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## **Second Quarter 2008 Update**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for your prayers during this past three months. With so much financial uncertainty in this world, God has given us His spiritual blessings which always transcend financial blessings. Plus, He has given us the financial blessings as well. Our God is Soooooooo good!!!

A major focus this quarter has been SEP. Here is an update on how God has answered those prayers requested in my last quarterly letter to you and doors that God appears to be opening to us!

### **S.E.P.**

God provided 10 more staff and campers for a total of 24 to attend and serve at SEP camp than the 14 I was so excited and wrote you about in April!

The youth's names are:

Kristen Burnsides, Matthew Arquero, Muhammad Ali, Cera Calayag, Dialo Terry, Bobby , Zynah and Ethan Cabugao, Lorenzo Arroyo, Dakota Emata, Trevor Ely, Lauren Arquero, Aakila Terry.

The adults names are

Brant and Janet Armstrong, Richard and Brenda Ely, Marilou Arquero, Myrna Paulino, Yollette Merritt, Randy Emata, Sherisa Dahlgren, Steven Morrison and Me.

SEP camp is a key training ground for our next generation and the future of the work of the church. And this year was a record year in attendance as well as spiritual growth of our youth.

### **Sean Armstrong SEP Scholarship Fund**

Another unexpected surprise is how God turned the sobering and tragic loss of one of our youth, Sean Armstrong, into an opportunity for many youth to attend SEP (our youth Spiritual Education Program) for years to come. Following Sean's accident, Brant and Janet Armstrong established an ongoing SEP Scholarship Fund in Sean's memory to assist youth to attend SEP. The Sean Armstrong SEP Scholarship Fund along with this year's auction doubling last year's proceeds, we now see how God anticipated the growth in SEP and turned a terrible loss into an ongoing future blessing for so many.

### **New Church Facility**

Pastor Green and his Community Church leadership team offered to lower our rent \$300 a month if we would be willing to stay rather than move to the new location. As this would

impact their finances dramatically and create a hardship for them, and we have been able to reduce other expenses to help balance our budget, God provided a way for us to work together and avoid the need to move to reduce expenses. Again, God is Soooooooooo good!!!

### **Prayer and Volunteer Request for Kid's Club**

God has opened an amazing door to impact many youth at a public school in our church neighborhood. With an ongoing commitment of 1 ½ hours once a week during the school year, it is actually permissible to teach the Bible and play games while building relationships as part of the Kids Club program with around 100 kids at each school. This is a God-thing that I never thought possible in today's anti-Bible educational system. Don't miss this exciting opportunity. Ask your employer to arrange your schedule to allow you to help us walk through this time-sensitive door!!! The curriculum is already prepared, proven and overwhelmingly successful in 22 other local schools! An intern program to help prepare you for the fall school season is available August 4-8. Call Myrna Paulino at 408 623-1793 for details and join the club!!! As of today we have 3 confirmed volunteers. As Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Matthew 9:37

### **Festival Camp at Mt. Madonna August 8-9**

Our sister churches, Watsonville and San Leandro will be joining us in sharing God's love in fulfilling the Great Commission as we build relationships and share time together through prayer, Bible study, with lots of interactive sessions, exciting activities even an inspiring early morning Bible study to watch the sunrise over Gilroy. RSVP ASAP to Myrna at 408 623-1793 to have fun as we learn to follow God's lead in doing what He has called us to do.

### **Mission Trip to Thailand, Cambodia and Philippines (Oct. \_\_\_\_)**