

Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO

May 2011

herefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

From My Minds Eye...

I am hoping you are living in the afterglow of Easter. There is an afterglow that leads all the way to Advent.

Lent and Holy week this year captured my heart anew. It captured my heart by way of my imagination growing as were attentive to and focused on Jesus. We were able to consider through the weeks of Lent the scripture stories that

led up to Holy week, the crucifixion of Christ and ultimately His resurrection. There were a number of ways we experienced this during Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday: The Seder meal we shared together Thursday evening reminded us of what the Jewish Passover is all about. Mike Sares was our M.C. as he led us through the Seder experience from a Christian point of view. Jary Dailey was our lead person putting the entire event together and we simply cannot thank her enough. A special thank you also to those who helped including our hospitality committee for getting the tables set up and 'dressed'; to those who spent hours preparing the food; to those serving the food; and of course to those who stayed late into the night cleaning up. It was a wonderful evening together.

Good Friday: We spent time together singing hymns led by our Scum of the Earth Friends. We then watched a movie entitled "Most" which means 'bridge" in Czechoslovakian. It was a parable speaking to what God the Father might have experienced as he had to make an incredible decision: his son or the people of this world. It was a somber and reflective evening as we were reminded of how much our God loves us.

Easter Morning: We had a picture painted for us through our choir and director, Paul James, of Jesus coming to the cross and new life in his resurrection. We want to say thank you to Paul and choir for bringing wonderful music to our worship service. Many of you shared in our Easter brunch. What a great way to end our weekend of services being together in fellowship. Again we want to say thank you to the hospitality committee (Elder Carol Hearn) and so many others for all their work on this brunch.

Though our Easter celebration is complete, the story lives on. This is the afterglow. Jesus has risen and He has changed the very fabric of our lives and of life itself.

One of the ways we are going to experience this together is on Sunday, June 12th. We are going back into our community surrounding Corona on this Sunday morning. (It will be somewhat like our experience on October 31 this past year). You will be hearing more details after as to what this Sunday morning will look like as we draw closer to June 12th.

In God's amazing grip, His is the truly strong one...

Pastor John



Minute for Missions

Hank and Mona Paulson are

founders, and Hank is President of New Hope International, an organization that focuses on national churches in Eastern European countries and equips them for ministry. They partner with the national churches and have coordinators in most of the eastern



European countries. Hank used to cross the borders into these countries when they were still eastern-bloc countries under Soviet control bringing Bibles and other materials to help and encourage the Christians there. Currently Hank and Mona lead a team of people from the US twice a year to countries like Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, and Ukraine on Vision tours. They visit the ministries in these countries that they are supporting, bringing supplies, encouragement and teaching. John Walbert

<u>Dr.Ed Ho</u> from Corona joined an ACCTS team of about 15 to assist in conducting medical clinics in four different minority villages in Yunnan Province of southwest China during the period March 20 to April 3, 2011. ACCTS is one of the global organizations that Corona supports. Ed has been making these medical assistance trips to China with ACCTS most every year during the last ten years. Building long term friendships, trust, and helpful relationships in China is central to ACCTS activities in this important country.

During the clinics the team saw more than 300 patients. These very poor villagers live in the remote and rural mountains of the province and have very limited access to medical services.

The team included ten Chinese Christians who came to help from Kunming, the provincial capital. This was these Chinese Christians first opportunity to provide medical help to the minority people of their province. Later each of these Chinese Christians told of how they had heard of these ACCTS trips before but now they had an opportunity to help and that they would like to do this again in the future because they saw God at work and they wanted to join Him in these acts of love. As the team visited each village the residents prepared a warm welcome and even though poor, provided the best that they had to show their thankfulness.

Minute for Missions

Ed brought his sister, Dr Carolyn Ho, and his 18 year old niece Jasmine along on this cross cultural trip. In a Yi minority village tears came to the eyes of a woman as she brought her 2 year old child to get care from the team.... These ACCTS and Corona teams go "to Listen, to Learn, and to Love" in China.

Cal Dunlap



Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Minute for Missions

<u>Dear Friend</u>:

Greetings to you in the name of our resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ.

The children in both orphanages are studying hard to do well in their final exam for school, which will be during this month. After that, the children will be on summer break starting on the 20th.

Evangelism: The Gospel message was given on the streets of Palava village in March. This gave many people a chance who had never heard the Gospel before to hear it for the first time.

Grace Home: The walls of the Grace Home building, church, orphanage and free medical clinic, are completed. Now work has started on the ceiling.

LOM Sewing School continues to bless adults and teens by teaching them to sew.

On Palm Sunday the members of LOM's churches will be waving palm leaves singing 'Hosanna to Jesus' on a procession around their church. There will be a service on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday sunrise and mid-morning services. These events will happen in all the seven LOM churches. Lunch will be served to the homeless and lepers after the mid-morning service.

Please pray for:

- the children to do well in their school exam.
- the people who heard the gospel message in Palava; that they will receive Jesus.
- more people to know Jesus during the Easter services.

Financial needs: Apart from the on-going expenses of LOM, we need funds to 1. finish the ceiling and the rest of the building for Grace Home and 2. repair the church in Advana village.

Thank you for your support of LOM. Your prayers and contributions to complete these projects will be greatly appreciated. May the Lord richly bless you.

With love in Christ,

Maria Prabhakar







Boys and firls bible studies Wednesdays 7-8:80PM

Sunday School Sundays 10-10:45am



Upcoming Events

- Lock in June 3rd- 4th
- May 22nd Rubios Restaurant Fundraiser look for fliers
- June 5th Panda Express Restaurant Fundraiser

Mission Trip Fundraisers

- We need stuff for the Corona Youth Garage Sale
- Clothes, Working T.V.s, Working Electronics, Kitchen Supplies, Toys, Stuffed Animals, Furniture, Anything!
- Garage Sale June 10th- 11th

No Youth Group – June 19th No Bible Study - June 22nd



Gabe and Kristy Jaramillo, Corona Youth Directors Cell:720.275.1586 Work:303.832.2297 X110

Adult Ministries

An update from the Adult Ministries / Assimilation Committee:

Are you looking for a small group to join for fellowship, prayer and bible study? If you are, we'd love to help you connect with others at Corona who are like minded. We currently have several small groups made up of singles, couples and families that meet throughout the week at the Church and other locations and would like to encourage you to join them and others. Contact one of the three "J"s (Jim Horner, John Kumar or Jeff Jackmond) at the numbers below if you are interested.

The Corona Connection – a listing of the weekly/monthly happenings and events that provide us with opportunities to connect with others in and around Corona has been updated. A new version will be available in May. Look for it in the pew racks and fine Christian Bookstores.

If you are a person of the female gender, and are interested in getting together with other women in small groups for fellowship, prayer and/or service opportunities, please let us know. In the recent past a significant number of women gathered together for bible study and fellowship and we are interested in fostering those and other types of opportunities for women at Corona.

Jeff Jackmond 303-986-4837 (jjackmond@demandinc.com) John Kumar 303-941-9635 (jk_saga@yahoo.com) Jim Horner 303-358-488

Intentionality – A Key to your Spiritual Growth by Jim Horner

Jesus said that "He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10); that we might move internally from "darkness to light" and become "new creations." Wow. Bold promises.

But he also said that his first commandment was to "love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind," (Matthew 22:37) and that he "rewards those who earnestly seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6) He also said that we are to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)

So along with the great promises of a new life in Christ come some conditions that say we need to take some intentional steps in his direction. Corona adult ministries aim to help provide you with the opportunity to take intentional steps with a group of others who are also pursuing spiritual growth.

Currently there are three Sunday morning 10 AM adult gatherings for you to choose from:

- A study of the Bible looking at what life learning we find from I Corinthians
- Healing for Today" explores looking at healing in the life of the church today.
 - "We're on the Journey Together!" supports each other on our life journeys

If you have any questions about any of these gatherings that would help you take a new intentional step, call John at 303-941-9635 about I Corinthians, Jary at 303-755-0668 about healing, and Jim at 303-399-3328 about your journey.

We hope to see you there!

Common Threads

Common Threads had the pleasure of presenting out newest member with a new blanket. We were very pleased to welcome Alice Kuck, daughter of Lamandra and Brian Kuck.

The following pics are on the disk I gave John to give you. There are other pics there that I need to print.



In addition to baby blankets, Common Threads is moving into some new areas of service. First, we are making prayer shawls. These are either knitted or crocheted. We are also still quilting, but transitioning to lap robes. We will also be making pillowcase dresses for children in Africa.

If you are unable to attend our meetings (held on the first Thursday of each month) you can still help.

For the pillow case dresses, we need queen and king size pillow cases. Goodwill and ARC stores are good sources for these. You can also find yarn at these stores (Bulky - #5 yarn for use with size 10 or larger needles - 3 skeins of 185 yards per shawl). So if you are one who enjoys looking for good finds at these stores, add these items to your search list. We also need ribbon and bias tape for the dresses.

If you are able to knit, crochet or sew, but can't make Thursday morning, we can still use your help. Anyone wishing to help the Common Threads ministry or for any questions, please call me at 303-933-0630.

Dale Bowers

Children and Youth Committee

Baby Holders Needed!! The Children and Youth committee would like to offer childcare in the infant nursery during the first service. Right now, our two paid childcare workers are being kept very busy in the toddler room. So we would love to have volunteers help take care of our sweet little babies in the infant nursery. If you are interested, please contact me at 720-941-2696 or hdhack@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Heather Hack

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to give a special thanks to Jary Dailey, Paul Ijames and choir, Mike Sares, John Geiter, and everyone from Corona and Scum of the Earth that worked to make Palm Sunday, Seder Dinner, Good Friday, and Easter: a blessing to all that could attend.

We look forward to what the young people will bring on Youth Sunday, May 8th. Sean Morris

TRUSTEES

Corona Spring Church Workday

Saturday, May 14, 2011 9am – Noon

Come help the Trustees spiff up our church. Whether inside or outside, for an hour or the entire morning, your support will be a blessing. Bring your work gloves and favorite tools. Please sign upon the credenza in the foyer. Lunch will be served. Thank you! John Reece

New Members Class | Sunday May 22nd 4:30-6:30 p.m. See Pastor John for details!



Open House Birthday

Party for John's 50th Birthday is May 29, 2011 5:30 to 8:00pm

Hot dogs, burgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

RSVP to Deanna at 303-745-7428

Group Study at the Kumar's Every Thursday from 7 to 9pm.

We are currently Studying 1st Corinthians 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 Charnsangavej (spmorris77@hotmail. com, ccharn@hotmail.com, or 720-570-8919).

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

Heritage Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	9:30 - 10:00 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

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