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Norm and Helen's Newsletter Spring/Summer 2007

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends,

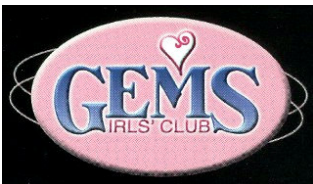
The Need for Intergenerational ministries: Awhile back, I attended with some friends, a large church that ran three services on Sunday morning. The music at each service was different at each service: traditional, contemporary and Christian rock. We happened to attend the traditional service, which was attended primarily with seniors. Afterward, we attended the Seniors Sunday School class. As we were departing for the parking lot, I realized that the whole time I was at church, I scarcely talked with anyone outside my age group. This appeared to be generally true for others in different age groups as well. Families, once they enter the church building, go their separate ways and may not see each other until they are ready to depart. The church has so segregated people by their ages that we are missing the fellowship, love, wisdom and ministries of others outside our age group. This is a terrible loss.

The Christian family is no better as the busyness and over-commitment of adults and parents has minimized the spiritual training in the home. Many parents are hoping the church will do this. We complain about the impact of "peer pressure" on our youth, yet we are encouraging this when we segregate our youth in their schools, churches and even our homes. No wonder our youth are so influenced by their peers as they spend so much time with each other. One of the reasons that the majority of our youth drop out of church when they become adults is that they have not yet fully integrated into the adult church.

The Biblical model of discipleship and mentoring is intergenerational. Scripture such as (Titus 2, Deut. 6) bear this out. We are to pass Christianity and its values to other generations through our example and instruction. This requires each generation to take the time to be together, build relationships, train and encourage one another.

The ministry of CSB is based on building relationships and CSB encourages local CSB units to build an intergenerational ministry team that will minister to itself as well as boys. I have spent my adult life as a lay leader in CSB and since 1999 as a Regional Director. I have benefited greatly from the privilege of mentoring and discipling boys and to be mentored myself by mature men of God that I have worked with in CSB.

Please pray for our Christian churches as they minister to each generation and to help and encourage each generation to minister to each other.



Enter GEMS: CSB has recently begun a partnership with GEMS Girls Clubs (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior). They have the same ministry philosophy as CSB and have been around almost as long. This partnership will help CSB focus its resources on the ministry to boys while being able to refer a comparable strong girls program. Helen and I are already enjoying working with the local GEMS staff. Check out GEMS at www.gemsgc.org.

CSB in Idaho: Helen and I visit Idaho several times each year to see our daughter Carolyn, husband Dave, and of course, grandchildren. Dave and I are networking with men in the area and are planning a Father/Son Team Day in September at Bruneau Dunes State Park. Father/Son Team Days has been a successful and rewarding experience for fathers and sons for many years in California. I am excited about bringing this event to Idaho. **Please pray that this event will get off to a great start.**



Summer Camp Season: The summer camp season is approaching and Helen and I are excited about this year's staff and campers for our Southern California camps in July. **Pray for final preparation and recruiting.** Putting camps together is hard work and is very "God dependent". **Pray as well for the many other camps held by Sequoia Brigade Camp throughout California.** See the camp website for details: www.sequoiabrigadecamp.org.

Helen: I'm looking forward to camp this summer. I will be helping with crafts in the afternoon for the girls and giving the campfire lesson at night. I really would appreciate your prayers – I desire so much that the girls not only know God as their Savior but also know Him in a daily walk. I'm planning to take the campfire time also to teach them the following Scripture with motions. **Please pray that this is life-changing Scripture for each girl:**

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (Isaiah 40:28-29)

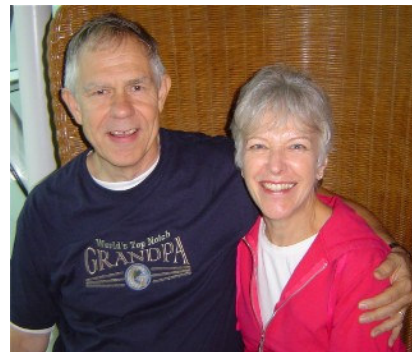
More Information about the events, articles and details of our camps mentioned in this newsletter can be found on the local CSB web site www.socalcsb.org or please contact me.

Blessings to you,

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Titus 2:1-8 *You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us. (NIV)*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. (NIV)*