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Dear Central Cal,

It was a very warm mid-week morning and I was sitting on the front porch of my home. I was on vacation and the warmth of the morning did not matter. My coffee was carefully prepared by my wife and the aroma was wonderful. I was alone and the gears in my mind were turning. I wanted to do something different that day just for fun. And then it hit me. I had a fond memory of a 1993 Guild acoustic guitar that fell off its guitar stand about 7 years ago. The head broke off and I wrote it off, thinking that it could never be fixed. That day I thought, why not, what have I got to lose? So, after I finished my coffee I got my ladder out, climbed into the attic and pulled down that old guitar and went to work. I was excited at the prospect of repairing and restoring it even though several years had passed. Was it possible? Could that old Guild come back to life again?

Going down to OSH was interesting. On one of their shelves was a product called "2 Ton Epoxy". Wow, that blew me away, I was trying to think about two tons of holding strength. Mercy! I bought it for \$4.95. I rushed home with excitement. I glued the head back together, refinished it as best as I could. I placed some new strings on it and now it sounds better than ever. When it was new this guitar retailed for almost two grand. In its working condition now, it is not worth much for obvious reasons. But that does not matter to me. What matters to me is the sound that it makes. Dale Rains told me that it is one of the nicest sounding instruments that he has ever heard. It's in my office at the district now on the same stand that it fell off of. I have been playing it almost every day. I love it.

What a shame! I gave up on that old Guild. I thought that I would never play it again. I don't even know why that I kept it all these years. I thought that it would never make beautiful music again. All those years in the attic, unnoticed, out of sight, and out of mind. It can almost be said of us. We too were thought by some to have been un-repairable. Some people even gave up on us. We too were unnoticed and out of sight and out of mind. We had not made beautiful music in a very long

time. But God went to His attic and pulled us down. We too were broken. But God started to work on us and restore us. Rather than two ton epoxy He used His blood, instead of finishing materials He used His Holy Spirit. The result is that we are playing beautiful music today.

Listen to what the LORD says, "But forget all that - it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home. I will create rivers for them in the desert!

Always remember, if you ever need anything or have any questions please feel free to call me anytime. I look forward to seeing you soon. God bless you for all that you are doing for the Lord.

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Remember it's all about souls,

Rob Culver
Central California District
Pentecostal Church of God

Bishop's Trek



On The Road Again

A special thanks to all the Pastors who have invited me to come and minister in your churches. You have entrusted me with the sacred desk and I'm humbled. We have seen a great move of God where ever we have gone. Seeing the altars filled and lives changed is very rewarding. During the month of August we ministered at four different churches. We were with Pastor Don Garrett celebrating his 25 year ordination on the 7th. The next Sunday Pastor Long invited us to Madera where we enjoyed a great service. I ministered for the Louts in San Jose where we again had a great service. On the 28th I preached for the Corcoran church as they were transitioning pastors. Bro. and Sis. McClain are now the new Pastors at Fountain of Life in Corcoran. I have visited and assisted Pastor Don Hamilton as he and his church work on their new building. Their construction is going well and they are looking forward to completion. Their new building is going to be awesome. PLEASE CHECK OUT ALL OF THE ATTACHED PICTURES.

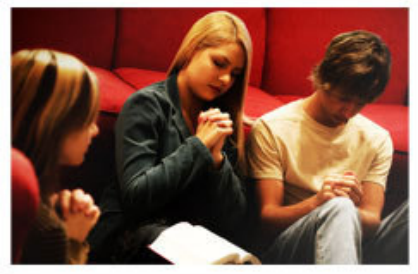
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Prayer Needs

Please Help Us Pray

Brother and Sister Redmond - healing
Lowell Smith - healing
Pastor Jerry Huddleston - healing
Pastor Sal Quinones - healing
Pastor Jared work - healing



On The Calendar

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

Campground Dedication 10
CE Seminar 23 - 24

OCTOBER

Women's Retreat 20th - 22nd



Youth Impact Ministries

Just Catch'in up...

Hello Central Cal!

What a summer we had! We did tons of traveling as a family driving to Dallas, Tx, for National Talent Expo and Bible quizzing, and Summerfest. We were also in Dallas for another week for General Convention. We also got to see our new General Headquarters for the Pentecostal Church of God just outside of Dallas. For all you Cowboys fans, you can actually see Texas Stadium from the 5th floor of the building! The headquarters is amazing and certainly God had His hands in the whole process. Right after convention, we headed home, did I mention we drove, to get ready for Summer Camps.

We got back and had a week to prepare before we went to the camp grounds to get ready for our Life Impact Interns to check in. We had thirteen interns this year with four being 3rd year interns. This young adult internship has been a blessing to our camps as well to our district. We are preparing and training young men and women to pursue their calling in the Ministry. At the end of three years, these interns will be ready to pursue their Exhorter's License in the PCG if they choose while the youth department will pay for their application fees. It's a pipeline to train our young adults who have a calling into the ministry and then to get them credentialed into the PCG.

Summer camps were amazing! We had a wonderful kids ministry team, Impact Kids Team from the National Youth Office, who were full of energy while sharing a message that challenged our campers. They did an outstanding job. Did I mention our son, Caleb, was part of that team that ministered to our campers as well as the Southern Missouri and Virginia District camps. We are so proud of him! Senior and Junior High camps were a blast. We had a wonderful speaker out of Ohio, Cornell Jordan, who blew our socks off. He was real and just spoke the truth "in the naaaaaame of Jesus!" We had around 60 kids receive salvation for the first time and over 100 kids get baptized in the Holy Spirit. Someone say "Amen!" That is why we do what we do. If you have never worked at camps before, please consider being a part of helping us do summer camps to give these kids an opportunity to be impacted by the truth and love of Jesus Christ. Worker applications are due by June 1, 2012!

Thank you for all your prayers and support. Dana and I are so honored to be able to work with the kids of the Central California District.

Ray Rodriguez
CCPCG Youth Director

Central California District Pentecostal Church of God

Thank you so much for your faithful commitment to our district. You are loved and valued. Those who have succeeded at anything and don't mention that they had help along the way are only kidding themselves. I take notice that we would not be as far as we are today without your loyalty, hard work and your financial support. Thank you for your help.

I am open to any suggestions that you have regarding this eNews letter. Please feel free to email me with suggestions or information for future additions.

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