



Cumberland Valley Tres Dias

February 2012

Dear CVTD Community,

What's on your calendar for Friday evening, February 10th at 6:30pm?? Should be a secuela at New Covenant Fellowship in Mechanicsburg. Please plan to attend with us as we plan and support our new Rectors for the upcoming spring weekends. We will be spending some special time in prayer for the specific weekend needs as they are presently represented to us and ask our Father in heaven for His unlimited guidance. Please lift these weekends up to Him, pray over the teams and ask God to pour the candidates in to be blessed and encouraged through this wonderful walk with Him. Please be talking with Him about your place in serving on our weekends and who you know that would be blessed by attending the weekend and becoming a part of our community. What a time of blessing we have before us!

A couple of items are waiting on our agendas for the community. We have a Tres Dias School session to complete for the ongoing status of our community. Do you know what that is?? Attend the Friday secuela and have your questions answered. Elections of officers are also coming soon; we will talk about that leadership on Friday. Come one and come all.

Personally, God has opened my eyes to a new style of quiet time, a totally new Bible study, that I am not leading, and some accountability groups with seasoned believers. Such spiritual riches are pouring out of these new (to me) experiences. The Bible study is based on Blackaby's "Experiencing God". To get the most out of the study and my accountability groups I have finally given up my own agenda and started journaling. I'm simply writing the thoughts that God is giving me, you know, looking at the familiar with new spiritual eyes. I have been introduced to a new style (for me) of prayer journaling (never did this before either) which makes so much sense that I can't believe I didn't figure this out before. All of this is coming through the accountability groups. I think our motto would be something like "Listen, surrender and OBEY. Give Him your

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all and see what He will do, FOR REAL." Anyway, for what it's worth, let me share what it's worth, let me share what God inspired me with recently. Remember Moses?? Who doesn't? He's the one who had excuses why someone else should go to Pharaoh. (Don't be offended, but maybe he was a member of Tres Dias International, he sounds like me!!) Here's what struck me like a blow. Why should Moses go to Pharaoh? BECAUSE IT WAS GOD'S WILL FOR ISRAEL TO BE DELIVERED. This story isn't about Moses at all. It is about God's will and Moses obedience which allowed His will to be accomplished. God chose Moses and he obeyed. God talked with Moses face to face. What a story. Ex. 33:7 - 34:10. So I left the 'Moses did this and Moses did that' mindset and *inserted 'God powerfully used Moses as His vessel' in every case.* It was a God moment for me.

So let me say good-bye with the challenge . . . regardless of weaknesses will you consider the call to serve in some way for our weekends and be Moses for CVTD? See you Friday night,
DeColores, Ruth

2012 Rectors

Bill Grondin is a native of Southern California (Los Angeles) and went to college in Flagstaff, AZ at Northern Arizona Univ. (Class of '86). After graduation, he relocated to back to California to begin his professional career, which has moved him to several different states (AZ, CO, IL, NJ, OR, NV & TX) for work-related purposes; however, it was God's plan that brought him to the Pennsylvania area eleven (11) years ago and he calls York his home. Bill is married to his lovely wife, Diane, and has two terrific step-daughters, Brianna — 16 and Bethany — 13. They are growing up extremely fast, so when he and Diane are not watching soccer, track meets or various school plays, they are listening to great Praise & Worship Music, going to the movies and just relaxing (but that doesn't seem to happen much). Bill is extremely excited about the opportunity to serve the CVTD Community and Rector for Men's Weekend #17 and asks you to keep him and Ann Diller in your prayers as they prepare for the weekends.

Ann Diller was born in Columbia PA and adopted at 6 weeks of age. Her adoptive parents were farmers in Lancaster County. In 1948, God called her parents into ministry. You guessed it — she was a "Preacher's Kid". In 1968, Ann married Wilbur "Butch" Diller and they had two sons, Andy & Craig. She was a stay-at-home mom, working with her husband in landscaping, and they now have a feed and tack store. They are proud grandparents of Alicia and Brandon. Ann and her husband are active in their church, Redland Valley Brethren in Christ as Deacon and Deaconess. Ann also enjoys singing with the El Shaddai Choir.

A Word About Kairos

Kairos is a prison ministry designed to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated men, women and children, to their families and to those who work in the prison environment. The Kairos Ministry in Maryland consists of Kairos Inside and Kairos Outside 3-day weekend retreats.

Kairos Inside weekends are held inside men's and women's correctional institutions. The weekends are designed to help the residents experience spiritual renewal and to help the residents accept God's call to a life of Christian witness and service.

Kairos Outside is a special weekend retreat designed to support the female loved ones of men and women who are or have been incarcerated. Families of the incarcerated "do time" right along with their loved ones. In a safe environment with loving people, women interact with other women who are in similar situations and learn to form small groups to support and give them strength for the challenges they face.

There are two weekends a year in men's institutions in Hagerstown MD and one women's in Jessup MD and "Torch" for youth in MD. There are also two outside weekends a year in MD.

Why I do Kairos? I want to make a difference in people's lives and help my community too. Kairos offers residents at the prisons an opportunity to know Christ, His love and forgiving grace. It changes hearts. I think the only way to change a person's life is to first change their heart. Then when a resident leaves his or her facility to go back into society, he or she has a chance to make a new life and not be a repeat offender. Kairos is one of the most successful programs out there to accomplish this.

MD and Texas have been doing a pilot program to offer guidance and assistance (not money) to residents as they acclimate back into society consisting of a mentor program for anyone who has attended Kairos on the inside and requests it.

It is really exciting to be a part of this ministry.
Jo Ann Rieder-King

Web Site

Information about Cumberland Valley Tres Dias, our Secuela and Weekend dates, applications and other forms can be found on our web site: www.cvtdweb.org

Secuela Offering Basket

If you've ever attended a Secuela, you know that there is a vast table of goodies. Also on that table is an offering basket. Have you ever stopped to consider where that money goes? Wonder no more! CVTD has numerous expenses above and beyond the weekend costs - such things as insurance and registration for our truck, our CCLI license that allows us to have a printed song book, and our annual dues to Tres Dias International.

In addition to those expenses, we made the decision to have 20% of the offering proceeds going to the scholarship fund and 80% to general expenses. If someone wants to give above and beyond to the scholarship fund, they can always write a check and list "scholarship fund" on the memo line.

So please, be generous! Cash is always welcome, and checks can be made payable to CVTD.

CVTD TRAILER

Jim Miller has graciously hauled our trailer back and forth to Roxbury and taken it for inspections, etc. In the event that he is ever unavailable when the trailer needs to be moved, we'd like to know who else might have a trailer hitch and be willing to step in if needed. Please let Ruth know. Thanks.

SECUELA SPEAKERS

If you would like the privilege of sharing what God has been doing in your life since your weekend, you are invited to do a Fourth Day talk (6-12 minutes) at an upcoming Secuela. We also need someone to do a devotion (3-5 minutes) at each Secuela. If interested, please give Sam Brenneman a call at 319-1296.

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