

Baja Bob's Harvest Report and Prayer Letter 3/27/05

Dear Prayer Partners,

May this celebration of Resurrection Day and all that His resurrection means and has done for us, joyfully resurrect from your life's trials and struggles a transformation into greater victories, blessings, and a steady stream of delight for you and your family. May exciting new beginnings spring forth and flourish in your lives this year!

Yesterday, as I was driving home from playing racquetball with my son, Joshua, along with my younger son, Joseph and his friend in my car, surprisingly we saw flying multitudes of butterflies everywhere, crossing the roads, thousands, even hundreds of thousands of butterflies, throughout the city, I believe, migrating through Ontario California. I have never seen anything like this before in my hometown. I love butterflies! They remind me of new life, emerging beauty, and new beginnings. Our King declared in His Word, "Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up: do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.(Isa 43:18-19)" It's wonderful how our God transforms hairy caterpillars into beautiful butterflies and deserts into Eden's and wasteland hearts into gardens of the Lord (Isa 51:3)"

God is bringing forth new beginnings in this ministry...exciting new things! Your mighty prayers have been turnkey and vital in helping to ignite and prime these new beginnings being created by our King, and I believe your prayers, will be absolutely vital in raising the next stage and changing season of this ministry to reach 1 million souls for Jesus Christ and build 10, 000 houses in Baja over the next 20 years, if His return carries that long. Thanks for holding the line... your prayers are blocking for us and opening holes in enemy lines to pass through onto victory...enabling us to vanguard greater headway to take more enemy ground. They are also helping the equipping process of our King to revision, equip, and retool us to take more promised land and to execute even more effective planting, watering, and harvesting of souls from many desert fields in Baja for Christ!

Please, I ask you, to again and again, keep praying through each next round of this spiritual battle with us...breaking through together with our King at the Head (Mic 2:13) to seize a much greater harvest in Baja.

Allow me to share some exciting and even surprising harvest news with You:

On Saturday morning 3/12 I came to pick up Mike and Mellisa Daly and their team at the border. I told them they would be building across the street from two born again police Captains led to the Lord through this ministry, and Mike said, "Really, we want to meet them because my entire building team are all born again police officers from LA county." I was so blessed and surprised to hear that, (neither Cheryl nor I new this), yet I was so excited because part of our vision is to reach as many of the 3500 Police Officers of Tijuana for the Lord that we can and I believe something great will come from this

introduction. God loves these TJ police officers and wants to reach them much more than we ever could. Mike's team of officers built a beautiful house and latrine for that family. It blesses me to watch our great God—Who is also certainly the Lord of the Net weave together strategic divine arrangements like this.

Meantime, Don Klein's team of 120 folks from Grace Church, Seal Beach was in another community knocking out three beautiful houses. One of these houses was for a 100 year old man, who lived with his youngest daughter in a tiny shack, and outlived 6 of his children. I told Don beforehand... we need to build this house for this guy before he dies.

The Grace team has a number of professional cooks in their group and always do a knock out job in bringing an awesome banquet to the poor (Luke 14:12-14). The food was delicious and abundant! They hired a Christian Mariachi band to play music for a number of people as they served them delicious food in front of Pastor Chuy's church building. Meantime Susie who lost her 12 year son in the tragic truck accident and Martha the kindergarten school teacher who Rock Harbor Church built a classroom for and a house for Susie, lovingly scattered salt and light upon them the week before. They were also brought there by two Rock Harbor team members who came to finish their buildings. I had the honor to present the gospel and along with others who came up came Susie and Martha to give their lives to the Lord.

If that wasn't dear enough we also saw the little girl and her mother and father who desperately came to us the week before because their little girl's nose was dangerously hemorrhaging and medically taped up and needed urgent attention. The Rock Harbor group and I prayed for the little girl, felt the Presence of the Holy Spirit, and raised about 300 plus dollars in a spontaneous offering to send her to an emergency surgery to correct this wound. The mother came up to me the next weekend at this fiesta, with her daughter, (not recognizing her at first without the tape) and she was completely healed. The mother handed me a hand typed testimony in Spanish and also the daughter told the story in her own words. They went to the hospital and the surgeon said...go home I can't do this surgery...a specialist will need to do it. The mother very nervous brought her daughter home. They went to sleep. The daughter said, during the night she felt two gentle hands on her nose pulling the gauze out of her nose that was stopping the blood and taking the tape off. That morning the daughter was completely healed... gauze and tape removed by these unseen mysterious hands. Any way we slice it, none other than Jesus Christ...Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb 13:8) healed this little girl. Blessed be His Name!

On top of that your prayers to bring Susie and her family over the border to realize her deceased son, Edgar's, dream to go to Disneyland is being realized as many of this Seal Beach group are the ones that are funding, opening their homes for them to stay, and getting free passes for all, and funding to bring them over the border. We are targeting two days at the end of April to make this happen. Martha, the school teacher will be coming also. Whether Disneyland is the happiest place on earth is for each to decide...but certainly when Susie and Martha gave their lives to Jesus they got free passes to enter the happiest place in the Universe once their short life is over.

The next week Pastor Mark Brookes brought a large loving, team of ministry students from Bethel Church, Redding, CA. They did meetings in five of our partnering churches for three nights and days. My schedule allowed for only one meeting...where many in this flock in that Church were greatly encouraged, hearing kind, uplifting words from the Lord through them, and about 12 were saved at that meeting alone. All the pastors were excited about how God blessed His people in these meetings through this group.

Then my good friend, Pastor Anthony Walton flew in from New Zealand and we hung out for two days before he went on the annual Baja motorcycle run with some of the Newsboys and their management team that they do each year. Anthony spoke powerfully at two meetings, the first, to the Junior Police, to about 100 youth about bible training, bible mediation, and the great discipleship tool—Biblical Foundations—in Spanish that many of our churches in Mexico are now doing with great joy. This was introduced to us and given to us through the Newsboys management team.

Then, that afternoon, Anthony and I spoke to about a dozen local senior pastors and leaders and hundreds of others who are doing this discipleship book. We spoke about Baja One Million—which was coined that day by Anthony—which is the goal of reaching one million souls for Jesus in Baja and how to use this great foundational, discipleship tool to evangelize and press towards this goal to reach them one at a time, in which all seemed to embrace heartedly. Bringing the big picture down to one at time discipleship.

The week was topped off by an encouraging meeting in San Diego with some of the Newsboys management team, and some of their friends, one who is the largest radio station owner in our country who also warmly embraces our ministry and longs to get involved significantly.

Please pray for Anthony who was injured on the motorcycle ride, for complete healing and also for all the Newsboys, their management team, and their families. They are such a great blessing to us!

You might take time to explore the newly launched Newsboys Website at:

<http://www.newsboys.com/v17/index.html?http%3A//www.newsboys.com/v17/>

They have some Baja photos under “photo” that Hector and I took as well as they took when they built with us last year, under link: “Baja Ministries”. Also click the link under Global Expeditions trip with us July 30-Aug 6 for some more Baja coverage. I understand that already 800 are signed up for that week long trip. Their webmaster has asked me to get more photos and stories that stimulate people “to give and go”. As I’m able to do that they will enhance more of the Baja story to help mobilize more soldiers to serve, evangelize, disciple and build houses for the poor in these ripe Baja regions.

Last week Hope Lutheran Church from Doines, IA sent a small team to build two beautiful houses and Ben Tomlin brought a team of youth from Hollywood Presbyterian church to build a house and engage in much outreach.

Please Lift These Prayer Requests Over the Next Two Weeks:

This is the busiest season, by far that we have ever had. About 70 houses are going up in the next two months alone. Most of these groups are building houses and many are also doing evangelism and outreach as well. All these groups need your prayer coverage for protection, blessing, and fullness of joy from our Lord.

Paul Bagai from First Presbyterian Church, Hayward ,CA is bringing a team today 3/27 through 4/1 to build two houses.

Pastor Matt Hall, Don Thompson, and Allison Hubbard are bringing a team from Saddleback Church Lake Forest, CA to build a classroom and finish an extension on another classroom.

Pastor Russell Belmont of Calvary Church, Concord, CA is bringing a team to build two houses 3/28-4/2.

Pastor Bill Stafierri from First Baptist, Fountain Valley is building two houses 3/30-4/2.

Marge Berg is bringing a team from King's Elementary, Seattle WA to do outreach 3/30-4/9.

Kim Pham of the Web Church of Westminster, CA is building 1 house 4/1-3

Kevin and Cynthia Collins and Pasquale and Danelle Russo of North Coast Calvary of Carlsbad ,CA is building 1 house 4/2-3.

Andrea Marinez of Rock Harbor Church of Costa Mesa and team are building 1 house 4/1-4

Gordon Kelly is leading a team from Kings Elementary, Seattle, WA to build to two houses 4/2-6

Pastor Tony Miller and Pastor Jeff Keith are leading a team from Newport Mesa Christian Center, Newport Beach, Ca to build 1 house 4/7-10

Al Day and team from Grace Presbyterian, Plano, Texas are leading a team to build 1 house and latrine 4/7-10

Bethany Ramsey and Pastor Jeff Maguire from Mariners Church, Irvine, Ca. are leading a team of 150-200 youth to build 8-10 houses 4/7-11.

These are just teams coming in over the next two weeks. You can see how busy this time will be for all of us. Please pray renewed strength for our entire team, staff and partnering pastors working by our side in this.

In closing this letter... I want to bring you to a quote from Jesus which states in John 14:30, "...the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." Our perfect, Resurrected Jesus is the only One Who has entered flesh and blood that can say this...as our enemy knows the buttons, our stuff, the things, the issues... to push in us... those weak spots, damaged attitudes, and flaws... to press, which will often discourage us, anger, or paralyze us with fear to hesitate when we should proceed, or sometimes reopen a wound or an unhealed breach that traps, overwhelms, and emerges us into a horrible pit of miry clay, (Ps 40:2), yet the Lord trains and refines us through each of these trials and strengthens us to be over comers of this world by faith (1Jo 5:4-5). I've enclosed a devotional poetic prayer I wrote entitled "How Glorious You Truly Are!" It's a meditation piece regarding the struggles in our own battle arena of God exposing the enemy, exercising our authority over him, and overcoming his assaults and lies through faith in our King Jesus and His kindness to us... as we declare to Him, "How Glorious You Truly Are!" I hope this poem serves as an encouragement to you! Thanks for your precious prayers! May God reward you richly for your kindness! With Gratitude, Bob Sanders-Poem follows->

How Glorious You Truly Are!

(Ps 138:8, 1Pe 5:7, Ro 8:37, Ps 40:1-3, Heb 12:1, 1Jo 4:1, 2Cor 10:3-6, Jo 10:10, Lk 3:16, Rom 16:20)

My God, I Desperately Need You...
You're my Sweetest Dream come True
You're my deepest longing for intimacy
You're my only hope for joy and victory
Help me Almighty King
For You are everything to me
I both fear You and love You
Can't make it without You
Wouldn't want to try too
I beg You please...
regenerate a complete healing in me
So I can run wholeheartedly
With a conscience crystal clear and free
and a heart swelled with joy and ecstasy
Childlike, Playful, Enjoying Your Full Liberty
Securely Held Up and Enveloped
In Your Everlasting Arms of Security
As every fear and care
which is burdensome to me ...
is rolled onto Your shoulders through prayer
Fully released and cast upon Thee
Being held and transformed by Your tender care
every flaw, frailty, and weakness
gradually dissolved by Faith Transforming Rest
refining our souls to be spotless and blameless

in the Furnace of Your Presence
within Your Strong Tower of Holy Spirit Power
As Your Powerful Hands recharge us continually
jump-starting my mind and heart
With Exuberant Holy Spirit Energy
To Passionately Run this Race
As a Victorious Spiritual Warrior
Pressing forward in Your Truth and Grace
As More Than A Conqueror...

My Majestic King
My Ever Present Savior
Your Faithful Holy Spirit Anointing
is teaching me to close every kink in my armor
Empowering me to guard my heart with diligence
Training me to use my God-given authority
To exercise my faith shield to deflect every enemy hit
And to effectively repair every breach
Preventing unnecessary falls into horrible pits
Learning to quickly pull off every soul sucking leech
Being equipped to rightly discern and to test every spirit
To rightly discern between God's conviction
And satan's subtle, wicked condemnation
Train me...Captain of my Salvation
To take captive every thought
Into Holy Spirit examination
To know what's my responsibility, and what is not

My King so great, help me to wait
On You...
Who faithfully sees me through
to effectively guard my mind gate
exposing the enemy...
and holding me back from taking his bait
when...directly or through others, he injects troubling doubts
then runs us in anxious mental circles to try and figure it out
train us to effectively use our shield of faith
to deflect every one of these fiery darts
targeting our minds and our hearts
My King...expose this fiend
who seeks to make us weak
by infusing fiery anxiety into our brains
to shipwreck our faith and make our prayers seem vain
spewed out by his criminal mind as a snaring net of condemnation
Strategizing to pull us into mental phobias and irrational fears
to incite inflammation of the imagination

to pollute God's River of Love in us that is living and pure
schemed to mentally immobilize and emotionally paralyze
which are just some of the many schemes of our arch enemy

Mighty King You deeply love Your children
in the arena of this fray You expose the enemy's ways
You have given us Your Kingdom
You have triumphantly overcome
We are armored with Kingdom Authority
to execute great exploits for Your Name and Glory
Swiftly Rise Up in Us Mighty King Jesus
Cause Your Holy Spirit Baptism of Fire
to slay this evil liar that burns with wicked desire
expose this hellish accuser
shame this wicked abuser
for stealing from You
and from Your children too
Mighty God of Peace
Swiftly crush satan under our feet
Mighty Commander and Chief
Shut the mouth of oppression
spewed out by this malicious thief
Glorious Captain of the Host
Who saves to the uttermost
Raise up Your Glorious Bride in Royal Victory
To Triumphantly Declare Your Splendor and Glory
Mighty Warrior and Glorious Lord...
Keenly Sharpen our Spirit Swords
To cut chains of captivity
to execute noble deeds
through gladly following Your Glorious Lead
to plant and water Incorruptible Seed
and to Harvest in Jubilant Victory
So the whole world will know
How Glorious You Truly Are...
Far brighter and more glorious than the Morningstar
Our All-Wise, Radiant, Majestic King...
Truly Worthy of All Worship and Glory!

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