

Baja Christian Ministries Update and Prayer Letter 4/4/04

Dear Prayer Partner,

Our Great God is opening for us many new doors and yoking us up with many new ministry teams. These are exciting times of Harvest for our Lord in Baja ... for the harvest is certainly ripe, and the amount of laborers and tools both in Word and Deed are growing to accomplish the task.

I perceive that God is honing this Vanguard Prayer Team along with us to be like a Breaker Ministry that breaks off yokes of captivity, poverty, spiritual resistance and principalities (Isa 58:6) and the other chains that are oppressing them and holding many back from running into the arms our King. Step by step He is teaching us many things. I believe He has been shaping us through prayer, word and deed to be a Cutting Edge Vanguard in HIM > that cuts into the hearts of multitudes so they may grow into relationship with Jesus and be established upon a strong Biblical Foundation.

Following my letter I've enclosed a Poetic Prayer I finished today entitled: The Vanguard Cutting Edge>. As you have opportunity, please read through it and pray for all of our families and us that we will be Holy Spirit enabled to penetrate and reach whole communities.

This is a busy week of ministry. Please pray for Hector Rubio, Cheryl Walker, Salim Barraza, Chuy Gomez, Alvin Morales, Manuel Jimenez and their families and the groups and teams that are listed and engaged in ministry this week.

Gordon Kelly and Kimberly Joy Dumphy have a team from Kings Elementary School Seattle, WA, 4/2-5, building 2 houses and 1 latrine and doing children's ministry.

Pastor Paul Gendron has a large team from First Presbyterian Church of Visalia, CA-- 4/4-10, building 4 houses in a new community of Hermosa and doing 5 VBS's daily in 5 locations, two worship services in two churches, and other outreach ministry.

Pastor Kurt Johnston and Tammy Glossip have a team from Saddleback Community Church of Lake Forest 4/ 5-7, to build a classroom and then again on 4/12-15 to build the second classroom. They will also be bringing some copies of the Purpose Driven Life in Spanish to present to the teachers and leaders and other students of that JR/High School, and library built next to it by Irvine Presbyterian, in Vista de Valle. They will also be doing VBS's daily and ministering to flood victims who are desperate and just relocated in El Nino.

Pastor Kory Heal and his team from Tehachapi Church of the Nazarene, Tehachapi, CA—4/5-9 is building 2 houses and engaging in other forms of ministry.

Steve Perry and Martin Brower and team are bringing in huge amounts of food to bring to flood victims in El Nino. He is also bringing in 250 copies of the Purpose Driven Life

book in Spanish to get to 5 of our pastors in five churches to further launch this discipleship program.

Mandy Bennett and Cole Beashore of Mariners Church of Irvine, CA are leading a huge team to build 6 houses and do much ministry and food distribution to flood victims in El Nino.

Please pray protection, blessing and fullness of His joy, peace, and love on all these teams and their families and the people they are ministering to. Please pray that all the funds will flow in on time and that all the logistics come together and that many are saved, encouraged and built up to the glory of our King. Thanks for you precious prayers!

With Gratitude, Bob Sanders--Poetic prayer follows->

The Vanguard Cutting Edge >

(Micah 2:13, Isa 41:15-20, Isa 42:13-16, Isa 52:12)

While pressing through the fierce abrasive winds
 Sandblasted often by the vexation of sin
As hyenas echo the irritation of taunting accusation
 Scorpions are stinging in the desert of hurt
 Yet Lord, in Your incomprehensible loving care
You positioned us to weather abrasive wear and tear
Pressed beyond thresholds we weren't willing to bear
 Stressed more often than truly refreshed
 As our inner wiring and spiritual skin---
seemed much to thin to weather the thick and thin
 Yet in the midst of this intense grind
 You execute the good plan You have in Mind
For You are always there and You deeply care
You are sandblasting to refine the spirit of our mind
 To forge in us Your Holy Spirit Cutting Edge
To slash through spiritual resistance as a threshing sledge
Smelted and molded in the Resilience of Your Presence
As You, in Your Love are making all things new
That we may now victoriously break on through
For You are honing us to be a Breaker Ministry
 To penetrate and reach whole communities
 To break off and bind the spiritual principalities
 Over poor communities
As You, our King, and Your Holy Spirit Anointing
 Teaches us these things
 So we may move even more effectively
 To break off yokes of poverty
 To sever chains of captivity
 To proclaim Your liberty

With triumphant victory
As we invite multitudes into Your intimacy
Trusting that Your Love will prevail
To remove each blinding veil
to revelation and inspiration
To breakthrough and press on to reach the nations
You, our King and Majestic Lord go forth before
As a Mighty Warrior
To transform victims to victors
As we follow You in Your Vanguard Armor
Oh Great God of Peace and Mighty Savior
You are crushing satan under our feet
You route and counter his attempts to bring us defeat
When under attack
You guard our back
And Cover us Under the Shadow of Your Wings
As You embrace us in Your Everlasting Arms beneath
In this secret place You keep us in safety
Shielded within Your Protective Shell
And encamping us with legions of flaming angels
While sojourning through these fiery trials of hell
You cool us with Living Waters from Your Refreshing Wells

Through the Desert... You compass us through the fray...
Faithfully Cutting the Way--
To Your Well Watered Oasis flourishing with stately palms
to shade, refresh and heal
as you treat our desert wounds with Your healing balm
In the desert You dry up our self will
To create in us a deep thirst for Your Will
So that in due time You will open in us the wells that are sealed
and turn our inner deserts into fruitful fields
You are renewing us within
And forging in us nerves of steel
Out of Your metal of love, power and discipline
Coupled in Holy Spirit Persistence
to break fleshly and demonic resistance
You inwardly armor, buffer, and insulate
By forging Holy Spirit resilience within
Though You're not often early, You're never late

Though squeezed by the pressures of spiritual war---
In Your Spirit we shall stand as joint-heirs and victors
In the Living and Active Power of Your Two Edged Sword
We press forward in the Strength of our Lord
To strike and bind up each demonic oppressor

Through Your unction our King and Director
As a Breaker Moving in the Might of His Maker
Securely Protected within His Heavenly Hedge
Set to Cut-God Pleasing-Edge
As A Threshing Sledge
With enthusiasm, focus, and discipline
To be wholly living and fully given
To be Holy Spirit Purpose Driven
Mighty King, as Your army we look to You
For each and every heavenly break through!

Bob Sanders 4/4/04

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