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They put PASSIONS to action!**

From the Director



*“Each one must do just as **he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.** 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NASB)*

Dear friends,

In training up our Mission disciples, we encourage them to recognize God’s faithfulness so they can joyfully offer their abundant blessings in all they do: To think of others first before they think of

themselves. To honor God with all they are. The Scriptures are very clear that a righteous person is purposed by God: *“Light arises in the darkness for the upright; He is gracious and compassionate and righteous. It is well with the man who is gracious and lends; He will maintain his cause in judgment.” Psalm 112:4-5 (NASB)*

Over and over the Word says that the result of walking righteously (our actions) are a direct result of **what lies in our heart**. It is impossible to live a life of righteousness without believing in Jesus. God gave His Son that we might have life. *“He who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.” John 3:21 (NASB)*

Giving what God designed in us is the fruit of righteousness; His Spirit in us. That’s why the righteous give. *“The good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, brings forth what is good;” Luke 6:45a (NASB)*

I remember the story of the Rich Young Ruler (Mark 10:17-30) who had a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures (as they pertained to relational commandments with other people), and he followed them religiously. Yet he failed to understand the importance of having an intimate relationship with God (the first four commands). When he confronted Jesus Christ with the question of how to obtain eternal life, Jesus told him to sell what he had and to give away all that he had to the poor. Yet, the young man failed to understand. Letting go of worldly security is difficult. As a result, he walked away saddened. Had he known His Father in heaven and sought His will, he would have gladly followed. It wasn’t about worldly riches. It was about the value of believing in, trusting in, and fully growing to know and love Jesus.

Many years ago, when I surrendered my life to Jesus, I promised to commit all I had to Him. I failed to fully understand what I was saying at the time. Yet, over the years the Holy Spirit has been faithful in leading me, helping me understand His will through acts of simple obedience. Not only has my soul been saved and my relationship with Him enhanced, but my sense of personal value (what I have and who I am because He loves me) has changed. I no longer weigh my actions. I actually desire to be totally immersed in His Baptism of spiritual cleansing. He is my *“everything”* and gives me everything. All I am is His.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.” Malachi 3:10 (NASB)

I am blessed. We are blessed. So why do we say, *“You can’t out-give God”* when speaking of blessings? Is it to test outcomes and receive worldly wealth? No. It’s because we live *in* His blessings daily. So offering to Him what He has worked in us is the blessing! **Give God the glory** - in your petitions, your praises, ... works, trials, long-suffering, triumphs, treasures, teachings, exhortations, devotions, ... in everything. When you can do this, **with joy** that comes from Him, THAT’S when you’ll find the blessing!

Folks, you cannot out-give God! He is waiting with abundance that cannot be contained. Say yes. Say AMEN!

Thank you for all you offer in His Name.

Rev. Larry J. Arce, CEO
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Mission at the Mission Hosts ...



WORLD CHANGERS!

We were so excited to have World Changers with us at Mission at the Mission, July 7-12, 2014. What a blessing for our community, watching these young students and leaders (comprised of 11 churches from 4 states) take part in this Urban Plunge.



The Fresno Rescue Mission's Mission at the Mission first opened its doors June 2013. It's incredible to look back and see all that God has done through this ministry in just one year! In total, we have hosted more than 30 entities, comprised of church youth groups, non-profit organizations (hosting training opportunities) and a few "Family Plunge" fun challenges. In the past 13 months we have watched momentum build, far beyond any reasonable expectations. This is truly the Lord's doing. Mission at the Mission is in full swing; equipping and deploying God's people to Fresno's front-line ministries; helping believers "*be the church*" each and every day!

Mission at the Mission operates out of the old *Craycroft Youth Center* (335 G Street). When *Craycroft* closed its doors in 2010 and *Rescue the Children* opened its doors in 2012, we had a chance to dream - to refashion the use of this great space. We knew we wanted to enhance our ministry's reach, but we also wanted to equip the youth in our community to make an impact that was uniquely theirs. Providing the *Urban Plunge* in a retreat-like setting became the key component in educating our community about our "unseen neighbors" and then watching them respond. We help "the church" connect with local ministries (with whom we partner) to generate the kind of difference they envision making. Now, those with a heart for people can step into the mission's field right in their own backyards, all through a specially crafted, tailor-made, retreat experience. Our guests do more than invest time. They put their passions to action!

JUNE 2013 TO DATE	TOTAL
Attendees	1039
Bed Nights	1957
Meals Served	4749
Volunteer Hours	2920

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. Colossians 3:15-17 (NASB)



Above, a group of amazing youth from the Church of Tollhouse taking part in an Urban Plunge held June 2014. The takeaway: "See the Need, Take the LEAD!"



Pictures above, World Changers, July 2014

Pictured left, Trinity Community Church, May 2013



Responsible Stewardship

This month I reach a milestone – I celebrate my 70th birthday! My wife and I are both in good health and enjoy speaking into the lives of our six grandchildren. Some of the things we thought were so important years ago are not that important to us now. Being able to impact the lives of our family members, and others we meet (including those in need), is where we invest our time and treasure these days.

Being one of many "Traditionalists" born prior to 1946, my generation is known for saving money and exercising conservative values. My wife and I have saved over the years in the hopes we would continue living our lives without burdening others. At the same time, our intent was to continue investing in God's Kingdom, now and after God calls us home.

For those in my age bracket or older, have you considered investing in God's Kingdom work by including the Fresno Rescue Mission in your will? Many of you have been faithful partners and financial supporters of the Mission for many years. A legacy gift will further ensure the work of the Mission will continue. If we, as staff of the Fresno Rescue Mission, can help you in anyway, please feel free to contact us.

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