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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM BARRY & LINDA



God's Faithfulness in Marriage

Linda and I remain in awe of the goodness of the Lord. He has proven Himself over and over to us throughout the years. We are celebrating our 42nd year of marriage this month and we can honestly say that the Lord has never let us down. As we take time to reflect on what God has done in our relationship, we can see how He brought us two very unlikely people together. Linda was an 18-year-old backslidden Christian girl and I was a heathen just looking for a good time. We met at a beer party in Manhattan Beach. Our first meeting was in the midst of loud music and a crowd of drunken people. What a why for God to work! No matter what the situation, He is always working out His purposes.

"A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps". Proverbs 16:9

At the time much prayer was going up for Linda by her parents. Like the prodigal son, Linda met me in a pigpen. We started to date and after a year of fighting, braking up and getting back together we were married. At the time Linda had become pregnant with our son Shad. I had no job and was in the process of being drafted into the military and at the time the Viet Nam war was in full swing.

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The Power of the Gospel

"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God". 1Cor. 1:18

On a warm July Saturday evening our team went to the Hermosa Beach Pier. As the evening went along we saw large crowds of people gathered to listen to the gospel message. Toward the end of the evening I had just completed one of my presentations called "The Fear Factor". A large group of young men rode up on bicycles and one of them by the name of Steve said that they had seen the painting from over a block away and wanted to see what was going on. As Linda & I shared the story of my coming to Christ, Linda asked if we could pray for him. As we prayed he began to weep, putting his head down in his hands. The Spirit of God was doing heart surgery in that moment. After presenting him with the gospel I asked if he would be willing to repent of his sin and give his life to Jesus Christ. He said, "yes, yes I want to know Jesus!" He prayed the sinner's prayer through tears of joy and deeply weeping in repentance. He said that



Painting Presentation at the Hermosa Beach Pier



Prayer for Aries Seeking After God

nothing like this had ever happened to him in his life. I told him, that's right because God wanted to do business with him right there on the pier. I told him that he was now a child of God and that God had a real purpose for his life. This all happened with his friends watching. Praise the Lord God Almighty for His great and mighty power to save and set the captives free!



Rocky Lucci Shares the Good News with Interested Young couple at Manhattan Pier

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Also during this same season two of my friends died in unrelated water accidents. One in a surfing accident and the other in an accident at the Colorado River. All of this happened in the space of a couple of months. God was going to use it all in His plan for us.

There are no coincidences with God. I began to wonder what would have happened if it was me who was killed. That is when I started to ask God for help. Linda also became aware of her need for God at the time. "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from him/her." Hosea 14:4

We began to attend services at the Community Baptist Church in Manhattan Beach. We both gave our lives over to the Lord and started our family. What a faithful God we love and serve. Our greatest joy has been to pray together in the mornings and reflect on the good things of God and His Word. Because of His love, grace and mercy toward two very undeserving people, we are thankful that after 42 years of marriage we can say that Jesus Christ did it all. We give Him all the praise and glory and bless His Name!

—BARRY & LINDA

Aug. Outreach Schedule

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Set Free from guilt

Team member Larry Hino was sharing his faith at one of our Hermosa Beach Pier outreaches with a middle-aged man by the name of Jimmy. After talking awhile Jimmy related how he had fought in three wars (Viet Nam, Mogadishu and Somalia). During the course of these wars, he had



Larry Hino Shares Christ's love in Redondo Beach

killed several enemy soldiers. Jimmy wept as he sorrowfully told of shooting a few of them in the back. He had been carrying this guilt (of



Bard Mc Intyre Presents Painting in Ventura

having killed people) for over thirty years. "Do you think God could forgive me", he asked? Larry shared Jesus with him, that the last words of Jesus on the cross were, "It is finished!" The work of salvation and forgiveness was done once and for all. As Larry led him in the sinners prayer Jimmy wept

and repeatedly joyfully hugged Larry, he was so grateful that God had delivered him from the guilt he had carried so long. I feel good! he said. We rejoiced over what Jesus had done for Jimmy. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Jimmy was set free and our God Reigns!



Several Young Men Trust Christ as Savior at the Pismo Beach Pier