

Baja Prayer Letter 4/19/03

Dear Prayer Partner,

We are in a Most Exciting Time in our Ministry. Our Father is orchestrating and opening many new opportunities and bringing rich blessing to and through this ministry. Our God is so Good and Kind and His Word and Spirit is so Powerfully Living and Active!

In the last couple of weeks 9 homes were Skillfully, Joyfully, and Compassionately built. Dennis Brenkenridge and Chris Falletta led a team from Foothill Vineyard, San Dimas to build one house and one latrine. Tom Dunn who founded this church was the first pastor I ever brought to Mexico some 18 years ago.

Pastor Mike Kenyon and his team from Irvine Presbyterian of Irvine built 2 houses. Mike's wife had a baby girl so his time was limited with his team this time. Two beautiful homes were built and much ministry went forth. Bill Stafferi, Ceasar Ruiz and Greg Keenen of First Baptist Church of Fountain Valley built another house. This Church goes way back with us when our Chairman Gary Sterling introduced this wonderful Church to us through a former ministry I had years ago. Caesar was in high school when he spent a month with my sister Rita and brother-in-law Steve and family at the ranch in Tecate. Now Caesar is about 6'2 a full grown adult and still hitting those mission fields in Baja. Diane Philips and Robert Philips brought a team from their foster care in Redding CA to serve and bless many and to dry wall some of Pastor Chuy Gomez house.

Last Thursday Cheryl Walker, Pastor Chuy, Hector Rubio (who drives very well in deeply creviced, slippery, clayish mud) and I drove up through the rain and mud and witnessed Pastor David Ricketts and his teams from Solana Beach Presbyterian Church and Pastor Paul Gendron of Ist Presbyterian Church of Visalia lovingly building 5 houses and latrines. Hector Rubio amazingly got us up the hill through the mud to where Pastor Paul was building. Together we shared the gospel of Jesus and their whole experience with the couple who received the home and three other Mexican adult neighbors. As I reflect on it now and recalled to memory the grateful, extremely encouraged, tear-filled eyes of this Mexican woman who God loves very much, I was realized again what this is all about! During the outreaches over the last two weeks houses were built, but also lives were built through God's Holy Spirit in both giver and recipient as salvation, encouragement and restoration flowed forth.

The dear brother Warren Duffy, who has been so good to this ministry and to me personally, has the largest Christian Radio Talk Show in the Country. He has invited me again as a guest on his live program this upcoming Tuesday April 22nd. I will air in late afternoon between 4:45-5:30 pm. If you are in Southern California I'd love to have you tune in. The channel is 99.5 FM-KKLA- Duffy and Company--Live From LA. Perhaps you have someone you would like to know about this ministry; please let them know about this broadcast. I will be giving an update and articulation of BCM.

We all know as Christians that the Death and Resurrection is the most significant event in History. Not only does it save us when we believe and trust in Jesus through this Reality from the penalty of sin, and open the way to heaven for us, it also was necessary in order to receive the Promised Holy Spirit to be given to those who put their trust in Jesus Christ. I wrote a Poetic Devotional Prayer entitled-"Holy Spirit I Desire More of You" I hope you'll take the time to read through it devotionally and reflect on the Precious Blessing God has given us through Jesus and the gift of His Holy Spirit. This poem follows the prayer requests. Please pray for a greater and deeper infilling of His Precious Holy Sprit in all of our lives.

Please lift the following requests up in prayer:

1) Pastor Billy Ford is bringing a team from the First Baptist of Arcata CA 4/20-24 to build a house and engage in various forms of evangelism and outreach. His parents Clay and Cheri Ford were pastors to my family, myself and to Cheryl Walker years ago at Bethel Christian Fellowship in Chino, CA before they took the new assignment in Arcata. Cheryl Walker, Jimmy Jimenez and myself are joining them this coming Monday to meet up with them, Hector and Marcos. We plan to do some house-to-house evangelism and visitation. Pray for Divine appointments and empowerment of the Holy Spirit as we reach out to bring the gospel of salvation and encouragement to many. Also pray blessing and protection upon this group.

2) Please pray for Holy Spirit empowerment and inspiration upon Duffy and I as we speak the things the Lord would have us speak on the radio program this coming Tuesday afternoon 4/22. Pray that many will be stirred (Heb 10:24-25) Please pray blessing upon them.

3) Pastor Larry Thorson, Al Day, Richard Berger, Mary Webber, and Rodney Scott are bringing a mixed team from Grace Presbyterian Church in Plano Texas 4/24-27 to build a house and to engage in house to house evangelism and food distribution along with myself and Eric Brockhoff. Please pray for protection, blessing, many divine appointments, many salvations and much encouragement upon all.

4) Janet Young a faithful prayer partner and friend is leading a team with her husband Dan from the Rotary Club of La Verne along with Joe and Laurie Watson to build a house and a latrine. Janet's husband hasn't yet said yes to a relationship with Jesus. Pray that this trip be the time that he and many Rotarians receive a revelation of God's wonderful love for them in Jesus. Pray protection and blessing upon this group. Also, Melissa Daly is bringing a team from New Hope Church, of Chino to do some specific projects, Dave Mc Clellan of the Grove Church of Riverside and Jon Howard of the Lutheran High School of Anaheim to do some specific projects. Please pray for blessing and protection upon all.

5) The following weekend May 1-4 is a huge weekend which I will share in more detail next newsletter. Ian Stevenson is bringing teams to build 6 houses, Jon Hall, of Canyon Hills Church, 4 houses, Dave Smith, 1st Baptist of Sunland, 2 houses and 1 latrine, Bruce Beardwood of Gateway Community Church of Chino, 1 house, Mike Frabotta who owns Unlimited Steel and Mike Coehelo of Yorba Linda Friends Church to build 2 houses. Mike Coehelo, who is one of the most enthusiastic exhorters I have ever met, is also bringing a friend who is a professional in the Christian Film industry who is going to video our work, pay for, and put a new updated video together for our ministry. Also my long time friend Ken Henderson and his wife Solveig who have an International Evangelism, Music and Networking ministry. They also film outreach ministries like the Dream Center in Los Angeles and others that hit the streets and marketplace for Jesus. They film them to be aired on Trinity Broadcasting on a program called "Behind the Scenes". They are bringing a film crew to film our ministry to be shown on Christian television. Also our Board Member, David Bower is doing an excellent job upgrading and keeping our BCM website fresh and effective. Please keep Dave and his wife Marian in your prayers. Please keep Cheryl, Hector, Marcos, myself and others in your prayers for the logistics and orchestration and all these things. Thank you very much for your precious prayers. May God Bless you! With Gratitude, Bob Sanders-Poem follows--->

Holy Spirit I Desire More of You

(Luke 11:11-13, Luke 3:16, Psalm 36:8-9, Jo 7:38-39, Psalms 16:11, Psalm 114:8, 1Sam 30:6)

If we asked our earthly fathers
For a fish, an egg, or a piece of bread
Even though sinful, would they rather-
Give us a scorpion, snake, or stone instead?
They Would Not!
It wouldn't even enter their thoughts.
How much more
Will Our Father in Heaven Who is Completely Good
Give to us His Most Precious Gift of All as He said He Would
His Promised Holy Spirit
Accessed Freely, Thanks to our Risen King Jesus
Who Cleared the Way and Now Freely Gives Us
Through- Faith-Filled Desire
His Promised Baptism of Holy Spirit and Fire
His Precious Pearl of Great Price
Sent to Empower and Raise us up out of our Horrible Mire
Into His Glorious Realm and Thoughts which are So Much Higher
Graciously Given to all who Ask and Believe
Every Thirsty Soul Shall Richly Receive
And Not be Deceived
For God's Spirit of Truth Abides in His Children Indeed
To Guard them with His Holy Jealousy
When we Believe--
Our Loving Father Longs for us to Richly Receive
So Father, please prime our heart pump
So Your River of Living Water will Flow Out Exuberantly
From our Innermost Being
Make us Thirsty And Satisfy us Abundantly
Fill us with Desire to Ignite Holy Spirit Fire to Love You Passionately
For we Desire Your Greatest Pleasure that can be Found on this Earth
The Full Experience of Loving You God through Passionately Seeking You First
Holy Spirit, Create in us a Deep Hunger and Thirst
To Dwell in the Fullness of Your Love and Be Fully Immersed
Father I Ask You Please
Immerse me, Saturate me, Baptize me
In Your Holy Spirit Who I so Desperately Need
I Ask You Please
For the Fullness of God to Both Dwell in me
And To Be Poured Out on me Abundantly

Give to me all You have for me
Holy Spirit Without Measure
Fill my Heart Cup to Overflow From Your River of Pleasure
Satisfy my Life With Your Abundant Treasure
Holy Spirit Helper- Help me
To Seek You With my Whole Heart Diligently
Holy Spirit Comforter, Comfort me
Deeply and Intimately
Spirit of Truth Guide me
Into all Truth Graciously
Holy Spirit Anointing Who Teaches me all Things
Teach me, Refresh me, Renew me
Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation
Enlighten my Inner Eyes with Fresh Inspiration
Keep My Mind and Heart Free from Distractions
Stimulate my Inner Man through Comforting Divine Interaction
Grow me in Your Rich Reward
Of Knowing how to Encourage myself in the Lord
Holy Spirit I desire more of Thee
I Long to Know You Intimately
I Desire to Drink from You Deeply
Teach me to Draw Joyfully
From Your Wells of Salvation that Dwell in Me
Father, It's Your Good and Perfect Will
To Fill and Refill
With Your Holy Presence to Be Known and to Feel
To Make Your Manifest Presence in us Very Real
Father Consume me with Seekers Zeal
Position me to Break Through
To Find You and be Renewed
For Holy Spirit I long For More of You
Let not Pride be a hard rock that dams and blocks
Presence of God turn the rock into Water
Release us from Chains of Fruitless Tradition that Locks us in
From Fully Enjoying Your Presence within
Holy Spirit Help us to Press in to Your Presence to be Fully Tapped
Guard us from Resisting, Quenching, or Keeping Your Sweet Water Capped
Deliver us from the inferior pleasures of sin
To Fully Tap and Enjoy the Superior Pleasure of Your Presence Within
In This Vital Pursuit of You Dry up Currents of Doubt and Laziness
And Infill me with Your Dynamic Currents of Faith and Diligence
For Your Loving Presence I Desperately Long to Fully Tap
Sweet Holy Spirit, I Diligently and Passionately Ask
That I may Now and Forever Always Bask
In Your Presence of Joy and Pleasures forevermore
Amongst the Treasures of Your House that You Have in Store

More than Anything, to Long for You More and To Love You More!

By Bob Sanders