

# Calvary's Blanket Ministry

## Blankets Delivered



As a result of your time, effort and willingness to show God's love 21,554 blankets have now been delivered to 38 countries.

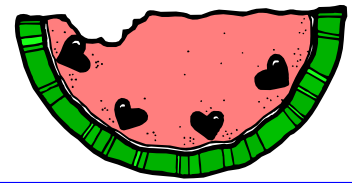
*I've never been surprised by God's judgment, but I'm still stunned by his grace. Max Lucado*

*The greatest enemy of best is "good". If you're willing to accept "good" you'll never be the "best". Charles Kaiser*



*Two little girls from the Appalachian community of Pickens with one of the local pastors wearing sundresses made by the ladies from Calvary's blanket ministry.*

## July 2010



## Meeting time

- Saturday, July 17th
- Time: 9:00-Noon
- Room #1108

## July Calendar



**July 4th, Sunday**  
Enjoy the fireworks!

**July 14th and 15th,**  
Fabric Squaring 5pm-9pm,  
Room #1108

**July 17th, Saturday**  
July meeting 9am-noon

**July 19th-23rd, VBS**  
Volunteers needed to help children make blankets.

## Thank you "Blanketeers"

Veronica Anguish  
Courtney Appleford  
Kylie Appleford  
Penny Appleford  
Michael Brown  
Esley Buss  
Jense Buss  
Leisa Buss  
Carolyn Cole  
Madeline Cole  
Beth Cook  
Lisa Dana  
Dinah Deeds  
Norma Dizon  
Edna Ellicott  
Susan Eschelbach

Kay Fowler  
Frank Goldstein  
Richard Hernandez  
Jill Hessick  
Alice Hughes  
Maria Hughes  
Amber Jones  
Marian Jones  
Sandy Jury  
Bob Kari  
Cheryl Kari  
Mary Khoury  
Carol Kramer  
Tiffany Lang  
Sue Leigh  
Ada Lopez

Beverly Matsumura  
Melinda Murphy  
Pennie Murray  
Esther McFaden  
Mary Lous McFaden  
Louise Myers  
Patty Natolli  
Darlene Polidoro  
B Rogers  
Laurien Russell  
Riley Russell  
Rosalie Seshan  
Barbara Simmons  
Judy Tedeschi  
Joyce Wiechert  
Jackie Youngern

## Donations



Our ministry is self-funded and we depend of your contributions. Thank you for the many donations we received in June. Your gifts do make a difference—every \$5 allows us to send another blanket. If you wish to make a donation, there are two ways. On-line donations made be made at [www.calvarycc.org](http://www.calvarycc.org). In the lower left hand corner click on "Online Giving". Complete the form and type "Blanket Ministry #756" in the comments field; or write a check payable to Calvary Community Church, write "Blanket Ministry #756" on the memo line of your check. Send it to Calvary Community Church, 5495 Via Rocas, Westlake Village, CA 91362.

## Excellence

Excellence can be obtained if you: care more than others think is wise; risk more than others think is safe; dream more than others think is practical; expect more than others think is possible. Tom Peters *Little Big Things*

**Blanket Distribution**

\*150 blankets have been set aside for Lena Villegas in the Philippines

\*37 blankets accompanied the Appalachia team. 30 were given to World Vision at the end of the mission trip and 7 were left for the homeless in Washington D.C.

**Fabric Donations Needed**



Judy Tedeschi's team of sewers reached the goal of 200 sundresses and many of them have decided to continue to make more sundresses for fundraisers and for a future trip.

Do you have fabric, thread or buttons in your closet for those "some day" projects? Please consider donating them to us—we'll put them to good use. If you wish to contribute any of these items, please place them in a bag, mark them "Blanket Ministry" and leave them behind the mission counter. If you are interested in helping to sew these simple dresses, please contact Judy by email at [heyjude142000@yahoo.com](mailto:heyjude142000@yahoo.com) or call 818.991.0577.

**Passing of Kai Kwok's Mother**



On June 22nd Kai Kwok's mother went home peacefully to be with the Lord.

Please keep Kai and his family in prayer as they grieve their loss. A memorial webpage and online guest page may be visited at <http://main.acsevents.org/got/waiking.ng>

**Pamper Gift Packs for Marine Wives**



We were delighted to be able to share a small portion of the donation from Jafra with Joni & Friends so they could provide pampering time for the wives of the Marines at the MARSOC Family Get Away. This event was designed to give Marines Special Operations Command some time away with their families to have fun, Christian enrichment and fellowship and to provide a time for the wives to connect with one another and be "sweetly refreshed".

**Julie Jenkins Starts Blanket Ministry in Texas**



*Kay and Julie purchasing fabric*

Our own Julie Jenkins, now Julie Murray, married and moved away to Texas last year and look what happened—missing the fellowship of our blanket ministry, she started her own! The picture shows Julie and her friend Kay in Dallas to purchase fabric for 20 blankets. Julie is not only working to provide blankets in her new community but sent blankets and sundresses to West Virginia for our mission trip. Way to go Julie!

**In Loving Memory of Ann Ongania**



A donation to the blanket ministry was made by the family of Ann Ongania. What a beautiful way to honor Ann and recognize her efforts to provide blankets to the needy children of the world.

**Fabric Squaring Nights**



July 14th and July from 5pm until 9pm we will be squaring fabric in room #1108 as we prepare for our July and August meetings. While there is work to be done, we also have a lots of fun and fellowship. Give it a try— if you've never squared fabric before, we'll show you how. It isn't difficult. Come join us!

Volunteers needed for VBS July 19th through the 23rd to help children make blankets. If you can help, please email [jennifer.varnell@calvarycc.org](mailto:jennifer.varnell@calvarycc.org).

**For The Troops**



If you were one of the many people who brought a donation "For The Troops" to our June meeting THANK YOU. What a wonderful opportunity to show, in some small way, our appreciation to the men and women who serve our country and protect our lives and freedoms.

## Appalachia

When God wants to work in your life, he'll always give you a dream—about yourself, about what he wants you to do, about how he's going to use your life to impact the world. How do you know when a dream is from God or when it's just something you've thought up yourself?



*The community of Philippi, West Virginia*

The Bible tells us that God, “*by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.*” Ephesians 3:20 In other words, if a dream comes from God, it will be so big in your life that you can't do it on your own. If you could do it on your own, you wouldn't need faith. When I read those words by Rick Warren I thought of our trip to Appalachia. God gave us a dream and it was too big for us to do on our own. There are those special moments in life when he allows us to see his work, when he allows us to see that nothing is

impossible—in fact, I believe he allows us to have an occasional glimpse through that window to remind us how truly big he is. I am always humbled when I am aware that God is working a miracle right before my eyes. So it was with this trip.

How is it possible that two people who have never led a mission trip before were able to partner with World Vision to serve an Appalachian community? How is it possible that we were given so many gifts that not only served the children and families of Philippi, West Virginia but we had such abundance that we served hundreds of others in California, Haiti and Mexico and many of our partner ministries? How



*Mission team of 37 with some of the families we served*



*Post Office in the town of Pickens, WV*

is it possible that 37 people came from our church, neighboring churches, drove from Atlanta, Arizona, Missouri and Indiana all to serve in West Virginia? I wouldn't even know how to begin to make all that happen, but He did. He chose who should serve and who should be served.

He provided comfortable accommodations for us on a beautiful college campus. He opened our eyes to some of the issues of the people of this region and permitted us to see what we could begin to do to truly help. He provided flights, hotel, ground transportation and numerous other trip costs, all under budget. With the excess funds we were able to purchase food, clothing, construction supplies, school and craft supplies that will benefit many. Talk about the loaves and the fishes. With our budget I was concerned that we would not be able to pay for our trip with the fee we collected but he led our way and gave us excess through donations above what we asked. In addition to all the gifts we brought, He took our funds and multiplied them and



*Until a World Vision team came, the woman who lives here raised five children in a home that had no running water for 20 years.*

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allowed us to purchase clothing for every child in need in the town of Pickens. We were also able to send school and craft supplies for this community. In addition, we were able to provide funds for two construction projects that blessed a family of five in Philippi (McDaniel) and a second family (Dalton) who is expecting a baby. We provided a



*Construction at the McDaniel home in Philippi, WV*

linen cabinet and paint for a new bathroom of a grandmother in Pickens who was about to have the first running water in her home in 20 years, food for hungry families, clothing for a teen boy who did not have the proper attire to attend a Youth Empowerment Conference in Washington, D.C. as well as a little spending money. Once all our bills



*Construction at the Dalton home*

are paid, we will use the remaining funds to make donations to the two churches who allowed us to use their facilities for workshops and vacation bible school, a thank you donation to Joni & Friends who sent teen bibles, and finally gift cards for the World Vision Teacher Resource Center to purchase school supplies that will benefit hundreds of children. When I look at the numbers, it doesn't make sense but I watched it happen!

To quote Max Lucado, *"In our world of budgets, long-range planning and computers, don't we find it hard to trust in the unbelievable? Don't most of us tend to scrutinize life behind furrowed brows and walk with cautious steps? It's hard for us to imagine that God can surprise us. To make a little room for miracles today, well, it's not sound thinking... We forget that "impossible" is one of God's favorite words.*

We wish to thank all of you who donated time, money, energy, services and supplies for this trip. We wish to thank those who so generously offered financial support to us and to our many team members. We know many of our donors but some of you wish to remain anonymous. While we may not always know your name, the Lord does. May he richly bless all of you.

A special thank you to our drivers Chris Callen, Mark Clark, Richard Hernandez, Ray Polidoro and George Thomas who volunteered their time to drive our team to and from the Long Beach Airport.

*"You were taught to be made new in your hearts, to become a new person."* Ephesians 4:23 "What if, for one day and one night, Jesus lives your life with his heart? Your heart gets the day off, and your life is led by the heart of the Christ. His priorities govern your actions. His passions drive your decisions. His love directs your behavior...Would people notice a change? Would you still do what you had planned to do for the next 24 hours?" (Max Lucado) I believe being part of a mission trip allows us to see and feel a little more like Jesus and I encourage all who have not participated in a mission trip to consider it.

### Thank you team for leading the June meeting!



Our amazing team took on the responsibilities of running our last meeting so we could be a part of a special "Red Egg Day" celebration for our new granddaughter. Our special thanks for all the effort of Susan Eschelbach, Richard Hernandez, Jill Hessick, Maria Hughes, Cheryl and Bob Kari, Darlene Polidoro, Judy Tedeschi, and Joyce Wiechert who set everything up and cared for those who came to the June meeting. Thank you!

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