



January 2012



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 1

Dorothy's Kitchen

January 2

Office closed

January 8

Youth groups meet

January 17

W@C meeting

January 21

Leadership Meeting
Youth Bonfire

January 23

Missions Meeting

January 28

Haiti BBQ



FROM MY WINDOW

By Ray DeLoe

It is the 19th of December and I am looking at a beautiful sun-filled, blue sky morning in Salinas. Fremont Peak is looking down on the city and people are scurrying every which direction finishing preparations for Christmas. My thoughts are quickly turning to 2012 and what lies in store for Crossroads Christian Church.

This past year has been encouraging in many ways and has disappointed in some others. We had five people go to Haiti and work at the orphanage at Fedja. Lives were changed and for the better with plans of taking a group back in 2013 to continue the work there. I would encourage you to get on the list to go so you can help change lives and have yours changed as well.

We were blessed as a congregation to have Rick and Nancy Jett from I.D.E.S. come and share their ministry. We often wonder how these events can affect lives and this one truly had an effect. Wayne Smith was visiting Crossroads that day and is now working with I.D.E.S. in Joplin, MO, rebuilding homes that were destroyed in the tornado.

National Back to Church Sunday brought Terry Stine from Boise Bible College to Crossroads to preach and also present the ministry of the school. New friendships were made and he has expressed his joy from being here that day and is looking forward to returning.

We have had new brothers and sisters added to the congregation through baptisms and transfers of membership this past year. This has been a blessing for the Kingdom of God and for our fellowship at Crossroads. Unfortunately we have had some people stop attending and thus our numbers have not changed a lot.

With the leadership of Deniece Vincent, Lee Interrante and Tricia Kaiser, we have reached out to our community more than in the past.... at Dorothy's Kitchen the first Sunday of each month, to the teachers at both Gavilan View and Bolsa Knolls Middle schools, through the Clothes Closet and we cannot forget "Brown Bag Christmas." These have all been of benefit to the community and to our body.

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Our Vision: GLORIFY GOD

Our Mission: Grow in Christ, Serve in Love, Bring Others to Jesus

As I write, December is coming to a close. Can you believe that 2012 is here?!? This time of year, I always look forward to what the new year holds in store, not just for the women in our congregation, but for everyone at Crossroads Christian Church.

As usual, Women at Crossroads have a busy year planned. We will have just four short W@C business meetings in 2012: January, April, August and October. In November, we'll have a meeting just to calendar 2013 activities. All of those who coordinate W@C ministries are asked to attend the four business meetings... or send a status report if unable to make it to a meeting. We also encourage any/all women who are *simply interested* in any of the W@C ministries to join us.

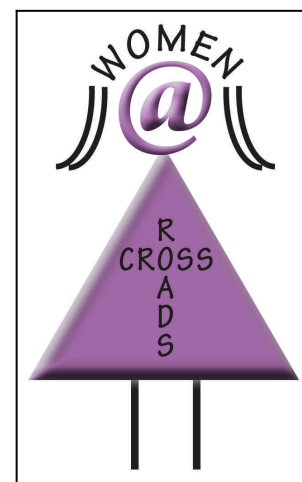
Our **next meeting** will be Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at CCC. Light dinner snacks will be provided during a short business meeting, after which we will make Valentine cards for our CCC senior saints. It promises to be a busy night of food, fun, and fellowship.

In addition to our W@C “business meetings,” we try to schedule some service activities, as well as find opportunities for some good old-fashioned fellowship with our CCC sisters throughout the year. If you have any ideas for 2012 activities, let us know. We are at work updating our current W@C brochure so that you can soon have a list of the 2012 W@C Ministry Coordinators.

We've got a **great group of women** here at CCC and I'm looking forward to serving alongside all of you in the coming year! ☺

Happy New Year everyone!!

In Christ,
Ginger Stark
2011 W@C Coordinator



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My prayer is that these blessings be just a very small part of what our congregation is involved in this coming year. It would be a blessing to our community and to the Kingdom of God for us to find more ways to be of service in Salinas and around the world. May you each take some time and ask God how He wants to use you in the coming year. It is my prayer that 2012 is the best of years for Crossroads Christian Church and you in service to God.

Missions Matters

Our joint project with the Brown Bag and Clothes Closet Ministries, for "Brown Bag Christmas," was a great success! Our teams served a home cooked Christmas meal for over 150 men, women, and children! There were no leftovers, including brown bags! Thank you to all for being such a blessing to those striving to make a new start in our community!!! We received many "Thank you's!"

"Hardy Hammerin' Hunks for Haiti" January 1- February 19

Hold on to your hats! 2012 is starting off with a bang! We sent a team to Haiti last year to teach, preach, give medical care, and help with building needs. This February, Chris Stark and Lee Interrante, will return to do a special project somewhat like "**Extreme Makeover: Haiti Edition.**"

February 9-18, Chris and Lee will be framing in a house, installing the plumbing, wiring and whatever else needs to be done before the plaster goes on. They must finish before they leave so the local workers can apply the plaster and secure the home. If the building isn't sealed, the progress made would be stolen or destroyed. Therefore, they **MUST** finish before they leave!

Why all the rush? When missionaries come to help with the work in Fedja, the only housing available is in the orphanage. During the year, there are many teams that come, at times multiple teams, with several overlapping. This frequent transition is wearing on the kids and orphanage resources.

Michael Thompson and his family, are moving to Fedja as mission helpers, and with the help of Chris and Lee, are in the process of building a home to house themselves, as well as visiting workers. When the Thompsons leave, the house will belong to the local mission and continue to serve as a clearing house for missions teams as they come and go. This will ease the burden on the children and the orphanage.

The orphanage grounds, and the church, are ministries of Global Vision Citadel Ministries, who've initiated over 30 church plants in the area. Effort spent here will be multiplied many times over!

January 28th will be our MAJOR fundraiser - a pre-sold BBQ event. Please check out the included flyer. (via, Brandy!) Materials are costly in Haiti due to having to be shipped in. The monies raised will provide Chris and Lee the materials they need to build the house. **To donate thru Crossroads, designate to "Haiti Home."** To help Chris and Lee with their air fare, see them directly.

More to follow...

BECAUSE our '**Hardy Hammerin' Hunks**' are "Sent to Serve,"
The Missions Team



WORKDAY
January 14





***Hardy Hammering Hunks for Haiti
BBQ Fundraiser Saturday, January 28, 2012**

Help needed:

Ticket sales / Pre-ticket sales start January 1- Goal:

300 family meals

100 individual meals

Prep work for macaroni salad and beans (i.e. chop veggies and cook macaroni)

Work/help day of BBQ: Serve 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Questions or to volunteer see Chris Stark or Perry Vargas

Family Meal - \$39

Tri-tip (whole)

10 ounce loaf of garlic bread

1 quart of macaroni salad

1 quart of beans

Individual Meal - \$10

Tri-tip Sandwich w/salsa

6 ounces of macaroni salad

6 ounces of beans



This fundraiser will provide materials to build a home to house multiple missionaries in Haiti. Chris Stark and Lee Interrante, who are excellent carpenters, skilled tradesmen, and 'Get-r-done' guys, are going to Haiti in February to assist in this project. They will have a week to frame, plumb, and wire the building. Can you say **intense?**

More details to follow. **Your help is greatly appreciated!**

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JIM KAISER	1/02/1970
MERLE PEARSON	1/04/1920
RUBY FUGE	1/06/1953
VAL CAMBUNGA	1/09/1958
RHONDA DELOE	1/10/1953
PRESLEY LIPPERT	1/12/2004
KANDACE MCBRIDE	1/13/1994
SUSAN VARGAS	1/17/1962
BEN CABUTAGE	1/17/1987
CHRIS STARK	1/18/1976
ALICIA LAVORATO	1/19/1993
WILLIAM D LIPPERT	1/22/1960
JAMIE BROWN	1/23/1985
PAIGE HENSON	1/27/1998
MICHELLE CLARK	1/27/1979
PETE AGUILAR	1/28/1960
SCOTT LAWSON	1/31/1966

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

PHILIP & JUDY LANDIS	1/19/1963
DALE & FRANCES LEMMON	1/24/1953

CURRENT GROWTH GROUPS/CLASSES

Sunday Morning Classes

Nursery thru Adult (9am)

Nursery/Toddlers (10am)

Pre-K (10am)

Kindergarten-5th (10:30am); no class 1st Sunday

Sunday

5:30pm Growth Group, CCC resumes in Jan

5:30pm Growth Group-Vargas resumes in Jan

Wednesday

9:30am Ladies Growth Group, resumes Jan

6pm Gospel of John, Palacios Home

Friday

7pm Growth Group, Lemmon Home

Youth Groups

Junior High Youth Group, Second Sunday

High School Youth Group, Second Sunday