

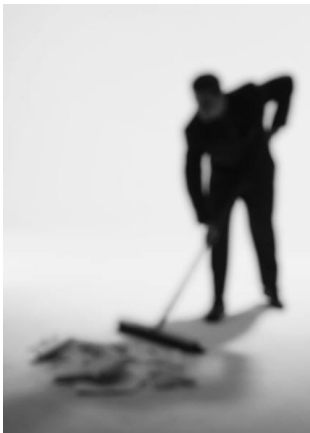
CONNECTIONS

July 2011

A monthly publication of Crossroads CRC

Not Just a Volunteer

Perry loves his church. Every Sunday he is the first to arrive. His church meets in a school auditorium, and he is there every week to organize the team who sets up the chairs, connects the sound equipment, and prepares the building for worship. Some might find this work tedious, but Perry always has a ready smile and can often be heard whistling his favorite praise songs while he lines up the chairs in neat rows.



The truth is that Perry knows that while his weekly labor is routine, it's necessary. Without him and his team, his church wouldn't have a place to worship. And if there is anything that Perry, loves, it's worship. His favorite part of the week is that hour on Sunday when he gets to spend time with Jesus, and one of his favorite things about it is that he gets to share that time with others who love Jesus, too.

Each week as Perry sets up chairs, he knows that he's not just serving his church or his fellow Christians, he's serving Christ. On the outside it might not seem like it, but in his heart - he *knows*. That knowledge is what fills Perry with joy in his work. The truth is that he can't help but smile and most of the time, he doesn't even realize he's whistling *How Great Thou Art*. Most onlookers would watch Perry at work and call him a volunteer, but his work is more than that: his work is a ministry, and he is called to serve.

Like Perry volunteers at his church, you may volunteer here at Crossroads. Like Perry, I hope you feel called to the work you do at Crossroads. Like Perry, I hope that you know that you are more than a volunteer, that you are called to ministry, too.

What's the Difference?

In his book, *The Heart of the Artist*, Rory Noland writes about some differences he has noticed between those who volunteer and those who feel called to serve. He writes, "there is a deeper level of commitment, joy, and reward with those who know their calling is from God." His list is included here (it also appears in the *Crossroads Ministry Opportunities Book*.)

As we think more and more of our work as ministry rather than as volunteering, we hope each one who serves will be blessed by the joy and reward of which Noland speaks.

10 Differences between being a Volunteer and being Called to Serve

1. Volunteers are likely to see their involvement at church as community service, but people called of God see it as ministry.
2. Volunteers may complain about what it is going to cost to serve, but people called are committed to serving.
3. Volunteers might shrink back from resolving relational conflict, but people called of God seek to resolve relational conflict for the sake of unity in the church.
4. Volunteers often look upon their tasks as another commitment they are obligated to fulfill, but people called of God look forward to their work as another opportunity to be used by God.
5. Volunteers usually do little or no outside preparation or practicing, but people who are called of God come to serve as prepared as possible.
6. Volunteers are not always open to constructive criticism; they may even get defensive about it. But people called of God are grateful for feedback because they want to be the best they can be.
7. Volunteers may feel threatened by the talent of others, but people called of God praise Him for distributing gifts and talents as He chooses.
8. Volunteers might be tempted to quit at the first sign of adversity or discouragement, but people called of God dig in and persevere.
9. Volunteers tend to find their main source of fulfillment in the recognition they receive, but people called of God know that being used of God is the most fulfilling thing you can do with your life.
10. Volunteers sometimes struggle in situations in which they are going to be stretched, but people called of God respond to God's call with humble dependence on Him.

-Rebecca Ligtenberg

july church calendar

See page 4 for
Life Group information.

Sunday, July 3

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
5:30PM Green Oak Ranch Bible Study

Wednesday, July 6

7:00PM Administrative Committee

Sunday, July 10

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
5:30PM Green Oak Ranch Bible Study

Sunday, July 17

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
5:30PM Green Oak Ranch Bible Study

Monday, July 18

7:00PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, July 20

7:00PM Administrative Committee

Saturday, July 23– Friday, July 29

High School Youth at
Las Vegas Mission Trip

Sunday, July 24

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
5:30PM Green Oak Ranch Bible Study

Wednesday, July 27

7:00PM Elders Meeting
Women's Book Group

Sunday, July 31

9:30AM Morning Worship Service
5:30PM Green Oak Ranch Bible Study

happy birthday

Dave Bakker	07/02
Jason Vander Pol	07/02
Sarah Katje	07/03
Alexis Van Zante	07/04
Madyson Brown	07/05
Elsa Stout	07/07
Rod Koelewyn	07/08
Josh Van Zante	07/10
Mark Gailey	07/10
Judy Steidl	07/11
Corey Hammond	07/11
Dorinda Vander Pol	07/13☺
Haley Voorkamp	07/13
Shane Carlson	07/15
Jayne Kok	07/17
Su Kraus	07/17
Dominic Mangiapane	07/18
Brandon Gill	07/19
Grant Spoelstra	07/20
Katy Steidl	07/21☺
Nicola Koch	07/23
Rich Boonstra	07/23
Brian Duyst	07/23
Christina Faber	07/23
Gary Radersma	07/24
Nicholas Schwab	07/24
Bill Stout	07/25
Christopher Gorter	07/25
Shay Roberson	07/27☺
Dotti Hejka	07/25
Rachel Wagenveld	07/30
Frank Steidl	07/31

☺ = A "Special" Birthday

happy anniversary

Jerry & Sharon Upham	07/01
George & Sue te Velde	07/02☺
Dave & Kim Bakker	07/09
Steve & Shelly Katje	07/11
Josh & Carolyn Cooper	07/12
Frank & Kathy Zuidema	07/23
Paul & Danae Lapka	07/25
Steve & Melissa Hickox	07/26
Josh & Heidi Vermaire	07/28
Jonathan & Nichole Beutlich	07/31

☺ = A "Special" Anniversary

We share our facilities with **Camino al Cielo**, a Spanish speaking congregation led by Pastor Jose Balderas. They use the facilities on Sundays at 12:30PM, Thursdays at 7:00PM, and Saturdays at 6:00AM.

have something to share?

We welcome and encourage news from the congregation for the newsletter. All submissions are subject to approval by the office staff or the council (as needed). Any items for the newsletter are due the 15th of each month for publication the following month.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



july events calendar

crossroads service group

The **Crossroads Service Group** is active every week in a variety of service and outreach ministries in our community. Feel free to join them for any of the following service opportunities this month—more volunteers are always welcome!

- **Thursday, July 7:** Serve breakfast at Interfaith
- **Thursday, July 14:** Serve dinner at Merle's Place

As always, anyone who has suggestions and/or questions for the Service Group, or would like to participate in any of the above service projects, can contact the group leader Pat Medendorp at 760.747.2257.

Summer Stories

Do you have exciting plans this summer?



Turn in a brief description of your summer travels and/or activities along with a picture if you'd like, and we'll include your story in an upcoming issue of *Connections*.

Send your story to:
office@crossroadscrc.com

SAN MARCOS LIBRARY EVENTS

Crawl, Rattle and Roll

Date: Tuesday, July 5

Start Time: 11:00AM

Description: Bring your infant-crawler for baby centered movement activities with San Marcos Babies Representative.

Painting Wooden Cars (pre-K-4th grade)

Date: Tuesday, July 5

Start Time: 2:00PM

Description: Paint a wooden car to take home!

Tumble Gym Bus fitness for ages 2-6

Date: Tuesday, July 12

Start Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Description: Your 2-6 year old will participate in a 20 minute fitness session aboard the Tumble Gym Bus.

Fantastik Patrick's Magic & Juggling for the Family

Date: Wednesday, July 13

Start Time: 11:00AM-11:30AM

Description: Patrick's entertaining magic & juggling show will thrill the entire family at this event.

Let's Duplo for Toddlers-1st graders

Date: Wednesday, July 20

Start Time: 9:00AM-11:00AM

Description: Use Duplo blocks to build your own imaginative creations.

ESCONDIDO LIBRARY EVENTS

One World, Many Stories-Crafts for kids

Date: Tuesdays (July 5, 12, 19, 26)

Start Time: 1:00PM

Description: Learn about a country and then create a craft.

Patchwork Players Presents: World Folk and Fairytales

Date: Thursday, July 7

Start Time: 2:00PM

Description: The Patchwork Players bring stories to life for audiences of all ages. There's a story waiting to be shared with you!

Interested in attending
the Willow Creek
Leadership Summit
in Oceanside?
Contact the church office
for \$60 worth of ticket
saving information!

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SUMMIT August 11-12

Connect,



Grow, Serve.

Welcome to Summer Life Groups!

Please join us this summer as we Grow, Connect and Serve. The summer style of Life Groups is meant to focus on connecting with one another. Please don't hesitate to sign up because you have summer plans or vacations. We are excited to see Crossroads' church family connect to one another even during the busy season of summer. So, please sign up for a group that fits your schedule the most and enjoy the joy of fellowship this summer through Life Groups.

If you are still interested in signing up for a group, contact the church office!

Grow Connect Serve
GROUPS end the week of AUGUST 20.

Summer 2011

1. Experiencing God's Creation through the Bible and the Game of Golf
Gary Radersma
Lyle Gorter (co-leader)

This group is structured for men and women to have a non-intimidating environment in which to invite a friend who is not a part of a church community to enjoy a new relationship with Christians as we participate in a Bible study, friendship, and 9 holes of golf.

Place: Rotating Golf Courses in Escondido & San Marcos area

Time: Mondays/5:00PM

Cost: \$20.00—\$25.00/week for green fees

2. Digital Scrapbooking and Photo Organizing
Rebecca Ligtenberg

In this group, we will learn how to use Picasa as a tool to organize digital photos and do some basic digital scrapbooking. In the second half of the term, we will learn more advanced techniques using Photoshop Elements.* Along the way, we'll also share ideas about how to incorporate stories of faith in your scrapbooks. (* You will need access to a computer for this group. It does not have to be a laptop, but those who have laptops can bring them. No software purchase is required.)

Place: Crossroads Youth Room

Time: Mondays/7:00PM

3. Beach Life Group
Frank & Sylvia Bons

The Beach Life Group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30PM at various beaches in North County. All ages are welcome to join this Life Group. Pack a picnic dinner, some beach gear, and be ready for some fun.

Place: Various beaches in North County

Time: Tuesdays/6:00PM

4. Game Night

Henry & Lindsey Vander Pol
Steve & Shelly Katje (co-leaders)

Do you love getting to know others through games and competitions? If so, join our game night! We'll be playing a variety of board, card, lawn, team and other games throughout the session. Friendly group for all ages and family types.

Place: Vander Pol & Katje home

(as well as nearby parks and other locations)

Time: Wednesdays/7:00PM

5. Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
Diane Jasa

We will read and discuss *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis. A Christian classic which eloquently yet logically expresses a case for Christianity. In March of last year Pastor Mark published a list of his must read books. He described this book as "the book God used to lead me to Christ as if for the first time". There will be a cost of \$15 for the book if you do not already own it and can not borrow a copy. For those who can not cover this cost contact Diane or the church office.

Place: Crossroads

Time: Thursdays/1:00PM

Cost: Book can be purchased new at \$15

(Please talk to Diane if you are interested, but the day, time and/or location does not work for you.)

If you would like to join a group mid session, please contact the office.

Connect,



Grow, Serve.

YOUTH EDITION

middle school youth

Middle School Youth Leaders:
Danae Lapka 760.432.8876
Dorinda Vander Pol, Jonathan Vermaire

Our meetings this month will be:

Enjoy time with your families while we take a break!

high school youth

High School Youth:
Sue Wagenveld 760.738.0819

Our meetings this month will be:

WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS!

**EXTRA!
EXTRA!**

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

In case you didn't get a chance to see the original piece of art, please see picture to the right. We have a mysterious artist roaming among us. They left the initials "JV" attached to their drawing on the church office white board.

The office deducted that it could be the following people:

- Jenna Verhoeven
- Jonathan Vermaire
- JOSH VERMAIRE**
- Jake Van Dam
- Josh Van Zante
- Jodi Van Solkema
- Jonneke Van Dam
- John Van Dyk Sr.



MYSTERY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE...

The artist lurking among us also added glasses to this masterpiece to finish off his/her work. There are no pictures of this additional piece of evidence. Do you know who crafted this graffiti/masterpiece? Could it be young Jenna, or our own Deacon Josh Vermaire or his brother Jonathan? If you know of any details in regards to this mystery, the office rewards in large amounts of sweets and coffee.

Update to come next month...

Green Oak Ranch

Green Oak Ranch and Crossroads have partnered in a Bible Study for many years. Our meeting time is changing beginning on Sunday, June 26 We hope to meet on Sundays at 5:30 in the Community Room at GOR. Both Crossroads members and GOR residents are welcome to join together at that time. Our study for the next couple of months will be the book of John. Check with Susie Orsburn or Trena Boonstra if you have questions.

Green Oak Ranch is also looking for one on one tutors for their education program. This could be helping individuals working on their GED, reading, math, computers, or other areas. The help could be as little as an hour a week or much more if you have time and inclination. Check with Trena Boonstra or Marilyn Faber who can put you in touch with the coordinator at the ranch.



HOT LIST 2011

SUMMER

Volunteer opportunities with the CRCNA

MEXICO, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, UKRAINE

Do you have an interest and gift for Prayer Ministry?

Prayer teams will focus on the ministry needs of missionaries, pastors, diaconal workers, other ministry personnel and the communities they serve. CRWM and Prayer Missions International invite you to take part in the August 16-23 prayer mission to Mexico or the September 7-19 prayer mission to Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. Costs and application deadlines vary. Contact ServiceLink today!



TANZANIA

Medical Volunteer - Africa Inland Church Hospital

CRWRC and the Africa Inland Church of Tanzania are looking for three medical volunteers willing to commit for 6-12 months to serve at this church-run hospital in Mwanza. If you have at least one year of nursing experience, and are able to work in a tropical climate, this is your opportunity to directly contribute toward the first Millennium Development Goal of combating health issues related to poverty.



KENYA

Volunteer Teacher

CRWM and Rev. Murupus Academies are seeking three experienced elementary or secondary school teachers eager to share in their commitment to academic excellence with a Christian foundation for the benefit of students, their families, and the larger Kenyan society. Volunteers should be prepared to serve for 12 months, and willing to embrace the community and Kenyan culture.



MALAWI

Guest Theological Lecturer

Spend four weeks in Malawi teaching Theology and New Testament studies at the Josephat Mwale Theological Institute, a partner of CRWM. Qualifications include pastor experience, Theological training (M.Div, Th.M, or Ph.D) and a willingness to submit to and learn from the leadership of JMTI. You will live and worship within the community, and should be prepared for hot and humid conditions.



MONTREAL

Ministry to Seafarers (October or December, 2011)

Share your faith while participating in a ministry of hospitality to seafarers visiting the Port of Montreal. Volunteers assist seafarers in placing phone calls, socialize at the Seafarers' Centre, and may be required to provide transportation. Volunteers are currently needed for the week of Oct. 24-30 and the month of December, 2011. Find out more under Opportunities/North America at www.crcna.org/servicelink.



NORTH AMERICA

CRWRC-Disaster Response Services

Deadly tornadoes and severe floods have impacted many locations in the American South and Midwest this spring, resulting in needs in many communities. Contact us for the latest ways you or your group can help--whether cleanup, needs assessment, or reconstruction--as things are developing and changing rapidly. Please respond to drs@crwrc.org or call 1-800-848-5818.



To learn more about these or many other volunteer opportunities, please contact **ServiceLink**

www.crcna.org/servicelink • volunteer@crcna.org
• 1-877-279-9994 (USA)

News from our Church

Library & book cart news

Books are available for purchase or to borrow from the Book Cart in the foyer. The left side of the cart is the Book Store and the right side is the Library. Both sides are self-help with instructions posted. Many more library books are available in the library room next to the nursery. Contact Trena Boonstra for help or if you have questions.

The library collection includes print books, audio books, DVDs, magazines, and videos. There is a small children's section; please guide your young children in the library.

Happy 4th of July!



San Diego Bay:
Big Bay Boom, 9:00PM

Coronado:
Glorietta Bay, 9:00PM

San Marcos:
Bradley Park, 9:00pm

Escondido:
Grape Day Park, 9:00PM

NOTE: Due to budget constraints, many annual community fireworks displays are subject to donations and if funding falls short, the events may be canceled. Please check with your local community centers if they are not listed here or listed as tentative. All events are scheduled for July 4th.

MAY 23 , 2011

congregational meeting minutes

1. President Vic Varvel began the meeting with words of welcome. He thanked everyone for giving of their time and briefly reviewed the agenda. He then read from Acts 2: 42-47 and shared thoughts from Eugene Peterson on the church and the stories of its members. He led us in prayer.
2. Clerk Rich Boonstra read the minutes of the May 10, 2010 Congregational Meeting for information.
3. Vic briefly explained the process of voting and choosing by lot. The nominees for elder were introduced: Jim Beezhold, Dirk Jasperse, Rod Koelewyn, Paul Lapka, Gary Radersma, Bill Stout, as were the nominees for deacon: Gordon Geerdes, Lonnie Gorter, Diane Jasa, Linda Van Solkema, Adrian Voorkamp.
4. The retiring office-bearers were thanked for their service: elders Pat Medendorp and Mike Wagenveld, and deacons Levi Faber, Lois Vander Pol, and Luke Varvel. Vic also noted that the elders will be adding one more to their number this year, and the number of deacons will be decreasing by one since Rebecca Ligtenberg will also be retiring to focus her attention on her responsibilities as Ministry Coordinator.
5. The retiring elders and deacons were appointed as ballot counters. A motion was made, supported, and passed to accept the absentee ballots. Ballots were distributed and voting commenced.
6. Ministry Coordinator Rebecca Ligtenberg gave a report on her activities. She began by relating how she came to be interested in and apply for the job. Since beginning her work she has organized classes aimed at new members and those interested in developing and using spiritual gifts, highlighted in a booklet the many ministry opportunities available at Crossroads, and taken on the responsibility of organizing ministry staff meetings. For the future she hopes to become more connected with all the ministries and to encourage people to use all their gifts.
7. Treasurer Josh Vermaire presented the proposed 2011-2012 budget. He reviewed the budget process and the major categories and answered several questions from the floor. Salaried personnel were excused while salaries were discussed. It was noted that some major maintenance items such as resurfacing of the parking lot were not included in the budget. A motion was made, supported, and passed to approve the budget, which was \$397,424, a slight decrease from last year.
8. The choosing of the elders and deacons by lot then took place. Pastor Mark led us in prayer. Chosen for elder were Jim Beezhold, Dirk Jasperse, and Paul Lapka. Chosen for deacon were Gordon Geerdes, Linda Van Solkema, and Adrian Voorkamp.
9. Retiring elder Mike Wagenveld closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Boonstra, Clerk

july serving schedule

Worship Team [Danae Lapka]

- July: Guitarists' rehearsal: July 24 from 11:00-11:45AM
- July 3: Guitarists & Jeremiah Stout, Danae & Paul Lapka, Megan & Jodi Van Solkema, Ryan Bons
- July 10: Sarah Verhoeven, Becca Ritsema, Emily & Madeline Salzman, Bill Stout, Jake Bons
- July 17: Jessica Faber, Cindy Kroon, Rebecca Ligtenberg, Tyler & Tami Schemper, Denise Van Dyk, Graeme Koch
- July 24: Aubrey Goodhart, Graeme Koch, Colin McDonald, Ella de Jong, Ryan Bons
- July 31: Guitarists, Becca Ritsema, Lindsey Vander Pol, Jake Bons

Children's Worship [Tami Schemper]

- July 3: Dorissa Radersma, Megan Van Solkema, Mark Bakker
- July 10: Heidi Vermaire, Dan Stout, Emma Vander Pol
- July 17: Sherry Schwab, Kara Steenstra, Trevor Vander Pol
- July 24: Tami Schemper, Ashley Van Zante, Niels de Jong
- July 31: Christina Faber, Jodi Van Solkema, David Gomolka

Nursery/Child Care [Heidi Vermaire & Jenny Varvel]

(*denotes person in charge)

- July 3: Infant: *Dalia Tostado, Kathie Turner, Anna Van Solkema
Toddler: Su Kraus, Carol Beezhold, Kara Steenstra
- July 10: Infant: *Erin Cooper Luke Varvel, Jodi Van Solkema
Toddler: Sue teVelde, Christina Faber, Megan Van Solkema
- July 17: Infant: *Candy Van Zante, Lonnie Gorter, Sara Wagenveld
Toddler: Trena Boonstra, Barry Diehl, Emma Vander Pol
- July 24: Infant: *Sarah Verhoeven, Joy Jasperse, Joshua Bakker
Toddler: Lyle Gorter, Dirk Jasperse, Shane Carlson
- July 31: Infant: *Kathy Zuidema, Jeff Hickox, Ella de Jong
Toddler: Lindsey Vander Pol, Steve Katje, Ryan Bons

Ushers [Office]

- July 3: Brian Verhoeven (D), Gordon Geerdes (D)
Steve Katje, Lyle Gorter, Jim Kroon
- July 10: Josh Vermaire (D), Adrian Voorkamp (D)
Doug Van Solkema, George teVelde, Dotti Hejka
- July 17: Josh Vermaire (D), Adrian Voorkamp (D)
Mike Carlson, Eric de Jong, Kevin Vos
- July 24: Josh Vermaire (D), Gordon Geerdes (D)
Mark Steenstra, Warren Van Dam, Joy Jasperse
- July 31: Brian Verhoeven (D), Linda Van Solkema (D)
Terry Kok, Frank Zuidema, Henry Vander Pol

Refreshments [Suanne Varvel]

- July 3: (Dicky) Kari Plaisier, Sharon Upham, Nichole Beutlich, Jo Henry
- July 10: (Anna) Shelly Katje, Maxine Van Engen, Sylvia Wilgenburg,
Dawn Gomolka
- July 17: (Silva) Sue teVelde, Trena Boonstra, Anna Vos, Lonnie Gorter
- July 24: (Suanne) Kathy Zuidema, Diane Jasa, Dorinda Vander Pol,
Tami Schemper
- July 31: (Dicky) Pat Medendorp, Sheri Coffee, Joy Jasperse,
Lindsey Vander Pol

Opening/Closing [Jeff Hickox]

- 07/03 Brian Roberson
07/10 George Henry
07/17 Jeff Hickox
07/24 Brian Duyst
07/31 Tanno Gomolka

1st Substitute: Jim Kroon
2nd Substitute: Tony Bons

Sunday Greeters [Kathy Zuidema]

- July: George & Sue teVelde
Lyle & Lonnie Gorter

Sound Crew [Frank Bons]

- 07/03 Randy Nagel
07/10 Frank Bons
07/17 Frank Steidl
07/24 Rick De Baan
07/31 George Tostado

Projection Crew [Marlys Hickox]

- 07/03 Linda Van Solkema
07/10 Dan Stout/Marlys Hickox
07/17 Mike Schwab
07/24 Rod Koelewyn
07/31 Mike Schwab

Video Crew [Danae Lapka]

- 07/03 Michael Wagenveld
07/10 Jacob Stout
07/17 Mark Bakker
07/24 Haley Voorkamp
07/31 Sara Wagenveld

Prayer of God's People [Office]

- 07/03 Bill Stout
07/10 Elder Vic Varvel
07/17 Pastor Mark Vermaire
07/24 Trena Boonstra
07/31 Marlys Hickox

Open Table [Elsa Stout]

- July: Dirk & Joy Jasperse

july offering schedule

July 3:	General Fund & Calvin Christian School Tuition Aid
July 10:	General Fund & Interfaith Community Services
July 17:	General Fund & Scott & Marcia Geurink (CRWM)
July 24:	General Fund & CRWRC
July 31:	General Fund & Zakka Chomock (CRWRC)

- The morning offerings are for our **General Fund**. Moneys collected pay for our own church's operating expenses (wages, insurance, utilities, etc.) as well as our denominational Ministry Shares (The Back to God Hour, CR World & Home Missions, Calvin Seminary & College, etc.) **Our '11-12 Budget commitment requires an average weekly offering of about \$7,642.77.**
- **Calvin Christian School Tuition Aid** is used to assist families from our church who are unable to pay full tuition. We are currently taking Tuition Aid applications. The 2011-2012 school year numbers that we are committed to paying will be announced at a later date. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this fund throughout the year.
- **Interfaith Community Services** is a non-profit organization meeting the needs of individuals with food, shelter and job training. Please remember this ministry in your giving.
- **Scott and Marcia Geurink** have been serving with Christian Reformed World Missions in Tijuana, Mexico since 1993. Their work is primarily in church planting. Scott supervises and assists several churches in eastern Tijuana. He preaches, teaches, and works in evangelism and discipleship. An offering will be received to support their ministry in Tijuana.
- **The Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC)** responds on your behalf to the needs of people who suffer from poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice. Help communities around the world reap the benefits of CRWRC's programming.
- **CRWRC—Zakka Chomock** works with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC) as the Justice Education Coordinator for West Africa. We have committed to support with him as our CRWRC missionary with prayers and offerings.

THANKS & INVITATION

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of \$932.00 to help the poor and needy served by Interfaith Community Services. You are all wonderful! Today I am just as moved by the plight of these folks as I was 29 years ago when others in heart-breaking need first drew me to join this cause. Thank you for participating in this great work over the years. It has been a privilege to work with people who have lost all hope, and see them recover with just the right help.

On Wednesday, August 31, 2011, we invite you to join in our changing of the guard—a new Executive Director will be introduced, and I will retire from this, the best job in the world. Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting from 11:00AM to 1:30PM. The location is the LDS meeting house located on Felicita just off Interstate-15 in Escondido. A light lunch will be served.

Please call 760.489.6380 ext. 266 to RSVP.

Thanks you sincerely,
Suzanne Stewart Pohlman, Executive



from the deacons

The Deacons report the following offerings from the past month with thanks:

May '11 General Fund Offerings:	\$	34,148.74
Year To Date General Fund Offerings:	\$	368,651.30
(Fiscal Year June 2010-May 2011)		

Other May Offerings

Calvin Christian Tuition Aid	\$	926.98
Cadets	\$	1,645.00
Car Hop (Middle School Youth)	\$	1,035.00
Zakka Chomock (CRWRC)	\$	381.50
Rev. Melvin & April Jackson (CRHM)	\$	403.91
Mirtha Villafaña (CRHM)	\$	330.24
CRHM-General	\$	25.00
Benevolence	\$	667.00