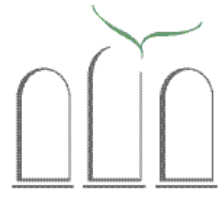


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MEXICO HOUSEBUILDING PROJECT 2010, APRIL 10-17

WHY DO WE KEEP GOING BACK?

We love building homes for the poor in Mexico. We love Amor Ministries! Amor meets the tangible needs of the poor as a vehicle to share the love of Jesus with families and keep them together. They do this by providing homes, as well as food, clothing, backpacks filled with school supplies, Christmas presents, winter relief items like blankets and jackets, and water filters. The Amor mission trip consists of a house building project, outreach opportunities, and an open door for local pastors to teach the families about Jesus.

Amor believes in working with local pastors that live and serve in the communities we build in. Pastors of local congregations provide Amor with an awareness of the spiritual, social, cultural and economic realities that influence their communities. These pastors locate and evaluate potential Amor home recipients and help prioritize the placement of Amor mission trip participants. Once we leave Mexico, these pastors will continue to visit the families we have served, building a relationship to teach them about the love of Christ. The local pastors are the Amor Ministry Planning Board, whether in Mexico, South Africa, or the United States.

For the SFC team members, this one week trip really changes lives and bring us closer to our creator. Here are a few testimonies from some of our past trip participants:

This trip is about dirt and dust, cuts and bruises, hard work, and one of the most divine times in any given year. New friendships were made, existing friendships deepened, wonderful memories are now owned, and great worship times were experienced. The uniqueness of 204 people with the single goal of building twelve rough but treasured homes for the dear people of Tijuana made this trip one big God sighting! The faces of the families receiving these houses is never forgotten.

-Kirt Priest

In Mexico everyone is loving, patient and always encouraging. During this trip I was blown away by how everyone acts more like Christ but I am wondering why this transformation seems to only last a week. Even at church, in our nice Christian bubble, people still can be impatient and judgmental. Since I have seen this transformation I guess Mexico has challenged me to continue to be loving, patient, and more encouraging.

-Emma Cherniss

This year's trip will take place April 10-17. We invite you to come with us and see what God will do in just one week. And don't miss our fundraiser on March 7. A Mexico Celebración Lunch and Live Auction will be held from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Tickets (\$25) are available online or in the church office. Special kids' lunch tickets (\$1) are also available.

SUPPORT STUDENT MINISTRY!

Join e-Scrip on-line now and support us as we reach out to 6th through 12th grade teens. This program will cost YOU nothing, except a little time to go on-line and register your grocery cards, Macy's and other cards of your choice. This program is guaranteed to keep your information protected. Did you know if you are already an e-Scrip member, you are able to share funds with THREE different organizations. If you are going to be a NEW e-Scrip member, simply visit: www.groups.escrip.com and enter the Saratoga Federated Church ID number 500023437. You will be guided through the registration process. Funds will be forwarded from different merchants directly to our Saratoga Federated Church Student Ministry account. What an easy way to provide much needed scholarship funds for camps and other special programs. Questions? Contact Melinda Chase (867-3041) or Betsy Strong 379-6972.

IMPLEMENTING A NEW FIVE-YEAR VISION

We have a team that worked for over a year putting a new five-year vision into words and concepts that we can use to shape our ministry at SFC. You might wonder what that means and how it works. The pastoral staff took a careful look at the Five-Year Vision and came up with a theme and related goals for the current year. Our theme for this year is: Close to the Fire: Igniting Spirit-Filled Communities. Together the Worship & Congregational Life team and Staff applied these ideas to “Christmas in Saratoga” in 2009. After seeing our practical application, Our Council of Elders asked us to share this with you. Here’s a brief snapshot of the goals and how we connected our actions to them during the “Christmas in Saratoga” event:

Goal: *Grow Specific Communities*

Peer-Specific – Celebration Choir & Orchestra, Youth Christmas Company, Kids Choir

Interest-Specific – Handbells, Set Construction & Decoration, Drama, Technical Team

Goal: *Impart Community*

“Not about us” philosophy, focus on working as a whole team, joint rehearsals, prayer with entire cast & crew, snacking together

Goal: *Expand Community (within Silicon Valley)*

Teach Evangelism/Outreach - The stated purpose of “Christmas in Saratoga” is to create an atmosphere where SFC folks feel comfortable inviting their friends and neighbors to a non-threatening presentation of Jesus’ story. At “Christmas in September” we created a child-like prayer chain to encourage us to think and pray in terms of specific people in our sphere of life and influence that we might invite to a holiday event – “Christmas in Saratoga,” Christmas Eve, or something else that could open a conversation door on the topic of faith.

Create and optimize hospitable space - We set the stage and prepared our performance space to be welcoming and festive with excellence. Expanding this year’s event to include coffee and cookies in the courtyard following the performance allowed for connecting, beginning and building relationships.

Improve and expand publicity and public relations
- The outdoor banners, posters around town, personal letter and invitation to those who filled out a guest registry card last year and flyers available for all to use as invitations, took this community event beyond our doors. Including all ages in the cast broadened the base of our audience, because parents, grandparents, etc. wanted to come and see what their kids and friends were doing.

Community events as pathways (in and out) - “Christmas in Saratoga” was intended to be, and was advertised in our local papers as, an event that welcomed the community.

Goal: *Increase Spirit-filled Living*

Dependence on the Holy Spirit to work through us, and leaving the results to Him, is inherent in the fabric that was woven throughout our preparation and rehearsal process.

The SFC Strategic Staff shouldered responsibility for areas that fell within the parameters of their ministry focus, and supported the “Christmas in Saratoga” effort in the following ways: Arvin (transporting seniors); Jerry (sidewalk signage, allowing our volunteer “Thursday Crew” guys to pitch in); Sally (handled the coffee and cookie reception); Debbie (child care, help with Kids Choir); Tim (greeter, built time into student ministry to recruit students); CJ (played a drama role); and Keith (distributed flyers, encouraged participation). Besides the Strategic Staff, the rest of the church staff and literally hundreds of volunteers worked together to help this program be the community building event that it was. The teamwork was visible and impacting, and God blessed us all in large ways. Thank you to all who participated and who came.



JUST A SHELL

I found myself repeating it often. First to myself, in front of the casket at the viewing and at the funeral. Then to my little nieces through tears as they looked and touched and tried to process the strangeness of the moment and then say goodbye to their daddy. And I repeated it again while ruminating with adults, reeling over this departure that leaves a gaping void.

“It’s just a shell.”

We live in these shells of ours. We cherish the parts and benefits we enjoy. We grumble about the areas that we’d exchange, because they don’t look the way we wish or perform at the level we hope for. But for a while, we’re inseparable from these bodies that animate our souls and personalities. To some degree, the choice of shell affects the inner person, as our self-image gets tied up with our health, mobility and persona. In another sense, there’s so much going on internally that has very little to do with the make or model of the external self.

Scripture is dead honest. “Though outwardly we’re wasting away, inwardly we’re being renewed day by day.” These shells are temporal. Extraordinary, of course, but never made to last. The more honest we can be about this, the better prepared we are for every season of life. And the more committed we’ll be to the renewal of the inner being.

But what to do about these bodies?

First, we honor the body God has given us. We treat it like a temple because it embodies a life made holy by God’s Spirit. We offer grace to the body because it’s really an embassy that houses an ambassador for Christ on behalf of an eternal kingdom. It’s a palace, really, where a child of the King frolics and toils. A healthy level of respect is appropriate.

Second, we offer our bodies as living sacrifices to God. This is the essence of worship and the appropriate response to the gift of life. “Lord, I’m yours, including my spirit’s humble abode.”

Third, we discipline the body so that it works for us and not against us. Paul talks about punishing the body lest it should limit him in any way from accomplishing his life purposes. Disciplines breed freedom and freedom seeds life and joy.

Fourth, we apply our bodies to the task of doing good with all of our strength. God has given us a physical frame like a box of tools, so that touching and speaking and helping and working allow noble instincts to be birthed into noble lives.

Finally, we let go of them. Whether suddenly or gradually, these bodies lose their hold on us and release

us into a spiritual realm that is bigger, better and more permanent than our more familiar reality.

In past generations, when more mothers died in childbirth and fathers died in the factories and children died of the flu—when we dug in the ground and physically labored to eat—people understood their bodies better. Temporary. Useful. God’s invention. Made with purpose. A link in a long chain of heritage and legacy.

These days, we’re so prone to wrestle them into submission to our notions of what the perfect body is supposed to look like, and then to lament the southward slide of age. And we live in denial about that final part of letting go, choosing instead a host of distractions to prevent us from facing imminent death. We swim in delusion.

Family members kept asking me, “Should we let the children see the remains?” Wondering back to the days when the dearly departed would be placed on the dining room table, I thought and said, “It’s probably best. It will help with reality and offset the denial stage of the grief process.” After the tears, the kids just started frolicking again. Not that things will ever be quite the same, or that there won’t be moments or days of profound grief. But there was something so matter-of-fact about how they looked at their dad’s cast off shell and then looked forward into their futures. Call them naïve, but I call them true and courageous—survivors, literally and, well, literally.

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Still growing,
Keith Potter

FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

CARE MINISTRY FOCUS

One of the deepest aspects of being the church, God's community on earth, is to "not only look out for your own interests but also the interest of others" (Philippians 2:4). Do you need a little help from friends? Perhaps you are currently unable to drive or are no longer driving. We would like to help you grocery shop or run errands.

Friends Helping Friends, led by Sharon Liljenstolpe, is a group of willing people who can lend a hand. They can drive you to do these errands; or, you may wish to give a list to them and they will do it for you. It's up to you. We just want to help!

This need could be a one-time event, or it may be a weekly occurrence. Please don't be shy. We all need help at times. Please give us the opportunity to be a blessing and to be blessed in return.

For more information about this special ministry, please contact Susan Bollman at the church office (408) 867-1000, ex. 239. She will have a team member call you to arrange a mutually convenient time to be of service. Volunteers welcome, too!



NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library Committee has been processing a virtual mountain of donated books and media. Thank you. Everyone has been generous in the past, and has given extraordinary materials that suit this Library exactly. But we need a break from the steady influx of book donations so that we can catch up. It takes time to process all the books and media given by you, the members of the congregation. So, for the remainder of the fiscal year, we ask that instead of bringing your contributions to the Church Library, that you give them instead to one of the following fine organizations:

- The "Book-Go-Round" across from the church.
- "The Attic" in Willow Glen, which is run by volunteers of the Louise Packard Foundation.
- In addition, you can take them to any public library, and they will give you in return a tax receipt.

The Library will remain open, of course, and we hope that you will continue to check out and use things from our collection

Patty Weber, for the SFC Library Committee

STEP 2 OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

BY JIM BLEVINS

Step 2 - "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

This power-packed statement raises serious questions in the mind of a Christian. "What is meant by insanity? Are addicts really crazy, as in certifiable? Are they dangerous?" As a result of certain substance dependencies the addict may lose contact with reality and be dangerous to self or others but this is rare. "Insanity" is actually looked upon rather whimsically, when "we keep doing the same thing expecting different results."

What is this business about a Higher Power?" We, as Christians, are concerned that 12-step groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, fail to recognize the God who created us and the Son who saved us. The addict is concerned that he may be asked to believe in something or someone he doesn't believe in. The author of the 12-steps, a Christian himself, was aware of these concerns, especially the addict's inclination to run when threatened. Yes, the very mention of God is anathema to some individuals and they will flee the program of recovery and continue on the path of self-destruction.

The addict in a recovery program, which includes AA meetings in the community, is initially told to designate a higher power even if it is an inanimate object. This buys time for the addict who will go to group sessions and AA meetings where he begins to hear those in recovery speak of a God who answers prayer regardless of the gravity of his request. He wants to be like some of the men or women he hears speak of God and the miracles wrought in their struggle for recovery. He wants to have what they have. He begins to pray to an Almighty God who is working miracles in his life. He is now ready to take the third step.

These steps are applicable for anyone who has a life-controlling problem, be it a substance, a behavior, or a relationship, that controls a person's life.

The Apostle Paul had life-long problems, presumably of a physical nature, but they were not life-controlling, as he says in 1 Corinthians 6:12: "Everything is permissible for me but I will not be mastered by anything [or anyone]." And in Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION, PART 2

BY SALLY BRYANT

Do you have expectations of God? I know I do. Sometimes my expectations of God are selfish, focusing on what I want or believe should happen. But sometimes my expectations are built around God's awesome power, majesty, and glory – those are my favorite kind of expectations! What are your expectations for God? What do you think God is going to do in 2010? How will he work in your life, or the lives of those you love?

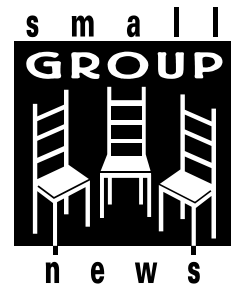
Robin Shepherd, a member of SFC, shares her expectations of God with us:

I resolve to have great expectations for 2010.

1. *I expect God to reveal even more of his power and glory through our triumphs over adversity such as social injustice and destruction of our planet.*
2. *I expect that even the most unlikely people will be receptive to the teachings of Jesus when we humbly and patiently share the Word with them.*
3. *I expect the Holy Spirit to enter and transform even the most haunted human souls.*
4. *I expect Angels to cross our paths, coming alongside us and whispering truths in our ears in the most unlikely situations.*
5. *I expect that we will help each other hold on to the belief that Jesus Christ is our salvation and eternal life.*

Wow! These expectations remind me of the hope we have in Christ Jesus and God's great love for us. So, what are your expectations of God? Are they based in the reality of the great power and might God demonstrated when he raised Jesus from the dead? (Ephesians 1)

We all spend time commiserating with one another, but how often do we share our "great expectations?" How often do we hold each other up in our resolutions to serve God? Many thanks to Robin for being willing to share hers with all of us. They are a great gift to me and an encouragement to continue to live in authentic community as transparently as the Spirit guides. I hope they will encourage you as well.



Soup Supper Returns

Small Groups will celebrate the beginning of Lent on February 12 with the popular Soup/Bread Supper! The whole congregation is invited! The time is 6:30 pm. The place is Saratoga Federated Church. A Lenten-focused worship will follow the dinner.

Small Group Leaders

The Small Group Ministry Team needs your help! Please invite all the members of your group to the Soup Supper. We need help in the following areas:

1. We need groups to bring soup, bread, and dessert.
2. We need helpers for table set up and settings.

A Six-Week Lenten 2010 Study for your Group

Sally Bryant has written a wonderful Lenten study entitled *A Royal Priesthood, A Holy People*. Here is a description of the study.

What do the life, death and resurrection of Christ mean to us? This Lent study traces the foreshadowing of Christ, our Redeemer, in the Passover and Mosaic Covenant through the creation of the New Covenant established through the blood of Christ. How do the life, death and resurrection of Christ make us into a "royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession"? (1 Peter 2:9). This study will explore these questions through the study of the Passover, the Temple atonement system, and the New Covenant. The study will be ready for you to pick up at the February 12 dinner.

It is suggested that your group take a six-week break from your current study and do the Lenten study, and resume your current study following Lent. There will be special groups available for those who are not currently in a small group. Some will be scheduled on Sunday mornings when childcare is available. If you would like to be in one of these six-week small groups please email camille at camille@saratogafederated.org. If you are not in a small group then get connected for this six-week study. If you would be willing to lead one of these studies for six-weeks please email Camille Chapman.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We have an action packed Spring coming up. The next event will be our Valentine's Day brunch on February 13 with Shirley and Mike Pounds of CityTeam Ministries in a personal dialogue entitled "Sharing God's Love Together." Invite your special Valentine!



Shirley and Mike have been married almost 40 years and worked with many suffering from drug and alcoholism addiction in both Oakland and San Francisco. Shirley took over the inner city ministry at San Francisco City Team in 1998. We are honored to have this couple relate their combined missionary work and service to our Lord. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale in the courtyard on Sunday morning.

Geo Caching a Family Treasure Hunt

Next, for you fathers and children we have a geo caching event on February 27 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We will meet at the Almaden Quicksilver Park Woods Road Trailhead. Take 85 South, exit at Camden Avenue to Hicks Road and turn right. About 15 minutes on Hicks will bring you to the park entrance on the corner of Umunhum Road. Steve Woods will be leading the hike and will provide maps and GPS units for this 3 mile hike. Bring your own water, and lunch if you want to extend your visit. There are mines and a ghost town to visit. Go to <http://www.geocaching.com/faq/> to learn about the sport which is for all ages that can hike. There is no charge for this event. This is a great family outing opportunity.

A Day at the Shark Tank

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

Reserve Saturday, March 13 for a special time in the Shark Tank! We start at 9:30 am with Steve Mariucci and Greg Jamison talking about their faith walk, followed by a buffet lunch and ending with hockey - San Jose Sharks vs. Florida Panthers. All of this costs only \$65 per person! Tickets went on sale Sunday, January 31 on the courtyard and online. Space is limited to 200. We suggest you purchase your tickets early.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Back by popular demand! "Quilting Revisited" will be our theme for the Women's Fellowship annual soup luncheon on Tuesday, February 2, 11:30 am in Richard's Hall. Our own quilting expert, Ellen Hogue, will speak on "The Spiritual Side of Quilting" as well as a "show and tell" by many ladies who will be bringing quilts of interest. All are welcome; come and bring a guest. To sign up, contact Nancy Kamalski at (408) 255-3627 or nancykamalski@gmail.com.



Save the date

Saturday, March 27 - Special Event! Details to come.

Are you interested in joining a monthly circle? Call Joan Leonard at (408) 741-0213. Morning, afternoon, or evening times are available.



WOW 2010 - WOMEN ONLY WEEKEND

"A FRESH BREWED LIFE"

WOW – our weekend away is almost here! Please note on your calendar that there will be a WOW information meeting on Sunday, February 14 following the 10:30 am service in Douglass Hall. You will find out your roommate(s), get directions to Mission Springs, get information on your Secret Sister, and get some last minute details for the weekend. Also, make sure you have your final payment in to Terri Goehner. Questions, call Terri at (408) 406-0259 or terri_goehner@goehnergroupp.com



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Saratoga Federated Church at 12:15 pm to discuss *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan. Bring your own lunch. Please contact Karen Lekashman at (408) 356-8583 or email her at klekash@bayarea.net for more information.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Join the Children's Ministry Prayer Team

Are you a prayer warrior? Not sure if you are, but you do turn to God in prayer often? Then we can use you! Please join the Children's Ministry Prayer team. Peggy Beck leads our team, and she sends out prayer requests and praises on a regular basis via email to those people wishing to pray for us. We want our children, their families, our volunteers and our entire program to be richly blessed by covering it all in prayer. If you are interested in joining this special team, please contact Peggy Beck at peggy+sfc@beck.org.

Prayers are already being answered! We're excited to see what God will do with an entire army of prayer warriors turning to him. Thank you for considering this meaningful way of supporting Children's Ministry.

Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills Class

Attention all Third, Fourth & Fifth Graders

We would like to invite you to participate with us in our upcoming class...*Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills*. We always have so much fun with this class! We just have to do it again. If you have not yet had the chance to participate, we hope you will join us. The class will be taught on five Wednesday nights beginning April 21 and concluding on May 19. The class will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 each evening in rooms 111 and 112 in Kids Town at SFC.

We are very excited about the fun we are going to have teaching you about the Bible through games, activities and lessons. At the end of the class, on May 23, each participant will be presented with a Bible of their own at our celebration. Please contact Debbie Sturm right away at (408) 867-3456 or debbie@saratogafederated.org to register for this class.

Vacation Bible School – June 14 – 18, 2010

This summer bring your kids to SonQuest Rainforest VBS – an experience of discovery they will never forget! Based on five key Bible verses that will change a child's life – including John 3:16 – SonQuest Rainforest VBS transports young minds into a vivid rainforest environment of jungle sounds, sights and smells, where they will dig into the Bible and meet Jesus in every day's story. Keep watching for more details!

SOMETHING NEW!

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy!

Psalm 33:3

Do we really need a choir, or an orchestra, or a band, or a worship team to lead us in worship on Sundays? Is it just tradition? Is there a purpose in having people "performing" up front, and having words on the screens? Do we know why we do what we do?

Psalm 33:3 is one of the reasons that we do what we do! It's God's idea that we sing to him, that we sing new songs (he wants our relationship with him to stay current and fresh), that we do it intentionally and well, and that we do it with joy.

Another reason is that the things we do together are almost always more powerful than the things we do on our own. We pray that those who lead encourage the congregation to lay aside anything that would distract, and to heartily enjoy worshipping God – telling him the things we want to say, but may find easier to do in the words of a song. Those that lead do give above and beyond in the time it takes to learn and practice, but the upside is that we get to live in those lyrics and music that put our focus on what is good, and right, and true and unchanging!

Then there are those who help to make our gatherings for worship the delightful times that they can be, ushers, greeters, preparers of communion, etc. We consider them as much a part of the team as those with microphones in their hands!

If any of this sounds compelling to you, consider one of the many aspects of Worship and Congregational Life that you could participate in – up front or behind the scenes. We are truly "blessed to be a blessing."

We're just starting a new season, so it's the perfect time to give it a try! From Kids Choir to the Green Team (parking lot greeters!), there's a place for you.

Bill & Diane Allison



*March Newsletter
Deadline*

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

IJM/KIM WHITTAKER UPDATE

At a recent Go & Tell, SFC member Kim Whittaker shared her testimony about modern-day challenges for millions of victims of bonded slavery and human trafficking, and God's work to end this injustice. Having chosen a career in international social work, Kim has interned and recently served as a fellow of International Justice Mission (IJM), a human rights organization that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression.

During her recent year in South Asia, Kim saw how rice mills, brick kilns and rock quarries force families into bonded slavery. Her work involved curriculum development and training for IJM aftercare programs to help rescued families successfully transition into a life of freedom. This included:

- Building relationships with local universities' graduate social work programs
- Creating internship curriculum to guide students with help from IJM social workers
- Educating rescued families on human rights, developing life goals and learning healthy family practices
- Providing access to education and government benefits
- Training the IJM social work staff (Aftercare Managers) on new counseling techniques
- Writing a proposal for a partnership between IJM and the Opportunity International affiliate known as Growing Opportunity, Inc

Kim is back in South Asia on another IJM assignment, serving minors after rescue from forced prostitution. She will train IJM social workers and staff in aftercare homes on conflict management, treatment for post traumatic stress disorder and communication skills. According to Kim, "This past year showed me that an end to slavery is possible. There's a place in this fight for everyone with a heart for freedom and justice." Please pray for Kim's successful mission and safe return to Saratoga in June. Visit www.ijm.org to learn more.



Celebrations!

THANK YOU TO

Donna Lee, Pat Clark and Cathy Wyatt for their faithful monthly help with the newsletter mailings.

David Akers for an excellent class on Faith and Finances.

Men's Ministry Leadership for their strong leadership in planning a great Men's Retreat.

CELEBRATING AN Anniversary

- 61 years - *Bob & Dru Totman*, February 13
- 56 years - *Ron & Kathy Hensley*, February 12
- 48 years - *Ron & Karen Cassel*, February 3
- 44 years - *John & Helen Kable*, February 19
- 30 years - *Gary & Gayle Calkins*, February 23
- 25 years - *Bill & Jill Rollinson*, February 2
- 24 years - *Dan & Pam Johnson*, February 15
- 22 years - *Mark & Michele Brading*, February 14

Celebrations shares events and milestones of our church family. If you have a wedding, birth, baptism, new job, graduation, anniversary, etc. to share, please send the information to Nicki at the church office, (408) 867-1000 or nicki@saratogafederated.org.

GLOBAL OUTREACH UPDATE

International Justice Mission and Growing Opportunity, an Opportunity International affiliate, are now partners in a new program in South Asia. Their mutual goal is to break the cycle of poverty and injustice that persists due to multi-generational bonded slavery and human trafficking. This model program will provide aftercare, education, training, micro-loans and other business services to help rescued families sustain new lives of freedom as financially and socially secure and healthy members of their villages. The church's role in funding this program is important, as the IJM/OI partnership creates broader reach and optimal use of resources for greater lasting impact. *More details about the local and global Lenten offering recipients will be announced later this month.*