

# VICTORY RANCH

# SPRING NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

This has been a trying year for me personally as I have watched my wife battle cancer. Despite her upbeat spirit and positive attitude, it is none the less a heavy burden. It has been hard for me to see work pile up and see self-imposed deadlines missed as I race around being chauffeur to the children or spend hours commuting to and from the hospital. In spite of the frustration and added burdens, God has proved faithful in allowing the work to go on with others stepping up to fill in and help out.

In addition to the talented RVICS, God sent us people who have been a tremendous blessing to Victory Ranch as they helped out with various projects. A big thank you to Ron Beatty, David Branka, David Camp, Dave Davies, Armondo Escebedo, Chance Flint, the Foster Family, Richard Heib, Fred Johnson, Jacyn Klingaman, Dan Latuska, Elaine Lopez, Marlin & Esther Miller, Wes & Doris Smith, Don Stump, Jeff & Brad Wall, and Fran Westbrook and a few others. If you have talents you think we could use, let us know.

## GOODSEARCH/GOODSHOP

This year alone we have raised \$18.42 with GoodSearch!!! Remember that you can help us earn a penny each time you search the web. Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com), select Victory Ranch as your "charitable organization" and begin searching. Don't forget you can also help us by shopping through GoodShop, too.

## FALL RETREATS

Our Fall Men's Retreat will feature Dr. Jim Vogel. Jim has pastored for 30 years at churches in New York, Ohio, & Michigan prior to becoming the Assoc National Representative for the GARBC in Schaumburg, Illinois. In addition to speaking, Dr. Vogel has authored a number of articles and has a regular column in the *Baptist Bulletin*. Western Avenue Baptist Church in Brawley will provide the music. The dates are October 15-16, 2010. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.

The Ladies Fall Retreat will feature Jeannie Vogel, author and well known retreat and conference speaker. Jeannie and Jim have been married 32 years and have 5 children. Trinity Baptist Church in Pasadena will be hosting the Retreat. The Retreat will be held on the 22-23<sup>rd</sup> of October. This date is a little later than normal, so please mark it on your calendar now!

## SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

The information for our summer camp program is included with this mailing. A big "Thank You" to Shannon Birdsall, our Guest Relations/Media Director for her design work on the project. Please pass the camp brochure on to someone with children or grandchildren, if you will not be using it.

## WEST WEEK

Our **Work Experience Staff Training (W.E.S.T) Week** will be held June 21-26, 2010. This program is designed for high school age young people with a true desire to serve the Lord as part of the Victory Ranch summer staff. Young people will be expected to work approximately 5 hours each day, while receiving training on the various aspects of work at camp. Recreation and daily Bible Study are part of the program. Participation in all activities is required. Please contact us for an application. As a show of support for Victory Ranch and its summer camp program, all participants are required to attend Teen Camp as a camper.

## SING SCHEDULE

Our next Singspiration is scheduled for Sunday night June 13<sup>th</sup> at Bible Baptist Church of Huntington Park. The church is located on the corner of State and Broadway in Huntington Park. Additional parking is just past the church on Broadway on the north side of the street. July's Sing will be held at Bible Baptist of Santa Monica on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, and First Baptist Church of El Monte will be hosting our Sing on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. All Sings start around 8 p.m. on Sunday evening and conclude around 9 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship follow.

## RVICS BLESSINGS

We enjoyed having another group from the RVICS (Roving Volunteers In Christ's Service) organization with us in January. These volunteers helped by painting the small barn, upgrading the restrooms in Stetson, installing the façade on the recreation room, working on electrical problems and installing Wi-Fi throughout the camp. One couple stayed on and another joined them in March and April doing more painting, concrete work and equipment repair.

## UPDATE ON DEB

Thank you for upholding Deb Cayot in your prayers. Although her cancer marker fell almost 3000 points from January through March, her tumor continued to grow. She experienced severe bleeding in March leading to radiation treatments, iron injections, blood transfusions, and over 10 days in the hospital and 3 ambulance trips. Her cancer count soared back over 6000 points. Following surgery for a colostomy, Deb was able to come home where she is recuperating. We thank the Lord for Hemet's 'Home Instead' (an in-home care provider) sending a lady out to assist Deb. We are also thankful for the ladies from First Baptist Church of Hemet for volunteering their time to be at the house each day and to take Deb to doctor's appointments, prepare her food, clean and do housework. This week we got the news that her cancer count had fallen to 2145. Praise the Lord!

## ATCS FOR SALE

Recently we received a donation of some ATCs to use as a fundraiser. There is a Honda 185S, a 200X and a water cooled 250R. Additionally we have 4 "paddle wheels" mounted on rims for the sand dunes. If you are interested, visit our website for pictures and prices. Go to [www.vranch.org](http://www.vranch.org) and click on the "ATCs For Sale" link on the Victory Ranch home page.

## RANCH NEEDS

If you have any of the following items, or something else you think the Ranch may be able to use, please contact the Ranch. We are still seeking:

- Appliance Dolly
- Electrical wire (0 through 12 gauges)
- Demolition/Concrete Saw
- Gravel for dirt sections of road
- Jack hammer
- Oreck Vacuums
- Double & Single sized fitted sheets
- 20' or 40' Cargo Container
- Multimedia projector
- Multi-horse Horse trailer
- Bobcat or similar tractor

## FREE FIREWOOD

Although winter is almost past, you may still be interested in some firewood. We have some logs which are already cut to length. We also have fresh cut logs which when cured, will be perfect for next season. There are also a number of older large logs which can be split for this season. If you are interested in taking some, please contact the Ranch to set up a time to pick them up.

## WINTER PROJECT UPDATE

In our last newsletter we shared the need to make our 'Wagon Wheel' cabin more handicap accessible. Two contractors volunteered their time to widen the doorways so a wheel chair could fit through with ease. We asked for money to put toward a forced air furnace and air conditioning system. Praise the Lord for a good response and over \$13,000 was able to be set aside for the project. The Lord also allowed us to find a contractor to do the work for half the money received, prompting our Board to allow us to install heat and air conditioning systems on Trailmaster and First Aide as well. This will be a big blessing in the winter months where the heat never seemed to get into the back bedrooms of these houses. Thank you to each one that helped us out with this project!

## RECENT RETREATS

The College/Singles Retreat held February 13-15, had 44 participants as Dan Dark spoke. We were treated to music from Shasta Bible College each day. Francine Morales, our summer camp Program Director, planned the activities. In addition to the wild recreation, brain teasers and other activities, we enjoyed a formal banquet Friday evening.

The Spring Ladies Retreat took a trip down memory lane as Dr. Linn and Carol Carothers retraced the history of the property that is now called Victory Ranch as well as presenting three chapel sessions on being "At Home in Christ; His Place or My Space." For those missing the Retreat, the Carothers have written a book, *The Stones Cry Out: The Land, Lime kilns and Legacies of Victory Ranch*. The book is \$20 and on sale in the General Store or by contacting the Ranch. All proceeds from the sale are being donated to the Ranch.

The Men's Retreat featured Evangelist Thomas Pryde. Thomas' wife Martha and son joined him to provide the music. The men were challenged from the book of Psalms as we looked at the "Foundation For a Godly Man". The men also enjoyed a variety of sports competitions. A big thank you goes out to Russell Hanks and Heritage Sporting Clays for setting up the 5 stand sporting Clay competition!

## MAILING LIST UPDATE

If your address has changed, or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list, please contact us at [camp@vranch.org](mailto:camp@vranch.org). Please be patient, it will take a little time, but we will make any requested changes in our database. Our mailing list is made up of campers, retreat attendees, contributors, and other interested parties. Our mailing list is never sold or given to anyone.