

## **Baja Christian Ministries Update and Prayer Letter 7/31/03**

**Dear Prayer Partner,**

We continue to persevere in the spiritual race God has set before us, sometimes fast, sometimes not so fast. Your fortifying, faithful prayers have helped us greatly and are highly valued and much appreciated! Thank You!

From the beginning, Isaiah 58 service to the poor has had powerful significance in the formation of the vision and role of this ministry. Also in time, Acts 20:20 house to house and open air evangelism, teaching, encouragement and prayer and the 2Cor 1:10-11 vanguard prayer covering (that thankfully you are providing) has largely shaped the fruit production of this ministry as well; Yet equally important has been the calling in Hebrews 10:24-25 which exhorts us (in the context of our assembling together as believers) "to consider how to spur one another into love and good deeds...and also to encourage one another as we see the day of the Lord approaching."

Coming against strong spiritual resistance in our journey via the world, our own flesh, and from the demonic realm makes this role stated in Heb 10:24-25 extremely vital in aiding us all to finish the course set before us. In the blast of this battle, it's natural to seek a comfort zone and want to build our life around it, for we are, as the saying goes, "creatures of comfort". The status quo pursuit is that comfort zone for some, for others it's something else. Yet we have the Great Commission before us! How do we respond? This insightful quote comes to mind-"A Harbor is a Safe Place for a Ship, but that's not what ships were built for" As believers God has been building us to run the course and honing us to finish well. And right in the middle of this course we find Jesus' Great Commission! What do we do? Certainly, we pursue! Yet in that pursuit, we all need appropriate encouragement and to be spurred and stirred at times to continue on that we may finish well." Following the prayer requests, I've enclosed a rewrite from a series of poetic exhortations I penned entitled "Spur of the Moment". I hope it serves as an encouragement to you as you press on to run that course set before you (Heb 12:1-2). Along those lines, it was so encouraging to receive an email and call from Anthony Walton, Senior Pastor of "The Rock Church of Wellington, New Zealand. He stated that he was planning to come in December with a team from New Zealand to build 2-3 houses and minister in various ways. It's so encouraging that God brings teams from throughout the United States to minister in these ripe Baja Fields and also teams from overseas. How encouraging that is!

**Please lift the following requests in prayer:**

1) A couple of weeks ago Pastor Bill Steinbauer brought a team from University Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska to build a home and minister. Now from August 2-8, Sue Rockenbach from Messiah Lutheran Church of Eagle, Nebraska is bringing a team to build 3 houses and latrines and to minister in various ways. On the same weekend, David and Laura Boyd and a team from Irvine Presbyterian Church, Irvine, CA are bringing a team to pass out backpacks, school supplies, school uniforms, shoes and scholarships from monies they have raised, allowing 169 kids to be sponsored to go to public school in El Nino and Vista del Valle. Also this Saturday, Rob and Carolyn Covell are bringing a team from Flipside Church in Alta Loma, CA to do the work of evangelism in El Nino and Vista del Valle and to distribute food, and Rick Owens is bringing a team from Sutter Creek, CA to build their first house. Please lift these members and groups in prayer for protection, blessing, Holy Spirit empowerment and fullness of joy in His Presence.

2) The next weekend, Aug 7-9, Randy and Debbie Fain and Pastor Forrest Short are bringing a team to build a house and reach out in His love. Joe Ross and his team from Solana Beach Presbyterian Church will be building a home and a latrine as well. Ken and Solveig Henderson,

founders of Soldiers for Jesus are bringing members from their team and from the Dream Center in Los Angeles and will be ministering and filming a piece for a TBN television program that shall make others aware of this ministry opportunity. Also that weekend, Pastor Andy Yonas and Pastor Ralph Villa plan on bringing a team from Echo's of Faith Church in Ontario to reach out in evangelism and ministry. Please pray that all the logistics on both sides of the border and at the border, come together and that all things click into place according to God's Will.

3) August 14-17 Ben Palm from Westgate Church of Capitola, CA is bringing a team to build a house. The same weekend, Board member, Howard Hahn is bringing a team from Orange County Chinese Evangelical Church of Irvine, CA to build 2 houses and minister in evangelism and other ways. That Saturday, Steve and Terry Skolos are bringing a team from Vineyard Community Church of Laguna Niguel, CA to do evangelism, prayer, and food distribution in Terrazas. On August 22-25, Pastor Matt Doan and Pastor Tim Nellis are bringing a team from Calvary Church, Santa Ana, CA to build a house and minister in various ways. Then on August 24-27, Curtis and Michelle Drever and teams from Irvine Presbyterian Church of Irvine, CA will be building 2 houses and a library in the Vista del Valle school yard and reaching out in many ways. Please pray for all these teams and leaders and many logistics that need to be pulled together through God's grace and provision. Also lift Hector Rubio, Cheryl Walker, Marcos Fraser, myself and the many pastors and leaders that are facilitating these outreaches. Please pray for Sweet Holy Spirit empowerment and refreshment.

4) Brandon Dickerson of Spiral Films and board member, Michael Coehlo have been putting together a CD/Video featuring BCM and the opportunity to serve. It should be complete any day now. Pray that final details will be wrapped up and that these CD's will be circulated massively. Pray that many will be willing to "build in the multiplier" by sending them to friends, family, Churches, mission boards via e-mail attachment or by mail to make many aware of this opportunity to serve the poor in the ripe harvest fields of Baja, Mexico. Thanks for your prayers and blessings!

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

# Spur of the Moment

(Hebrews 10:24-25, Isaiah 32:8, 1Cor 14:8, 2Tim 4:2, Eph 2:10)

By Bob Sanders

We Thank God we are in Kingdom Covenant  
Set apart to be Father, Son and Holy Spirit Sent  
Therefore, Let Love and Passion for Jesus Consume us!  
Let Holy Spirit Fire Enflame Holy Sparks within us--  
to be Glowing Torches Shining forth His Kingdom Focus!  
Heaven's Ambassadors sent as the King's Agents  
Eager and Fervent to be Willing Servants  
Free to be Spontaneous in Jesus  
As Anointed "Spurs of the Moment"  
Not as a Nuisance, but as a Sharp Stimulating Agent  
Instant in season and out of season  
Heeding the Voice of the Holy One  
Purposely Pro-Active  
Earnest to Live and Eager to Give...  
Exhorting, Stirring, Connecting, Prodding--

Spurring one another into Love and Good Deeds  
Downscaling Temporal Priorities  
Up-Scaling Divine Opportunities  
Divinely Connected to Heavens Priorities  
Seeking the Will of our King  
Grateful to Follow His Lead--  
To Meet Prearranged Spiritual and Physical Needs  
Considering and Discovering How to Stimulate One Another  
Into Love and Good Deeds  
Choosing to Gladly Assist in meeting Human Needs  
And to Give a Barnabas Hand Up to Help God Given Dreams Succeed  
Overcoming What is Selfish to Serve our King we Cherish  
Spurring our Stubborn Flesh to Transform into Willing Spirit--  
Exhorting and Honing into Focus to Precisely Hit  
Our Father's Pre-Arranged Target--  
Of Doing what He Prepared in Advance for us to Do  
Exhorting one another to Persevere and Not Quit!  
Eager to Fulfill the God Given Role--  
To Spur and to Stir...  
To Encourage, to Motivate, to Activate Souls  
To Align ourselves with Christ's Highest Goal  
His Heavenly Vision...Completion of His Great Commission  
To Reach Every Tribe, Tongue and Nation  
Through Unified Body of Christ Cooperation  
Through Prayer and Evangelism, Networking, and Cross Pollination  
Weaved as an Mended Net to Perfect the Ministry of Reconciliation  
Rooted Deeply in Jesus the Unfailing Artesian Spring  
so we may draw abundantly and bring  
the Well watered Garden of Discipleship Multiplication  
into our spirit and souls to ripple out and flow to Every Nation  
Through Whole Body Integration and Irrigation  
That Reconciles His Bride to the Bridegrooms Side  
Strongly Remembering the Poor so They're Forgotten No More  
Unselfishly Meeting Spiritual and Material Need  
Bearing Fruit which Contains Christ's Incorruptible Seed  
Within our Words and Deeds  
To Be Planted and Watered by Servants Eager to Take Heed  
To our Saviors Lead  
to Seek First the Glory of our King,  
to Spend Quality, Delightful, First Love Time, At His Feet  
and to Give out from this Rich Holy Spirit Flow  
to Stir ourselves and others to Spontaneously Go  
to Walk Out God's Prearranged Love and Good Deeds!  
Not just good causes or humanitarian deeds...  
Rather Vine/branch union that gives us Holy Spirit Speed  
to Run the Course of God Given Dreams  
Aligned with His Kingdom Come, His Will to be Done  
By willing ones  
Committed to Seek and Glorify His Eternal Son,  
Redeemers of the Time and Multiplying Agents  
Faithfully Serving as Spurs of the Moment  
Choosing to Go Flipside as did the Early Church--  
"Turning the World Upside Down"  
Refusing to Bury God-Given Talents in the Ground,  
Eagerly Investing them so Good Fruit will Abound  
Ready...To Stir God's Well-Equipped Army in the Pews

Into the Honorable Exploits that He has Commissioned us to do  
Noble Ones who Love Noble Deeds and Kingdom Outreach  
Who Seek to Ride the Waves Rather than Atrophy on the Beach  
Noble Builders who Desire to Firmly Stand  
for Building only According to Heavenly Plans  
Refusing to Turn His Glory to Shame--  
By Sidelining Themselves or Refusing to Enter the Only Necessary Game--  
The Eternal Course, the Glorious Race of God's Kingdom to Proclaim  
Ready to Exercise Love and Good Deeds to Glorify His Name  
Knowing That When All is Said and Done, and Past  
Only What is Done through Christ will Last!  
Never Content to just look at the back of each others head  
Set Rather to encourage and stir up one another instead  
Into Wholehearted Congruence  
To be a Sweet Fragrance and a Multiplying Influence  
Never Tiring of Building in the Multiplier  
Glad to Connect, Intersect, Project, and Reflect  
Anticipating that His Spirit Wave shall Cause a Rippling Domino Effect  
That Flows from Christ our Rock  
to Break Down the Dikes to Over Flow Abundantly Outside the Box  
To Water the Nations through Anointed Water Carriers of His Salvation  
Holy Rivers of Living Water Prime and Irrigate us to Go...  
and to Not Hold Back Your Flow  
Holy Spirit, Ignite in us hearts fervent to be willing servants  
Inspire, Empower and Move us to be Spurs of the Moment!  
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