

Baja Bob's Harvest Report and Prayer Letter 4/6/05

Dear Prayer Partner,

There are so many exciting things happening through the ministry at this time. Our King Who is so awesome is moving mightily! Never has it been so fun serving Him. I could never thank you enough for the powerful prayers that you are offering up in behalf of this ministry and our families which are having such a powerful effect. May God reward you richly now and forever for this great kindness. Blessings in abundance are flowing and many are getting saved. I desire very much to share the many good things that have been happening just over the last week, but my time is limited right now before driving to the border this morning... but I hope to bring this report to you soon!

However I do want to ask you to please pray blessing, protection, and fullness of joy on our many teams and hundreds of laborers going into the Baja harvest over this next two weeks. Also we have very exciting news regarding the generosity and graciousness of the Newsboys and their management and Spirit West Coast and their management!

Please pray for the following requests:

Peter Furler, The Newsboys, Spirit West Coast, and Baja Christian Ministries: On this upcoming Memorial Day Weekend, May 27-29 there will be more than 35 Christian bands playing at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, just north of San Diego at a festival called Spirit West Coast. Attendance is expected to be between 15,000-17,000. Please see Spirit West Coast website: <http://spiritwestcoast.org/index.php>

The Newsboys are the featured band of this huge festival which also has many well known Christian speakers and comedians etc. On Saturday evening, May 28th the **Newsboys** will perform at 8:30 PM in the main stadium. Before that, between 4:30-6:30—**Peter Furler**, the lead man of the Newsboys, will be our keynote speaker at a fundraising banquet for our ministry right there at Spirit West Coast in their largest banquet room which seats 300 people. I can't tell you how huge this is for our ministry and how much we need your prayers and your participation. We need you to be with us there in full support if possible. I'll give you more details soon. Please pray mighty blessing, protection and fullness of joy on Peter Furler, Wes Campbell, Dave Wagner, Steve Campbell, the Newsboys and families. Also please pray the same on Jon Robberson and Dave Martinez of Spirit West Coast who are doing some amazing things and cutting us some deals to really help make this a great success for our ministry which will really help greatly towards building momentum, mobilizing. and raising resources to help us achieve our goal of reaching one million souls for Jesus Christ and building 10,000 houses in the next 20 years in Baja CA, Mexico. For now, until I get more info to you next week please pray and please consider joining us for the full day, Saturday, May 28th and especially for our banquet between 4:30-6:30 and for the Newsboys concert that follows.

Please Cover these Current Baja Teams in Prayer:

Pastor Tony Miller and Pastor Jeff Keith of the Newport Mesa Christian Center, Newport Mesa, CA are bringing a large team today 4/6-10 to build a house, do evangelism, and other ministry.

Group leader Al Day and Pastor Larry Thorson of Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano, Texas are bringing in a team today 4/6-10 to build a house and do evangelism, distribute food and outreach.

Group leader Bethany Ramsey and Pastor Jeff Maguire of Mariners Church, Irvine, CA are bringing in a huge team of 150-200 people tonight 4/7-10 to build 8 houses, do evangelism, and food distribution.

Pastor Matt Hall, Don Thompson, and Allison Hubbard of Saddleback Church of Lake Forest, CA are bringing a large team 4/11-13 to build a house, finish school building and do outreach.

Pastor Eric Smith of Irvine Presbyterian Church of Irvine CA is bringing a large team 4/14-17 to build two houses and do outreach.

Pastor Don and Susie Steffler and Michael Coelho of Yorba Linda Friends Church of Yorba Linda, CA are bringing a large team 4/15-17 to build two houses and do outreach.

Group leader Bruce Beardswood of Gateway Community Church of Chino, CA is bringing a large team 4/15-17 to build two houses and do outreach.

Group leader Russ Martin of the Grove Church of Riverside, CA is bringing a large team 4/16-17 to build two houses and do outreach.

My extended family on my side led by Gary and Eileen Winger is bringing a large team, and I can say that because I have 8 sisters, and all but 1 married, and my Mom and Dad have 34 grandchildren and three great children and from this large tribe a fair amount will be coming down to build a house and do outreach on 4/16-17.

As you can see we have a full schedule of house building, evangelism and outreach. Then it starts all over again the following week with some very large groups. Please keep all of us in your prayers for His wonderful protection, blessing and fullness of joy in our lives. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will move powerfully in our midst and that many will be saved, encouraged, blessed, healed, disciplined, and restored.

In closing...I wanted to say that I am excited about the new beginnings, the growth, the fruitfulness, and the new joy that God is bringing to us, but my prayer is that no matter how busy it gets that we will always put first things first. I've enclosed a devotional poem, a meditation piece, that I wanted to share with you. It's entitled---"First Things First" I hope it serves as an encouragement to you! May God bless you richly!

With gratitude, Bob Sanders—poem follows→

First Things First

(Luke 10:38-42, Isa 60:5, Jer 2:13, Ps 16:8, Rev 2:4-5, Ps 16:11)

What could possibly be worse...
Than Missing the Greatest Promise in Scripture Verse?
What could be a Greater Crime-
than holding back-
not making the time-
to Seek Him First?
Why would we forsake our own mercy
and expose ourselves to such a foolish curse
by not putting Him first?
It would be insanity to prefer this world system
or even the urgency of our schedules...
more than Him--
The Majestic King of the Entire Universe!
It would be insane to neglect the one needful thing-
our opportunity to spend quality time with the King of all kings!
ever returning and learning
rejoicing, laughing, praising
sitting joyfully, as a child, at His feet
adjusting every incorrect attitude
to open our heart to much fuller gratitude
loving Him more than anything
Making Him Number One Priority
fixing heart and mind on things above
choosing Him to be our First and Dearest Love
taking nothing for granted
finding Him more precious than anything
Always returning back to square one
bowing the knee gladly
loving Him sweetly, as if this love had just begun
Not ever bored in the things of the Lord
diligently seeking, richly enjoying His rich reward
with love...not getting old or growing cold
but ever becoming fresh and new...
as we daily grow more in love with You
Establishing First Things First
getting affectionately immersed...
In the rich promises of Scripture Verse
and in the Joy of Your Presence
Looking to You...
King Jesus... Faithful and True

Author and Finisher
Inventor, Designer, Instruction Book Writer
The One True Lover and Healer...
the Only One Who really knows what makes me tick
the Only One Who can heal me when my heart is sick
Creator of Unadulterated Pleasure and Endless Treasure
Sweet Fountain of all Blessing
Generous King of Every Good Thing
I ask You please...
Continually inspire my mind and empower my heart
to faithfully pursue the better part
the One Needful Thing
the quest of abiding and enjoying Your rest
through the endless re-filling of life at Your Feet...

Holy Spirit Comforter and Helper...
Holy Spirit Anointing
Who teaches us all things
Comfort me, Help me, Teach me...

I lift to You this desired prayer...
Please...I ask You in Your Tender Care
to Enlighten me now
to Teach me how
Please... don't delay
Unveil to me Your Narrow Way
to the Fountain of Joy in Your Secret Place
Uncap Your Unfailing Springs within me
Your River of Life residing in those who believe
to exuberantly spring up into Life Abundantly!
My King I ask You this One thing
hold not back from me
the deep pleasure of worshipping You wholeheartedly
Sweet Majestic King of the Universe
cause me to adjust my priorities
cause me to put first things first
to always set You before me
captivate me continually
To always put You first

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