It’s A Family Affair

Diane writes, “Being in Baltimore was exciting and it was also an awesome way to involve our children in the ministry. Danielle and I focused on handing out CDs, particularly the message by Jana Alayra titled, “A Flower that Blooms in Adversity.” It was wonderful to be able to hand it to women as they walked by and let them know that it was an encouraging message for them to hear. As we did this, the Lord used the children to hand out Children’s Praise and Bible Stories CDs. They also gave away pencils and toys that reminded the children that Jesus loves them!”

Pray Without Ceasing!

“I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.” Ephesians 1:16-23

Beginning in mid-November, FFC’s International Office, at 23011 Moulton Parkway, Suite C-13, Laguna Hills, CA, will be open for prayer from 6 to 9:30 AM every Tuesday. Join FFC’s ministry team and others who desire to pray from 6 to 9:30 AM every Tuesday. Join FFC’s Ministry team and others who desire to pray.

FFC At Ground Zero

Jerry Silcock called FFC Intl. three times from Ground Zero on 9/11 reporting that God was working in a powerful way as people shared the love of Jesus. The FDNY Chapter of FFC and the New York City Cops For Christ were privileged to have the support of Rich Camacho, Director of Mission NYC, Mike Finizio, Pastor of Harvest Fellowship in Manhattan, and Lloyd Polley, Pastor of Calvary Chapel Old Bridge, New Jersey. Pastor Mike Rodriguez of Corona, CA Calvary Chapel donated all the food and drinks for the day. As NYC firefighters and police officers gave their 9/11 testimonies, many people gave away Bibles and tracts. Praise God! His Word never returns void. 

“Just Show Up!”

FFC EMERGENCY RELIEF TEAMS RESPOND

by Mike Bell, Deputy Chief, Rancho Cucamonga FD

For over thirty years Firefighters For Christ International has remained centered on its primary mission—to encourage firefighters to live their lives for Jesus Christ. This has translated into countless events and outreaches over the years, designed to provide opportunities for Christian firefighters to be challenged and strengthened in their faith by using the unique gifts and talents God has given them to share the love of Christ.

Construction projects in Mexico, athletic competitions around the world, fire service conventions, trips to Russia, 9/11 outreaches, the FFC Tape Ministry, right down to the monthly gatherings of small groups of firefighters in firehouses and coffee shops in big and little cities across the globe, all have occurred beneath the banner of FFC’s singular focus.

Recently, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina came the fulfillment of a 20-year vision of FFC leadership, the Firefighters For Christ Emergency Relief Team (ERT). Much of its formation and initial deployment was chronicled in the previous FFC newsletter. Since that time the trailers and tools have returned to California. But before they left, eight FFC teams had traveled to Mississippi, where the Lord used the hearts and arms of many FFC members to help rebuild homes and lives of people shattered by Katrina’s fury. The bulk of the work was dedicated to the demolition and rebuilding of a single home in Bay St. Louis, MS, an area devastated by Katrina’s winds but spared by Katrina’s rains.

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White said: "The spirit of God can work incredibly in those situations because we bring His presence into the midst of them."

White and FFC leadership is hopeful that the FFC ERT concept will expand to a list of over 100 firefighters willing to be dispatched to respond to the aftermaths of Katrina type disasters in the future. They are pursuing relationships with other existing relief organizations so they can be deployed strategically when needed.

The FFC ERT represents the heart of the entire history and ministry of Firefighters for Christ. "The ERT and other outreaches have two main goals that go hand in hand," White said. "We want to minister the love of God to the people directly affected by a disaster, or living in dismal conditions or living in places where the Gospel is not readily accessible. Just as important, though, is the ministry that occurs within the team. The work we do is simply a tool or means to meet these greater purposes," White commented.

Any member of FFC, that has participated in an outreach or simply attended a prayer breakfast or firehouse Bible study, can attest to the amazing things God does when his people "just show up." The several trips across the country and back during the Katrina outreach led to many opportunities to share Christ while on the road. "There was not a restaurant we stopped at that we did not share Christ with a waitress, truck driver or customer," White said.

"That’s the kind of stuff that happens over and over again when we just show up."
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Body of Christ Builds Together

Orange County firefighter, Darren Purcell, nails a window into a house that he and other FFC families built in Otay Mesa, Mexico this summer. FFC members from Morongo Basin, LA County, and San Diego City joined forces with Bajia Christian Ministries to build a home for Margarita and one of her 6 children. Margarita is a 65-year-old grandmother, who cleans houses in order to provide for her and her 34-year-old disabled son.

Jerry White is a veteran at building houses in Mexico. He and his wife Jennifer love to serve Jesus.

The 3 room and loft home were completed in two days. Gabriel Hammett, USMC Fire and Services Emergency, from FFC’s Morongo Basin Chapter, enjoyed the kids and the work.

Margarita donated her former home to a friend. Watch our web for the dates of FFC’s next trip. It’s a great adventure watching God do His work!

Girls will be girls! They couldn’t pass up buying these slingshots from a street vendor.

FFC’s team included 14 adults and 10 children. Jennifer White said, “The best part of our weekend was presenting Margarita with a Spanish Bible and telling her how much Jesus loves her. We then gave her the keys to her new house. We were all tired and dirty Sunday night as we pulled away from her home, yet we were full of joy because we knew that Margarita, her children and neighbors had experienced the love of God.”

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FRIDAY, February 9th
6 – 9 PM – FFC DINNER* $25.00* per person
- Hilton Hotel - 18800 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine

SATURDAY, February 10th
5 – 6:30 PM – FFC DINNER $18.00 per person (pay at restaurant)
- Souplantation Restaurant, 2825 Main, Irvine
7 – 9 PM – PRAYER & PRAISE
- John & Jane White’s House – 60 Fairlake, Irvine
- Directions available at FFC Breakfast

SUNDAY, February 11th
9:45 – 12 Noon – BRUNCH $15.00 per person
- El Torito Restaurant 18512 MacArthur Blvd., Irvine