



FROM THE PRESIDENT -AUGUST 2010

Summer watering – a necessity at my house this year as summer has found us in a “dry zone” with virtually no rain the last six weeks. It’s a chore to me, but one that must be done, if our plantings are to survive.

This morning, while watering the flowers, I thought about the similarities between watering to keep our flowers alive and also “watering” our spirits – both always a necessity but especially when we are in a “dry zone”. So, how do we water and refresh our spirits?

The author of Hebrews 10:23-25 writes “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the day approaching.”

Hold on to the hope of our faith... spur one another on toward love and good deeds... continue meeting together...encourage one another... sound to me like some good ways to “water” our spirit.

We have two opportunities to do this in our immediate future. First, I hope you will come out and participate in our Tres Dias Cleveland Picnic at the Arborview Shelter in Washington Park Saturday, August 14. We will meet from 10:00am to 5:00 pm. Lunch will be around 12:30 and we will enjoy games and activities throughout the day. You will find more details in this newsletter and on TD Email Blasts. Remember

to sign up. I’m sure there will be great fun, fellowship and food along with nourishing our spirits.

Another opportunity for spiritual refreshment is to pray for a person that you would like to sponsor as a candidate on the October 21-24 Men’s #19 Weekend at Camp Burton. Scripture tells us that the prayers of a righteous person are powerful and effective (James 5: 16) and I believe that this is true not only about the person being prayed for but also for the person doing the praying. So, I hope and pray that we will all become more active in sponsoring a candidate for Men 19.

In closing, I wish each of you a summer full of spiritual watering and refreshment. And, I hope to see all of you at our Picnic on Aug 14.

De Colores!
Lonnie



Please reply to

clevelandtresdias@yahoo.com

with the following information ASAP for our picnic on August 14. Lots of activities planned for all! - your timely reply will help with an accurate count to insure we have enough food and fun activities for everyone without being wasteful.

1. # of Adults attending.
2. # of Children attending & ages of the children.
3. Type of food dish you will bring to share: Side Dish, Salad, or Dessert.

Tres Dias will be supplying the hamburgers and hot dogs, buns, plates, napkins, and cutlery.

Directions: <http://tresdiascleveland.org/locations>



Community News

Rectors Letter to Community Men's #19

I write to express my deep appreciation to the Community for the opportunity and blessing provided by serving as Rector of Men's Weekend #19. It will be held, for the first time, at Camp Burton, October 21 – 24, 2010

Our Lord has given me a very spiritually gifted team of men, to serve Him as they minister to the candidates of #19. We will begin meeting, August 22, 2010 at Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church to prepare for that opportunity.

The weekend verse is Luke 9:23-24 "Then He said to them all: If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it." These verses are the key to discipleship for followers of Jesus.

Jesus says I must deny myself. I must give up my self -sufficiency, stop trying to live in my strength alone. I must stop trying to "save myself" by my works. I must stop trying to take His place as my God.

Jesus says I must pick up my cross daily. I must remember what He did for me on that cross, every day. It was His saving work, His sacrifice that paid for my sin, by the shedding of His blood, as He died in my place. Because He did this for me, I can be adopted as a child of God. I can share in His inheritance--heaven. He gave me eternal life and sealed that gift with the indwelling Holy Spirit. As I follow Him through trials, suffering, temptation, times of joy and happiness, I will be transformed into the image of Jesus. I will be sustained by his strength, His Grace, knowing that He always goes before me and will never forsake me. He changed me from sinner to saint. He made me a citizen of heaven. He took me from eternity in hell to eternal life with him. Trying to save my life is futile; I have no means to do so.

Losing my life for Him, being crucified with Christ, has saved it. Only He has the power to give life or to save it.

Many of you have asked what you can do to help the team and Candidates. Know that your prayers are greatly appreciated by the Team. We would ask that you make every effort to support the Candidates by being present at the Opening at Camp Burton on

October 21, 2010, and at the Closing at Christ Presbyterian Church on October 24, 2010. We would also ask that you help provide Palanca for the weekend. Please contact the Weekend Chairman, Jim Hart, to offer your help for the weekend. Jim's phone # is 440-729-0633-cell 44-552-7750 or e-mail jimhart100@gmail.com

We ask that you begin to PRAY FOR your candidates and INVITE them without delay. Please provide the candidates ample time to arrange for time off and arrangements for his family while he attends the weekend.

As you do these things, remember the words of Jesus, you must deny yourself, you must pick up your cross daily, and you must follow Him. If we follow these commands, He will bless us in ways we cannot even begin to imagine. This is His weekend, served by His people for others of His children. Please pray for His blessing and for our obedience.

De Colores,
Barry DeBord,
Rector Men's Weekend #19

Men's # 19 Team Roster

Rector	Barry DeBord
Asst Rector	Dan Allen
Asst Rector	John Maynard
Chief Aux.	Barry Shemela
Asst. Chief Aux.	Don Rudden
Spiritual Director	Roger Korsten
Spiritual Director	Ed McGhee
Spiritual Director	Roy Williams
Weekend Chair	Jim Hart
	Bob Barnes
	Frank Costanzo
	Tony DiSanto
	Tim Elek
	Rick Garrett
	Gerry Gecik
	Jim Love
	Emerson (Mac) McArthur
	Bernie Melster
	Sy Mougrabi
	Wayne Nichols
	Jim Pantelemon
	Ken Robison
	Jason Samuel
	Darryl Scott
	Mike Showalter
	Dave Starke
	Gary Stumpf
	Bruce Szcepinski
	David Treadway



Community News

Sponsorship Responsibilities

Sponsorship is not merely an invitation. It is an ongoing commitment to

See a friend... Be a friend... Show Jesus Christ, your Friend.

To be a sponsor, consider the following:

1. Tres Dias is not for everyone. It is intended to strengthen those who are Christians, active in their church, or seeking to become more active.
2. Inviting someone to attend Tres Dias comes only after you are willing to make a significant, long term commitment. If you are not able to make that commitment, after the Weekend they may feel let down, abandoned or excluded.
3. Have you honestly looked at your reasons for sponsoring someone? Is the goal to bless them? Or is it to impress them?
4. Do you know the Candidate, or do you just know about the person?
5. Is this the right time for the Candidate? Remember, Tres Dias is not a "fix" for difficult feelings, times or situations. Experienced professionals suggest a person should not attend a Tres Dias Weekend if they have experienced a major life crisis within the past 12 months. Instead, be patient with your friend's feelings and allow them to have a natural grieving process and healing before inviting him or her to attend a Tres Dias Weekend. You may actually do a disservice to your friend if their grieving process is delayed or derailed.
6. Are you willing to make a significant commitment to your Candidate's family throughout the Weekend?

Sponsorship Responsibility in Weekend Support

Sponsors are expected to support Candidates on the Weekend by providing transportation, praying for the Weekend, providing a general Palanca letter to the Weekend, personal Palanca to the Candidate, offering to help the Candidate's family, providing a baby-sitter for children if needed, attending the Opening and Closing, and answering any other needs that would be helpful.

Sponsorship Responsibility in Fourth Day Support

Sponsorship means an ongoing commitment is being made to the Candidate. A sponsor should help the new Pescadore to live the Fourth Day as it is presented on the Weekend, to help the new Pescadore to join (or form) a Reunion Group. Sponsorship includes ongoing invitations to meet at Secuelas and Secretariat meetings. In general, the sponsor should be responsive to the needs of the new Pescadore until he/she is established in the community and in their Fourth Day walk.

Sponsorship is the most important part of the total Tres Dias experience. It is the first act of Palanca before the Weekend even begins. During the Weekend, your personal acts of sacrificial love undergird your Candidate's experience with Christ.

Your Fourth Day invitations to your Candidate to interact and participate with you in community settings undergird your Candidate's fulfillment in the grace, growth and fellowship that begins on the Weekend.



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Dear Community,

Included in this month's Newsletter other communities who will have their own weekends in the month of August. I would encourage you to participate in sending palanca their way. Here we have an opportunity to be God's hands and feet, no matter the distance, to extend love and grace just like we received during our personal weekend. I like the way the international website describes palanca, "Bear in mind that letters in and of themselves are not palanca! Letters are merely one vehicle in which we convey the actual palanca being done at that time. In other words, the effort, thoughts and prayers that go into the letters are actually the palanca, not the letters themselves." (<http://www.tresdias.org>)

Here are examples of palanca:

PERSONAL PALANCA: This is palanca performed on behalf of individual candidates and team members. It is most frequently demonstrated in personal notes that are not meant for anyone but the recipient.

- A brief note of encouragement
- Reassurance that God will meet the candidate right where he is
- Adding an encouraging scripture is recommended (reminding of God's promises, etc).
- Let them know you are praying for them (and do it!).
- It is important to have personal palanca available for Friday and Saturday. (It's a lever, so use it).
- You can include small items that can fit in an envelope can be included, e.g., "pass it on" cards, small bookmarks, small pins, etc.
- **Do not** refer to any special events that happen over the weekend. Your palanca may not be delivered when you expect it to be, so you wouldn't want to spoil the surprise.
- **Do not** refer to home or family. It's important to maintain the focus and sequestered nature of the weekend.
- **Do not** talk about how you felt on your weekend. The candidate may be having a very different experience and you wouldn't want to set him/her up for disappointment.
- **Do not** mark palanca for delivery at specific times. You may specify a particular day, as well as "am" or "pm", but not specific times.

GENERAL PALANCA: This is palanca performed on the weekend in general. It is most frequently demonstrated in notes, letters or posters that are addressed to the team and candidates, often accompanied by small gift items or tokens.

- The letter should be addressed to the team and candidates on a particular weekend. It should include the actual palanca that you will be providing to the weekend - such as:
 - A gift of prayer. Let them know that you will be praying for them. Perhaps you will pray for the weekend every time you have to stop at a red light, or something like that. They should know it. (And you should be sure to honor your commitment)
 - A gift of sacrifice: Perhaps you made something that you are giving to the weekend. Let them know the spiritual significance of the item.
 - Try to include an encouraging scripture. Using the theme scripture of the weekend helps to promote the unity of the weekend.
 - The letter shouldn't be too long - a maximum of one typewritten page. Keep in mind that general palanca is read by the auxiliaries throughout the weekend when time permits, so the letter should not be too long or complex as its meaning may be lost.
- ⇒ This IS where you can refer to your own weekend ("I sat where you are sitting...")
- ⇒ If possible, include small tokens for the team and candidates. The items should have some spiritual significance and can be as simple as some chocolate or candy, as complex as craft items that you and your Reunion Group made, and anything in between. Remember it's the thought, prayer and service that's important, not the actual item itself.
- ⇒ General palanca is also provided in other ways:
 - Providing break food (snacks).
 - Providing candy for the tables.
 - Providing flowers for the dining room or Rollo room.



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GUIDELINES FOR CLEVELAND TD FOURTH DAY SPEAKERS

PURPOSE OF THE TALK:

Sharing the speaker's personal adventures in piety, study, and action as experienced after their candidate weekend.

LENGTH OF THE TALK:

Usually 5 – 10 minutes.
Should be limited to maximum of 10 minutes.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE SPEAKER:

Tres Dias Reunion Group Foldout pamphlet (see questions listed under piety, study & action)
Your Tres Dias Weekend Sponsor
The Tres Dias Cleveland Executive Committee

STRUCTURE OF THE TALK & MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

Introduce yourself – name, church where you worship and your TD Candidate Weekend.

Ask someone to pray for you at the beginning of your talk.

Do not discuss any details of your TD Weekend or any other TD Weekend. Make the focus of the talk your Fourth Day experiences after your candidate weekend. RELAX, you are among the Community of Believers!

OUTREACH

TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Do you have Time and or a desire to share the living streams God has coursing through you to nourish others? Would you like to or have a desire to share your Fourth Day with other Pescadores and possibly other potential candidates? Do you have a Talent that you would like to share in the Praise and Worship of our Savior? Become a Treasure, a Living Sanctuary, to and for others at an upcoming Secuela.

When you have a desire, when the Spirit fills you to overflowing, share with your community and become a Treasure beyond value to all by sharing your Fourth Day experience and/or sharing your musical talents (musical and/or instrumental) at an upcoming Secuela.

Secuelas are set up monthly to give our Christian Community a time to revisit our relationships with each other in the presence of our Lord. Please come and if you have a desire or need to share your Fourth Day or talent please contact:

Dan & Cassandra Kearney
(330) 562-9714 or

Don & Birgit Rudden
(440) 892-9402.



Community News

Communities having weekends in August

5-Aug-10 Perú Tres Dias Women's # 6
Graciela Tarabotto, Palanca Coordinator
Av. Choquehuanca 180 San Isidro
Lima 27, Peru
Tel 51-1-440-4142
Tel 51-1-9901-95477 (Mobile Phone)
Email chelatarabotto@hotmail.com

9-Aug-10 Seoul Tres Dias (Land of the Morning Calm)
Men's # 50
Daeyong Chung, Palanca Coordinator
Suite B2 ES Building, Chungdam-dong, Kangnam-ku,
Seoul, Korea
Tel 82-19-528-0652
Email dychung@ssu.ar.kr

12-Aug-10 Agua Viva Tres Dias Men's # 1
Mónica Manzo, Palanca Coordinator
859-C Dublin Drive
Richardson, TX 75080
Email mmanzoorg@03@yahoo.com

19-Aug-10 Agua Viva Tres Dias Women's # 1
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19-Aug-10 Western Kentucky Tres Dias Men's # 11
Bonnie Trautman, Palanca Coordinator
PO Box 1272
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26-Aug-10 Western Kentucky Tres Dias Women's # 11
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The 31st Annual Assembly Tres Dias International Spring (Houston), Texas July 9-11, 2010

I have just returned from attending this wonderful event in Texas, which Tres Dias Cleveland hosted last summer at Bay Presbyterian Church.

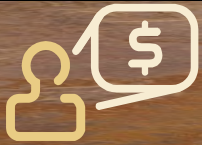
Host community, South East Texas Tres Dias, extended its southern hospitality to all attendees of the 31st Annual Assembly of International Tres Dias, held in Spring, Texas. We were warmly greeted in Christian love, serenaded with joyous praise music, and fed "good ole, down home cookin"!

The theme, created to praise was echoed throughout the weekend in song, scripture, prayer and worship. The meeting room was ablaze with colorful banners of the Tres Dias communities from around the world, as well as lovely centerpieces of Texas bluebonnets and sunflowers! The tables were beautifully set for each meal, with Palanca at each place.

Pescadores traveled from across the United States and beyond...from Jamaica to South Korea! We were blessed to have nearly 250 people participate in Assembly. We welcomed about one-third first-time attendees, some becoming voting members of the Secretariat Committees. We will be enriched by their energy, enthusiasm, talents and experience, as they serve in various capacities.

Christian fellowship abounded among old and new friends! Excitement is brewing for the first truly *International Assembly* in 2012, which will be held in Seoul, Korea! Planning is already underway...watch for details!

Pamela Belknap, W.#1
TDI V.P. of Administration



Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 7-28-2010

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Huntington - Savings 11,056.28

Huntington - Checking 2,565.14

Total Checking/Savings 13,621.42

Total Current Assets 13,621.42

TOTAL ASSETS 13,621.42

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity 2,320.54

Retained Earnings 9,816.69

Net Income 1,484.19

Total Equity 13,621.42

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 13,621.42

Please consider making a tax deductible contribution to Tres Dias Cleveland to help cover the cost of the upcoming weekends.

Contributions may be sent to:
Melanie Garrett
215 Winston Road
Akron, Ohio 44313

If you wish your donation to be used for the Pay-It-Forward program, please indicate "Pay-It-Forward" on the memo line of your check.

Thank you for your continued support.



Calendar of Events

Please prayerfully plan to attend these events. Each Pescadore is an important part of our Community. Sponsors, don't forget to invite and/or bring that new Candidate to the Secuelas. We desire your fellowship, ideas, and contributions!

SECUELAS 2010-2011 - We encourage you to invite family and friends!

Saturday, May 8	7:00 p.m.	True Vine Baptist Church	
Saturday, August 14	10:00-5:00	Washington Reservation	Family Picnic
Saturday, September 11	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Saturday, October 9	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church	
Saturday, November 13	5:15 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	Thanksgiving Potluck/ Pay It Forward Dinner
Saturday, January 15	7:00 p.m.	Grace CMA Church	
Saturday, February 12	7:00 p.m.	Hudson Community Church	
Saturday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church	
Saturday, April 16	7:00 p.m.	Christ Presbyterian	Pay It Forward Dinner
Saturday, May 14	7:00 p.m.	True Vine Baptist	

SECRETARIATS 2010-2011 All are welcome!

Monday, May 10	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Monday, June 7	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church	
Monday, August 16	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church	
Monday, September 13	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Monday October 11	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church	
Monday, November 15	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Monday, January 17	7:00 p.m.	Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church	
Tuesday, February 15	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Monday, March 14	7:00 p.m.	Highland Six Presbyterian Church	
Monday, April 18	7:00 p.m.	Bay Presbyterian Church	
Monday, May 16	7:00 p.m.	Highland Six Presbyterian Church	

Next Newsletter Deadline: Friday, August 20!

Email to: BERNIEVON@aol.com

Please put "Tres Dias Newsletter" in the Subject line to avoid being deleted if unknown sender.

Tres Dias Mission Statement
"To strengthen the local church by providing a
continuing atmosphere for individuals to share
and experience the living Christ."



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