

The Vision



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OFF TO THE MISSION FIELD

Ashley Coetzee was sent off to Pohnpei, an island located in Micronesia, on Sunday, July 31. She will be a kindergarten teacher for the next year, working at a church school on the island. This church school will have 20 college students working as teachers for grades K-8. Here are a few facts about the island. When you write to Ashley, you can ask her about these items of interest as well as about the students and the culture.

Pohnpei's waterfalls range from pleasant to spectacular. Pohnpei's jagged coastline is intersected by numerous channels that carry nutrients into the vast lagoon. These nutrients attract marine life and make Pohnpei one of the most varied marine environments in Micronesia. Diving is one of the major recreations. Pohnpei island is the largest and tallest in the Federated States of Micronesia, and has a road around the island extending 49 miles. Ashley's New Address: She will be there from Aug 6 until June 14, 07.



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She would like to thank you all for your love, support, prayers and donations.

Dori Coetzee (Mom)

*THE CHURCH
FAMILY PRAYS
FOR GOD'S BLESSING AND
PROTECTION TO BE WITH
ASHLEY!*

VBS Has A New Venue



For one week in July, part of the field at Orangewood Academy was transformed into a Jerusalem marketplace, taking children and adults alike on a journey back in time. All participants learned some interesting Jewish traditions and spent time as “apprentices” to a basket weaver, carpenter, baker, potter, jeweler, and spice shop owner. These apprenticeships allowed children to experience the kinds of things that children may have lived through during Jesus’ time. They also learned some fun Bible-time games, and spent time with our resident Rabbi Pastor Andy McRae and visiting Rabbi Pastor Rudy Torres in the Synagogue school.

We all praised God during our gathering time as we sang beautiful songs, one even with Hebrew words! Despite the heat, it was a great experience for all. If you missed it don’t worry, there will be another opportunity to go back in time in December. Starting the day after Christmas, there will be another VBS program during five evenings in the fellowship hall as we go back to Bethlehem Village, and re-visit the days around Jesus’ birth. Mark your calendars now!

Monica McCowan-Talbert



A Sabbath School Class Starts A New Ministry

The former class of Pastor Steve Daily has been without a teacher for quite sometime. They have organized themselves into a discussion type format with Dr. Jack Johnson as moderator. They have various ones choose a favorite chapter and this serves as the springboard for the class discussions. Recently Laurie Purnas and others felt the need for more involvement in personal ministry. The Director of Activities at the nursing home located at Chapman and Buaro was contacted. It was told to Laurie that the group who would be involved in the visitation ministry would need to come for an orientation session that would address such subjects as confidentiality and privacy issues. They will each receive a badge for identification purposes. This ministry will take place once a month during Sabbath school time - 10-11:30. It is anticipated that the ministry will begin in September.





“Scrap booking with Friends” August 20, 2006

Meet at Marianna Maukovichs' home for a fun filled afternoon of “creating memories.” Her address is 12632 George St., Garden Grove, CA 92840, phone (714) 534-2434. We will start with a potluck lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by several hours (1-4 p.m.) of creative scrap booking. Ana Desmond, a consultant from Creative Memories, will be there to help figure out the best lay out for your picture page. She will have scrap booking decorating items for sale that you can use that day. Please come prepared with your potluck dish, assorted photos, and an idea of what kind of theme you want to work with. If you have a specific theme and would like to request that she bring it, please contact her one week in advance at (714) 984-3132. RSVP with Marianna or Donna Ebnit at (714) 534-2868 so we can insure proper table space.

Lizz Randall

YOUTH CELEBRATE THE 4th!

On July 4th the youth BBQ'ed and swam at the Coetzee's home, until it was time to hit the beach. Then we either rode bikes, walked or drove to Huntington Beach to catch the sundown fireworks show. Celebrating our 4th of July together was great!

Pastor Genevieve



OTHER HAPPENINGS!

September 22-24 - Church Retreat at Camp Cedar Falls, a great family getaway, only \$40 a person, children 2 and under are free. Reserve your beautiful lodge room with a view today! Download a registration form at www.gardengrovesda.com

November 4 at 6:00pm - Harvest Festival in the fellowship hall. Come have a hearty dinner and play games at this old fashioned church social!

Special Christmas Break VBS - Mark your calendars now for a special Vacation Bible School that will take place in the fellowship hall in the evenings from December 26-30. More details to come.

Please email me with any questions regarding any of these events, and sign up ASAP for the retreat, rooms are already filling
Blessings,
Monica McCowan-Talbert



Baptism At The Beach

On June 16th Ashley Coetzee was baptized at the Huntington State Beach. After the baptism we worshiped at the beach to celebrate and rejoice her decision. We did the typical, sang songs, prayed, roasted marshmallows, had s'mores and ate dinner

The water was quite cool, but since the outside air had cooled also, it was not a significant difference in temperature. It was definitely a day to celebrate!
Pastor Genevieve

CHURCH RETREAT

September 22-24 Retreat at Camp Cedar Falls \$40 a person covers the whole weekend.

Accommodation options: In the lodge there are rooms with twin and queen size beds, private baths and windows overlooking the camp and the mountainside. They accommodate 4, 6 people comfortably. Cozy cabins have bunk beds, heaters and electricity. Each person must bring their own sleeping bags and towels to stay in the cabins. Restrooms are located a short walk away. There is a choice of small 4 bed cabins or large 16 to 24 bed cabins divided into at least two rooms. There is ample parking as well as RV spaces available. Only 4 weeks left to register.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 2, 2006 For more information contact **Monica McCowan-Talbert** at 714-534-1987 ext. 124



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