



VICTORY RANCH

2011 Fall Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTORS DESK:

What does a random visitor to the Ranch 3 years ago, a broken transmission, running out of colored paper and great neighbors all have in common? God used each of these things to provide our summer camp decorations this year.

Bob Smith of Hi-Way Safety Inc. drove by the Ranch several years ago and stopped to inquire about our summer camp program. When we needed signs that said "God @ Work" this year, his company made them and he donated them to the Ranch. When the transmission in the Ranch van went out, a friend suggested Richard Mendoza of Nuevo. When I went to pick up the van, there were nearly a dozen orange construction flags lying outside his shop in the mud. They had been left by the build-ings previous owner and he was throwing them out. He donated them. When we ran out of yellow and black paper for decorations, Kevin Walker of Arrow Printing offered to give us what he had. Across his back fence I spied Ben Laskowski's construction yard. Kevin gave Ben a call and he loaned us some barricades.



Scott Brothers Dairy Farm graciously brought over their Caterpillar 623 and gave us some road signs that had washed onto their property through the years. All this went together to decorate the camp for our Summer Camp theme.

God also worked to assemble a great team of counselors and staff. Jon Garcia shared that it typically takes 4 weeks to get vacation approved. Due to his summer classes he didn't even ask for time off work this year. When I shared the need for counselors, he put his request for vacation in on a Thursday and had it approved the following day. Jon Gauthier needed to find work to pay for college. He couldn't find work, and ended up returning as a counselor. After camp, he discovered that he received financial aid for The Master's College when he hadn't even listed them as an option, and he discovered the registrars office still listed him as a student allowing him to return to school this fall. I could go on and on. Many counselors and staff had similar stories of God's direction in their life.

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

Our Junior I Camp numbers climbed slightly from last year as we had 97 campers with us. Our Teen camp numbers went up to 146 campers and Junior II ended up with 79 campers. Dr. Linn Carothers finished Jury Duty the Friday before camp started which was an



answer to prayer. Something else for which we were thankful, was that Pastor Jeshur Lubaton who completed chemotherapy ahead of camp, led worship for Teen Camp and spoke 3 times on Friday when Dr. Carothers lost his voice. At least 44 young people trusted Christ as their Savior during our 3 weeks of camp, over 100 went forward to say that they wanted to be used as a missionary here or abroad and a number of young people rededicated their life to Christ or said they wished to be baptized.



It was good to see many former campers & staff members involved in the program as kitchen, maintenance and recreation staff as well as a number who served as counselors. Another blessing was having the music team from Faith Calvary Baptist helping with the serving and clean-up in the kitchen during Teen Week.

COUNSELOR FUND

Praise the Lord for the many volunteers who give of their time to serve as counselors each summer. We could not run our program without these volunteers. Some of our counselors are college students who have to give up summer job opportunities in order to serve at the Ranch. Without summer jobs these students struggle to come up for



funds for their next semester of classes. Because of their need, we do give some of these college students an honorarium. However, this comes out of the General Fund. Would you consider helping us start a fund to pay these counselors?

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
- Electric Pipe Threader
- Windshields for a Ford C Series Cab
- Grand Piano

- **VOLUNTEERS!** If you would like to come out to the Ranch to work on a project please call our office to set up a time. (951) 654-7766.

MAILING LIST UPDATE

If your address has changed, or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list or sign up for an e-newsletter, please contact us at 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.

PROJECT UPDATE

With the completion of the retaining wall north of the volleyball court in the Spring, our West Week participants got to help pour a section of sidewalk bringing the sidewalk through the middle of camp as far north as the Crafts Cabin. Next, the new basketball court was graded and the Basket Ball goals from the old court below the bunkhouse reset. We also were able to set "telephone poles" on both sides on which to secure lights sometime soon. An offering was taken each week of our summer camp, and \$781.49 was raised toward putting concrete on that court.

Through a generous year end gift, we were able to install a multimedia projector in Wagon Wheel's conference room, which our RVIC volunteers refurbished in the Spring. Through another generous donation we hope to have the carpet and linoleum replaced in the weeks ahead.



The maternity barn built this Spring in the Petting Pen has been in constant use. It was almost finished when the Goats started dropping their kids. We scrambled to make it usable. Next the Sheep started dropping lambs. As we moved the sheep out, some "day old" calves were donated. What a blessing to have facilities for keeping all the "little ones."

UPDATE ON DEB

Deb Cayot is currently using a new homeopathic treatment for her cancer. She is not feeling well and has very little energy. Please continue to keep Deb and our entire family in prayer.

COLLEGE - SINGLES RETREAT

Our retreat will be in early **January 2012** with Pastor Andy Giessman of New Life Baptist Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Save the dates & come join us for an amazing time of fun and challenge from God's Word!



GOODSEARCH/ GOODSHOP

This year alone we have raised **\$18.32** with GoodSearch!!! Remember that you can help us earn a penny each time you search the web. Just go to 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.

APPRECIATION GIFTS

Has Victory Ranch had a positive impact in your life? We love meeting people who have shared how God has used this place in their life. If God has used the Ranch to impact your life for Him, then let us know your story! To help off set the lack of rental income this year, would you consider giving a gift so Victory Ranch can continue to reach people for the Lord in the days ahead?



VICTORY RANCH FALL RETREATS 2011

Men's Retreat - October 21-22
Registration - 5pm

Ladies Retreat - October 7-8
Registration - 9am

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Church: _____

E-mail: _____

The cost of the Men's and Ladies Retreats is **\$65.00** per person.

I will be attending: (Please mark your choices)

- Friday & Saturday (staying overnight)
- Arriving Thursday - No Charge
- Friday Lunch - No Charge (Ladies Only)
- Friday Only \$30.00
- Saturday Only \$30.00
- Sleeping off of the Property
- Lower Bunk Reservation
- Quiet Cabin Reservation
(This may be away from your group.)

Send this form with a **\$10.00** Non-Refundable deposit or the full amount. Save **\$5.00** when you pay in full at least one week in advance.

Send to: Victory Ranch
18080 Gilman Springs Rd
Moreno Valley, CA 92555
(951) 654-7766

Please postmark the Registration Form and Deposit by **Friday, September 30th** (Ladies) or **Friday, October 14th** (Men). If mailed after that date, please call Victory Ranch for availability.

One Registration Form per person

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FALL RETREATS

This Fall we are pleased to have **Katherine Rodgers** with us **October 7-8, 2011 for our Ladies Retreat**. She will be speaking on "Choices Women Make." Katherine and her husband Bob grew up in Washington's Puget Sound area. They joined the Northwest Independent Church Extension (NICE) family in 1982 and have served in pastorates in Keyport, Washington and Culdesac and Hailey, Idaho. In 2002 they returned to their home area to assist and encourage NICE missionaries in Western Washington and Alaska. On October 1, 2010 her husband Bob assumed the responsibility of the Executive Director of NICE. Santa Clarita Baptist will be co-hosting the Retreat. Ladies are asked to bring a plain coffee mug to participate in the craft. Archery, target practice and horseback riding will also be available. If you have quality items to donate for the Silent Auction, bring them along.



For our **Fall Men's Retreat October 21-22, 2011, Pastor Ron Schrock** will be challenging our men to 'act like godly men' with the theme of "Man Up." Ron and his wife Sally have served in pastorates in Curlew and Creston, Iowa, Springfield, Colorado, Anchorage, Alaska, Brawley, California; and in 2008 took on the responsibility as State Representative for the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches. At the retreat, the men will also enjoy a variety of sports competitions such as archery, carpetball, horseshoes, ping pong and golf chipping. See more details online at www.vranch.org. Bring your own gun and ammunition for the rifle, pistol and skeet competitions.



Both Retreats are \$65. Participants traveling long distances are welcome to come out Thursday evening and stay at the Ranch at no additional charge. However, **registrations are a MUST.** Use the enclosed registration, or go to our website and print off the registration form.

ROUND-UP

The Ranch will once again serve as host to our Southern California Regular Baptist Churches as they have their annual meetings on **Saturday, November 5th**. This is intended to be a fun filled family day at the Ranch with tours of the property, horseback rides, archery and games. The **activities start at 9 a.m.** Our Guest Speaker will be **Dr. Linn Carothers**. An offering will be taken to help offset the day's expenses and the **FREE** lunch. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

SING SCHEDULE

We have added a Sing on **September 25th at Faith Calvary Baptist Church** in Los Angeles. The church is located on the corner of South St. Louis St and East 2nd Street. The following Sing is scheduled for **Sunday night October 9th at First Baptist Church of Wilmington**. November's Sing will be held at **First Fundamental Baptist Church of Waleria, Torrance on the 13th**. Our final Sing of the year will be held at **South Vermont Avenue Baptist Church on December 4th**. All Sings start around 8 p.m. on Sunday evening and conclude around 9 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship follow. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

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RANCH HISTORY

Dr. Linn and Carol Carothers retraced the history of the property that is now called Victory Ranch. The sum of their research was presented last year at our Ladies Retreat. Copies of the book, *The Stones Cry Out: The Land, Lime kilns and Legacies of Victory Ranch* is \$20 and is available by contacting the Ranch. All proceeds from the sale are being donated to the Ranch.

OLD CAMP PICTURES

We have had a number of individuals stop by from the early years of Victory Ranch (Camp Victory) in recent months. As they look over the grounds and the camp photos from 1956, they ask to see the photos from their years at camp. Unfortunately, the camp photos we have don't start until around 1979. We would love to have photos from the early years here on site. If you have some at home that you would be willing to part with, please send them to the Ranch.

FREE FIREWOOD

Although winter is a few months away, you may be thinking about home heating costs this fall. If you live in an area where the SCAQMD still allows fires in home fireplaces, you may be interested in some firewood. We have some logs which are already cut to length. There are also a number of older (3-5+ years) large logs which can be split into whatever size pieces you want. If you are interested in some of these logs, please contact the Ranch to set up a time to pick them up. Bring a chainsaw and whatever tools you need to split them. You can split them here or take them home as is.

