



Whispering Winds

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Cast A Net Yo Ho!!! Jesus called the disciples to do something a little out of the ordinary by casting their nets on the other side of the boat. When their nets filled up with loads of fish, they became his followers. Sometimes Jesus gets our attention by stretching our boundaries and calling us to step outside of ourselves. He tells us “be not afraid, I go before you always.” Family Camp 2003 has been one incredible journey with many leaps of faith and countless celebrations of faith.

Cast A Net For Jesus

Using Simon Peter as our model, we rode upon the waves of a sacred voyage that led us closer to Christ Jesus. Families discovered the sharks, dolphins, crabs, piranhas, star and clown fish among them and talked about the bait that Jesus used to hook them in faith. Simon Peter (Gary Peck) shared his story with us on Saturday. We learned that faith is a constant journey with many ups and downs, but the one thing that is steady is Jesus’ love for us. We partied on Saturday night with wacky costumes and silly songs that proclaimed the message of each weekend. We danced, and danced, and danced. Our Eucharistic celebration allowed us to share our Catholic tradition and bound us as one body in Christ. Our water play brought out the child in all of us. The Whispy Chix (Letty Peck, Abigail Lucca, Rachel

Lucca, Jen Bedison) led us in ever enthusiastic singing and dancing and sold many CDs as well. With a dash of pirate and a smidgen of “white girl rap”, we introduced the new theme song “Yo Ho Cast A Net.” We even had moms and dads shaking their booties!

I think the summer can best be summarized in a song written on one of the weekends by the Bacher & Curran families:

Simon Peter’s Journey

(to the tune of Gilligan’s Island)

Just sit right back and you’ll hear a tale
A tale of a lifelong trip
That started out in Galilee
Aboard a tiny ship
Aboard a tiny ship.

Simon Peter was a fisherman
Who wasn’t always sure
When Jesus told him “Follow me”
He wondered, “what’s in store?”
He wondered, “what’s in store?”

Peter stepped out on the sea one day
‘Cause Jesus called his name
But soon his faith was sinking fast
And Jesus said, “that’s lame!”
And Jesus said, “that’s lame!”

Jesus said to him one night
My name you will deny

When Pete said “no” for the
third time
He heard a rooster cry
He heard a rooster cry

Jesus sent him out to cast
His net for all of us
But after Calvary he feared
Their faith was just a bust
Their faith was just a bust

The third day dawned, they all
woke up
And Jesus had risen
And God the Father gave his Son
So sins could be forgiven
So sins could be forgiven

Now Peter’s journey didn’t end
Jesus walked with him each mile
He’s still here with our families
So leave here with a smile
So leave here with a smile.

Our team really went out of their way to make this summer a great one for every single family. Marjorie Bialk coordinated and facilitated an outstanding children’s program, Sarah Wright wrote the teen program, Katie O’Loughlin facilitated the teen program and did whatever we needed her to do, Chris Nieman, our Staff Assistant, handled everything I could not, Matt Miller served as Activities Coordinator and was doused with water each and every Saturday, Marie and Bob Cizek created a self-guided nature hike that many fami-

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lies did together, Matt McBride coordinated and supervised all the fabulous and ever necessary CCAs (Child Care Assistants), Brian and Tara Denny handle all the facilities and rental duties for the camp, Rosie Soto and the “sexy” cooks kept us well fed all summer long (I miss the salsa already), Joe and Agnes McKnight gave their faith-filled and dynamic adult program on Saturday, Gary Peck was an awesome Peter, Dotti Hulburt originated and wrote the Cast A Net For Jesus program, Steve Spooner provided us with all the beautiful wooden fish for our family mobiles, and The Wispy Chix inspired us with song and dance. A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who helped out with the children’s program, all

the committees that contributed to the overall program, the clean up crews, and the Women’s Auxiliary for running the Angels in the Wind gift shop all summer long. None of this would be possible of course if not for the faith and dedication of Don and Mo Kojis. We love you.

I would like to personally thank the team for all their hard work this summer. I accepted the position of Program Director because I believe in families and in Whispering Winds, but I really could not have made it through this summer without the help and prayers of all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. God bless you all and let’s continue to pray for one another. *Jen Bedison*

God Bless our Volunteers & Donors

Helen Kane - volunteer office worker

Robert Henry - installation and tile for dining hall bathroom

Bob Cizek, Ken Dube, Ken Denbow, Phil Mascari, George Meulmester, Marie Cizek,

Mo Kojis, Mary Jane Nigro - workparties

James Vadeboncoeur - adding Whispering Winds to his will & trust

Diane Nagle - sportscraft turbo air hockey table

Rudy and Marilyn Regalado - assorted items donated

Family Parish Weekend Projects:

Mission de Alcala - computer software; St. Patricks Carlsbad - computer for camp;

All Hallows - computer software; St. Therese - mosquito magnets;

Mary Magdalene/Our Lady of Grace - steam table and DVD player;

Sacred Heart Brawley - digital camera; St. Gabriel - storage sheds;

St. Pius X, Jamul - railroad ties for stairs

Glenn and Susan Wilhite - seed, fertilizer, aerator, drag mat

The Brickman Group - use of their office and telephones for the Phonathon

All Phonathon callers and cooks and donors to auctions

Jaye Park - use of sheets, towels, and pillow cases

RCP Block and Brick - Tom Finch - 20 yds of topsoil, rock, and road mix

JR Wike and Bill Broding - Milner door repairs

Steve Spooner - WWA store counter, Forest Home week for Jen and Abigail

Jim and Paula Silk - ride-on mower

Vincent Memorial High School workparty - Michael Gamboa, Ivan Mendez, Ana Montano, Ivette

Valenzuela, Blanca Padilla, Jose Armanelo Carter & Sr. Maryanne Beeler

Eagle Scout projects, Tom Perry and Luke Miller - replant trees

Joey and Bridgid Krys - pallet of trash bags, portable tools, etc

Boy Scout Troop 362 - workparty

Brodings Battery - repair fire engine alternator

Mark Malovic, Jerry Wills, Glenn Wilhite and the Markey Family - Thanksgiving cooks and helpers

AND...\$5,000 donated by Richard Blum for the Barter Club



Director's Corner

In the 25 years of Whispering Winds' existence, we have been good and prudent servants of the faithful donors to our camp. We are DEBT FREE and we own our 161 ACRES OF LAND. It took us 17 years to pay off the land, but its owned free and clear.

There are four permanent and eight portable buildings and eight tipis on the property now and thousands of guest have utilized our facilities this past year. Recreation activities include a batting cage with pitching machine, archery range, pool tables, ping pong tables, air hockey tables, foosball, tree house with 25' slide, childrens grass and sand playground, hiking trails, slip and slides, small plastic swimming pools, basketball courts and tennis court.

However, to complete the camp we need to build four more 12 room lodges, our main conference center building, a swimming pool, miniature golf course, recreational fields, permanent chapel, pave the interior roads, build leach fields, etc.

We are grateful to our loyal donors as we rely

on the generosity of others to sustain our growth. May God bless you,



Don Kojis
Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE

Dinner Dance and Silent Auction

April 24, 2004
Doubletree Hotel
Mission Valley

Call Mary Griffin, chairperson to help with
the dinner dance: 619-437-7131

Call Vicki Youngers, Silent Auction Chair-
person, to help with the Silent Auction:
858-483-4282

Whispering Winds Needs Your Help

I would like to make a donation to Whispering Winds:

VISA MasterCard Check

Card # _____ Amount \$ _____

Signature: _____ Exp Date: _____

I would like to **Volunteer** my time to help Whispering Winds. Please send me a volunteer sheet to fill out.

I am intersted in including Whispering Winds in my will.

Please add my email address to the Whispering Winds' list of friends to keep me updated on important issues.

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Wish List

Camp

Forklift and Metal detector
75' router snake for drains
Cleaning products for camp
Rototiller and disc attachment
Athletic Equipment:
Tennis racquet and balls; baseball bats and helmets,
new outdoor basketballs, ping pong paddles and balls,
bows, arrows and targets
Hydraulic bucket on truck to trim trees
Canvas for Tipis
Commercial ride-on mower
Family Oriented Video Tapes for evening viewing

Camp Repairs

Bunkhouse - needs roofing
Kitchen - interior painting
Grounds - Dead trees removed

Meeting Hall

- Exterior paint
- Interior lighting redo and light to addition

Signage

- Directions to building, hiking trails and speed limits

Fences

- Repair and replace

Treehouse - netting

Office

8 1/2 x 11 copier paper
Office supplies - colored paper, scotch tape, white out, 1" x 4" white printer labels (Avery 5160), manila folders, binders
37 cent stamps (rolls of 100) and 3 cent stamps
Underwrite newsletter costs
Plastic bins for storage
3.5 Computer diskettes
Large dictionary

USED VEHICLE DONATIONS NEEDED

Contact Don Kojis at 619-464-1479

If you have a used vehicle or motorhome. We need your donations.

Thanks to: Robert and Marty Fowler - 1990 Dodge Conversion Van

Patrick McCallan - 1993 Ford Taurus

John and Barbara deKergulen - 1979 Datsun 280ZX

Willard Delagardelle - 1991 Honda Accord

Keith Wilhite - 1993 Ford F250 4WD Truck for the camp

Jim and Mattie Scull - 1989 Honda

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