries come to share with us what is happening in their lives and ministries and we have an opportunity to pray with them and for them. Please remember to keep Victor and Elaine in your prayers.



Youth Escapades

Youth Group Sundays
6-8pm

BOYS AND GIRLS BIBLE STUDIES
WEDNESDAYS 7-8:30PM



Upcoming Events

June 11th Lock - In
(volunteers needed for various shifts)

June 13th Ice Blocking

June 20th Water Wars

June 30th and July 6th Painting the Youth
Office and Jr High Room

June 6-27th sign up for our 20/20 Challenge!
Twenty prayers and/or twenty dollars for
our youth and leaders attending the summer
mission's trip



Announcements:

Starting in June the church will be open to youth starting at 5pm on Sundays for an hour of hangout and fellowship time prior to Youth Group!

NO Bible Studies on June 16th or 23rd!!

We need to borrow tools for our July mission trip. (we will return them) Look in the bulletin for a list of tools needed. Contact Gabriel or Kristy if you have any tools you are willing to lend us!



Gabe and Kristy Jaramillo, Corona Youth Directors

CHURCH IMPR



GOVERNMENT DAY



Adult Education

**We're on the Journey Together
Using "VMI" to Move Towards Your Spiritual Potential**

On a recent Saturday this May, Helen Soares graduated from Mills College. College graduation is not that unusual, but Helen's age was. Helen is 94! She had "VMI". "VMI" in her case means she had the "Vision" to graduate from college, she also had the "Means" of the art history classes provided at Mills, and she certainly had the "Intention" ever since graduating from high school in 1932.

We also need to have "VMI" with regard to our spiritual growth for our lifetimes if we are going to reach our spiritual potential: "same old, same old" is not what our lord has in mind for us! For us a good "Vision" would be to become more like Christ (Romans 8:29). This "Vision" would mean that our character would be showing more evidence of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). Corona aims to provide the spiritual growth opportunity "Means" through training in many ways including worship services, classes, small groups, etc. The "Intention," though, is up to you, which is saying that the rate of your spiritual growth will be greatly controlled by the actions you take. Our hope is that you continue to grow with Christ as long or longer than Helen has lived, but that your spiritual growth will proceed a bit more quickly!

In June Corona will be offering two Sunday morning classes to provide spiritual growth opportunities. The first is a study and discussion of the book of Romans and the second are discussion groups called "Women on the Journey Together" and "Men on the Journey Together."



Corona Happenings

June 2010

Worship Committee

June 13, 2010 - Mike Sares preaching.

June 20 and 27, 2010 – Edward K. Nalwamba preaching.

Children and Youth Committee “Kid’s Korner”

Summer Sunday school begins June 6th. Children ages 4 through fifth grades will gather in one room to study the “Travel Guide to Psalm 23”.

Children’s church will be held during the service for ages 4 – 3rd grade and will learn about “Thirteen Very Bad Days”, which are stories about various bible characters who have some really bad days.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 28- July 2. The theme is ‘He’s got the whole world in His hands’. We hope you join us for a trip around the world!

Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday school even if just for a short-term commitment, contact Mary Bareis-Golumb.

Deacon’s Corner Koinonia



“Coming Along Side One Another”

ALL CHURCH PICNIC – Saturday, July 3rd - Cook Park is reserved for an all church picnic to tie in to the end of Vacation Bible School. SAVE THE DATE!

BE STRONG AND
COURAGEOUS
AND DO THE WORK.
DO NOT BE AFRAID OR DISCOURAGED.
FOR THE **LORD**

{GOD MY GOD}

IS WITH YOU.
HE WILL NOT FAIL YOU OR FORSAKE YOU.
1 CHRONICLES 28:20

**Young Adults at
the Kumar's
Every Thursday
from 7 to 9pm.**

We have just started a new
study on the book of Acts.

Contact John or Kristol
Kumar for more info.
email: jk_saga@yahoo.com
or bellatrix1@msn.com
phone: 303-619-4417

Families with Young Children Group

If you would like to visit our group for a Bible study or dinner, please contact Sean Morris or Chute Charmsangavej (spmorris77@hotmail.com, ccharn@hotmail.com, or 720-570-8919).

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June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 p.m. Ragamuffin Refuge, upstairs 6:30p Trustees	2 10a Pastors SF mtg, 7p Boys Bible Study 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Choir Practice? 7p Praise Band Rehear	3 10a Sewing (6p Young Adults)	4 10 - 3Youth Garage Sale	5 7a Men's Small Group, Library 10-3Youth Garage Sale
6 (Food drive) (Deacon's Fund) (Communion) 9:30 Worship 11a Sun. school 12:30 Deacons 1-4 Youth Filming, Multi, Lib 6p Youth Group 6p Bible Study	7	8 6:30 p.m. Ragamuffin Refuge, upstairs 6:30 & 7p Committees	9 6:30 a Men's Prayer 10a Pastors SF mtg, 7p Boys Bible Study 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Choir Practice? 7p Praise Band Rehear	10 (6p Young Adults)	11 Youth Lock-in, overnight	12 Youth Lock-in ends 9:30a Value Life group, Sanct.
13 9:30 Worship 11a Sun. school 6p Youth Group 6p Bible Study CSM arr. for overnight	14 CSM for overnight	15 6:30 p.m. Ragamuffin Refuge, upstairs 6:30p Session CSM for overnight	16 Boys Bible Study 7p Gigglin' w/ God 7p Choir Practice? 7p Praise Band Rehear CSM for overnight	17 9:30 a J. Homer, SF group, Parlor (7p WGA, Intro, Multi & Other) (6p Young Adults) CSM for overnight	18 CSM for overnight	19 CSM leave 7a Men's Small Group, Library
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Heritage Service 8:30 a.m.

Childcare and nursery available until Noon

Sunday School for all..... 10-10:45 a.m

Contemporary Service..... 11:00 a.m.

Children's Church/Puppets

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