

Fisherman



March, 2006

President's Letter

Tuesday 02-07-06 6am ... Normally I'd be doing bible study and prayer at this time. But last night I was awake from 3:15 to 3:45am whereupon this letter came into shape. A few weeks back, Jim Crytzer asked me to write the President's letter while he was in Florida. I said I'd probably write something about Reunion Groups and/or Sponsorship. Well, with the events of the last two weeks, it became clear last night that He wants me to tell a very personal story about His hand working through a Reunion Group.

Two weeks ago today I awoke before dawn at a plush resort in the desert just south of Phoenix. The biggest conference of the year, from a personal business standpoint, was about to start. I was filled with joy to be in the city where I came to know the Lord on a Cursillo Weekend back in March of 1991. The conference went well, Praise the Lord. Since it ended on a Thursday, I had invited God's most precious gift to me, my wife Diane, to spend a long weekend visiting old friends. Things went well until Friday evening when I felt she over-reacted to something our teenage son did back home. I began to boil inside, as is my tendency. Later that night, at a party at my old boss's house, he and I and another guy had a meaningful talk about Jesus. The next day, as we followed some other friends in our rental car to a youth sports event, I finally blew and said some things, whether true or not, that were said in anger. Later that night, after Diane had retired, I sat around a backyard fire pit with another old friend who is now a successful architect with a million dollar house. We spoke about Jesus, and, once again for Kris, the message went by. Then he brought out a couple cigars and a couple of beers. I said to myself, "Why not?" Then he brought out the old pipe. I said "No thanks. I gave that up." But the second time around I took a puff. Moments later, I felt like I had taken in a demon, like I had been suckered by the enemy. I knew what I had done was wrong, compounding my angry outburst with Diane.

We came home the next day. I felt so bad I could hardly speak. Knowing my past, I think Diane in her intuition knew what I had done. I buried myself in work all week. Yet Saturday morning Reunion Group loomed in front of me. "What will I tell my brothers? I hate talking about personal failure, and yet that's one of the main points. But Tony is an Elder and I'm a Deacon. Will he see that I'm removed? Man, I've just been through five long years in a personal desert. Will I have to go back to square one? Maybe they won't ask about it...." I dragged myself to the group. Rob started. For the past few weeks, we've been praying for Rob as he has been dealing with a health problem. He gave us an update that things have been healing, his wife was a champ, work is still hard, but God is good. Then he turned to me. "Mike, you've been kinda' quiet. How was your trip to Phoenix?" All I could do was look at my coffee and let the tears roll down my face. I couldn't talk. Rob and Tony sat in silence, probably in silent prayer. After a few minutes, I was finally able to squeak out the above story. Tony said, "Mike look at me. Mike look at me. I knew what happened when I first saw you. Question: How are you doing on the guilt highway?" I knew where he was going and just nodded. "You got guts. To come here and tell us and do what you're doing. That takes guts. Yes it hurts, but you know what? I want you to read this verse. Go ahead, read it." I read through sobbing, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." After a bit more dialogue, my brothers prayed for me. I prayed too. Then I went home and apologized to Diane for what I had done. Sunday I felt a whole lot better, but there was one more thing - you know what one of the key verses was in the sermon? "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." I felt God's forgiveness and restoration. Praise God for Rob and Tony. Praise God for the Reunion Group God put in my life five years ago.

Are you in a Reunion Group? If not, grab a like-minded person or two, pick an hour and a place that works, and start getting real. It takes time for trust to develop, but of this I KNOW: God will use that group in ways that will make your original Weekend, as powerful as it may have been, pale in comparison. The real work of progressive sanctification is done in the Reunion Group. Don't miss out on this greater blessing. And don't leave yourself vulnerable to the persistent attacks of the enemy.

Blessings, Mike Wise, Vice President

Community News

SOUNDS OF SECRETARIAT – 2/14/06

Several of the task forces made presentations at the last Secretariat, however, a quorum was not present so items were discussed but no actions taken.

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAISES

Please pray for our Leadership:

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| President: | Jim Crytzer |
| Vice President: | Mike Wise |
| Secretary: | Barb Jackson |
| Treasurer: | Jim Hart |
| Asst Treasurer: | Ted Kurz |
| Fourth Day Chair: | Dan Allen |
| Inventory Chair: | Ernie Palma |
| Volunteer Coordinator: | Ann Biery |

Please pray for my mother, Ann Youshak. She is in FL and has just been diagnosed with "diastolic heart failure." She is 92. Please pray for God's healing and strengthening touch and wisdom for the doctors and my brothers and sister-in-law, who are there for their long winter vacation. Thank you. **Mary Ann Walter (W#9)**

I am coming to you to ask that you keep my sister, Cathy, in your prayers. She's just been diagnosed with metastatic cancer. The doctors aren't very hopeful, but we know that with prayer, anything is possible! Thankfully, Cathy is a believer, so she is feeling God's arms around her. Please include her husband John, daughter Wendi, son-in-law Steve and granddaughter Hannah in your prayers. Blessings & thanks, **Denise Palma (W#8)**

(In past prayer requests, Denise requested prayers for Steve. Steve is Cathy's son-in-law. Please keep him in your prayers too. The whole family has been going through many health difficulties.)

Thank you to all of you who have been praying for my mom. According to the doctor we have had a "miracle". He said he has "never seen this before." What appeared to be the most aggressive form of breast cancer was really from a skin cancer she had removed last fall. NO Chemo or radiation will be necessary. All that is necessary is the surgery she has already had. Praise God for His mercy, and again thanks to all of you! **Bill Weekley #10**

Thank you to all my Tres Dias prayer warriors - for your support during my Mom's (Irene Fischer) sickness & now her passing on 1/20/06. She is with HIM now.
Chris Fischer W#12

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAISES

We praise God for blessing us with our second daughter, **BROOKE EVELYN**, on January 27, 2006. She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21-3/4 inches long. We are so thankful for an easy labor and delivery and a healthy baby! She joins big sister, Camryn, who is 22 months, and bombarding her with hugs and kisses! **Dan (M#10) and Debbie (W#8) Allen**

Please pray for our Community members as they meet in their task forces. Pray that they would be open to Holy Spirit led ideas. Pray that the implementation of their proposals would be to the glory of God alone. Pray that the processes and finances would be blessed. Pray that Community members would be led to serve, not just on weekends, but on committees, task forces, and on Secretariat. Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 2/18/06

Beginning Balance – 1/1/06 **\$ 3,553.95**

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| Income: 1/1/06 - 2/18/06 | |
| Weekend Fees | 2,715.00 |
| Gifts/Donation | 5,937.00 |
| Interest/Misc | <u>0.00</u> |
| | \$ 8,652.00 |

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| Expenses: 1/1/06 - 2/18/06 | |
| General Expenses: | |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 0.00 |

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| Income less Expenses: | \$ 8,652.00 |
| Balance as of 2/18/06 | \$12,205.95 |
| Loan (to be repaid) | \$ 5,200.00 |
| Funds available | \$ 7,005.95 |

Thank you for your generous donations since the first of the year. We can now repay the personal loan of \$5,200, which covered our shortfall. We still need additional donations to cover the upcoming weekend estimated cost of \$11,000. **Please consider making a contribution to Tres Dias Cleveland to help cover the cost of upcoming weekends. Contributions may be sent to Ted Kurz at 3275 Royal Oak Court, Westlake, OH. 44145**

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

Content Editor – Eileen Koborie
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Deadline for the February newsletter is March 17, 2006. Please send all articles to Eileen Koborie at ekoborie@neo.rr.com or call her at (330) 633-8832.

WOMEN'S #14

Fisherman March 2006

Weekend Verse:

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope from the Holy Spirit."

Rectora Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an honor and blessing to serve our Lord in preparing for the next Women's weekend! It's been an awesome journey with the Lord over the last few months. God is faithful and He provides! I'm in awe as I look at the team He has provided and the plans He has made. The team is gentle in spirit and filled with a servant's heart for the Lord. As we have been meeting over the last several weeks, the Spirit's presence has guided us through His work and His plans. We are uniting as a team and are excited to do God's work! God's theme for this weekend is Hope, which is a gift from the Holy Spirit. This hope comes from the confidence and trust we have in Christ Jesus, which has been weaved throughout the meetings and the preparation for the weekend.

The weekend is so powerful and successful because of the commitment of the community. We ask for your continued support "behind the scenes" in the way you feel led – palanca, prayers, or special activities. Please give Heidi Minick-Starke a call at (440) 729-1603 if you would like to participate in the different activities behind the scenes – we are still in need of more help. Please continue to cover the team and candidates in prayer as we seek God's will this weekend!

De Colores!
Lori DeWitt
Rectora Women's #14

WOMEN'S #14 TEAM

Nancy Aikins
Martha Anderson
Margo Ashbrook
Lisa Corwin
Carolyn Culbertson
Lori DeWitt - **Rectora**
Nicole Enold - **Chief Aux**
Ginny Gibbons
Jan Hairston
Diane Harsch - **Assistant Rectora**
Cathy Jackson
Taffy Kulp
Karena McCandless
Beth McKee - **Spiritual Director**
Lisa McNeely
Shirley Mellon - **Spiritual Director**
Nanci Melster
Heidi Minick-Starke - **Weekend Chair**
Denise Palma
Nancy Pitrone
Barb Radis
Karen Raymond - **Assistant Rectora**
Kathy Rosenau
Birgit Rudden
Laura Skrebnas - **Music Director**
Marc Wolff - **Spiritual Director**
Julie Yancheck - **Assistant Chief Aux**

CANDIDATE LIST AS OF 2/22/06

| CANDIDATE | SPONSOR |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Miriam Strebeck | Liz McArthur |
| Linda Ellis | Sue Kilbey |
| Sandra Schicker | Taffy Kulp |
| Lynn Savron | Shirley Mellon |
| Emily Spacagna | Laura Skrebnas |
| Debbie Ruffo | Jeanine Bell |
| Ada McQuary | Cassandra Kearney |
| Heidi Love | Emerson McArthur IV |
| Mary Cintron | Paula Frashuer |
| Mary Schordock | Dianne Hartenburg |
| Sherri Restifo Ripcho | Dianne Hartenburg |
| Holly Uram | Nanci Melster |

March 30 - April 2

WEEKEND FORMS:

Guidelines to sponsorship:

<http://www.tresdiascleveland.org/sponsor-responsibilities-printer-friendly-version.html>

Candidate Application:

<http://www.tresdiascleveland.org/candidate-s-application.html>

Sponsor Application:

<http://www.tresdiascleveland.org/sponsor-s-application.html>

Don't forget to turn in both applications and a check for the weekend fee together.

Mark your Calendar

Please prayerfully plan to attend these events. Each Pescadore is an important part of our Community. We desire your fellowship, ideas, and contributions!

SECUELA DATES - Open to friends and family who have not attended a Tres Dias Weekend.

MARCH 10, 2006

Highland Sixth, 5632 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143

AGENDA

- 7:30 – Worship and Opening Prayer
- 7:45 – Scripture Reading
- 7:50 – 4th Day Talk
- 8:00 -- Announcements
- 8:15 -- Closing Music
- 8:25 – Closing Prayer

2006 SECUELAS - Do you have a connection to a church located more towards the south that would be a good spot for a Secuela? Contact Dan Allen (dallen@sbtechs.com). One restricting factor is that we are unable to pay a building usage fee.

SECRETARIAT DATES - always at 7:30 pm(usually the first Tuesday after a Secuela)

March 14, 2006

Highland Sixth 5632 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, OH 44143

2006 WEEKEND DATES

- Women's #14 weekend – Mar 30 – April 2, 2006 - at St Joe's
- Men's #15 – October 5 – 8, 2006 at Cedar Hills
- Women's # 15 - October 19 – 22, 2006 at Cedar Hills

Mark your calendar with these 2006 Dates for Secuelas and Secretariats

| | Secuelas | | Secretariats | |
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| | Date | Location | Date | Location |
| March | 3/10 | Highland Sixth | 3/14 | Highland Sixth |
| April | 4/7 | Bay Presbyterian | 4/18 | Bay Presbyterian |
| May | 5/12 | Christ Presbyterian | 5/16 | Christ Presbyterian |

Tres Dias – Cleveland

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Tres Dias Mission Statement

“To strengthen the local church by providing a continuing atmosphere for individuals to share and experience the living Christ.”

