

## 100 Pray For the City

As the recent movie *Wilberforce* illustrates, some of the greatest movements in human history have begun first with times of ordinary people committed to extraordinarily concentrated prayer. The great Methodist movement that swept through the slums of the Industrial-Age cities of England was preceded by hours of intense prayer by Jonathan Wesley and others; and the great day of Pentecost found in Acts, Chapter 2 was preceded by a time of intense prayer (*Acts 1:14*).

Kicking off the 40 days of the Lenten season, we asked the people of WayPointe to take up the prayer challenge to "Seek God for the City-'07" Armed with booklets by that title, over 100 attendees agreed to participate in this daily reading and prayer journey – asking God to break the bondage of darkness that grips West County. One couple wrote: "Today's prayers for those incarcerated and the hope

for transformed lives through Jesus, and for their families and children was so meaningful...It speaks very much to the local problem's in our area's cities...Thank you – we are using it." Another woman exclaimed, "My husband and I have been married for thirty-five years, and this is the first time that we are praying together every day. It's awesome!"

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Some have indicated that they are participating in prayer walks, while others simply sit in coffee shops and fast food

restaurants praying for those patrons who come and go.

"History illustrates that deep change-transformation of our cities will not come with more programs, or police," states Pastor Gary, 'but only through the power of prayer.' The current prayer series will continue through Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.



## New Series— Breaking the Chains

If you, or someone you know is struggling with anxiety, fear, guilt or anger, take heart – You are not alone. For instance, depression, from mild to severe, strikes over half the population at one time or another. But there's hope, and it's not necessarily in another miracle drug – it's the appropriate use of godly principles to combat this and other aspects of the 'human condition.'



seven weeks long, each week will present a single topic for emotional, relational and spiritual health. *Breaking the Chains of Anxiety* is the first, Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. A series of informative pamphlets addressing each of

the topics will be made available to complement each message. Written for anyone to understand, these guides will outline some of the warning signs as well as biblical and practical insights to *Break the Chains that bind us*. This series is **Rated 'E'** for Everyone is welcome!

Our Spring series, *Breaking The Chains* is intended to aid you, family, friends and co-workers to use biblical principles to overcome many of the day to day challenges we face. Although

## Mexico Bound– Pinole Cluster Leads the Way to Quintana Roo

Easter may mean spring break for the college crowd, but for the intrepid mission team spearheaded by the Pinole Cluster, it means a week of work and ministry in Mexico.

What first began as a youth mission trip close to thirty years ago, has evolved into a more mature brand of ministry to the thriving work in Quintana Roo.

Working closely with visionary, local Pastor Cruz, members of the church have built buildings, developed ball fields and ministered to the residents of this busy border community.

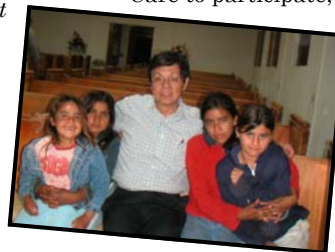


"Joel and Janet Smith have a particular heart for this place, They are so close to the people and this ministry that they recently attended the wedding of the Pastor's

daughter." explained Missions Director Andrew Lai. 'People are so committed to this ministry, that some even schedule their vacation time to minister there,' stated Janet Smith. 'It's great to see the continued interest, not only financially but physically.'

Care to participate, but you can't

travel? It's not too late – contact Andrew Lai to participate in a week long prayer team, or give generously to fund the mission work.



CP understands the Hercules Cluster is considering working at our Rancho de Sus Niños work this fall. Contact Laurie Suttle or Forrest Drummond for more information.

The church will partner with several others including young people from the local Mien congregation, leaving the afternoon of Easter Sunday.

**Another Cup of Java & Jesus**



**B**y popular request, we are expanding our Commuter Clusters – **Java & Jesus.** Built around our simple yet successful daily Bible reading plan, our Pt. Richmond group has decided to plant another Cluster – 6:30 a.m., Thursday mornings at the Hercules Starbucks.

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Beginning Thursday morning, April 5th, you can join either Pastors Gary or Patrick for thirty

*“There’s something about starting your day with a good cup of coffee, and conversation with others about the day’s*

minutes to an hour of coffee, community and conversation – Now, that’s **Java & Jesus!**

**In The News**

**W**ayPointe is blest to have many who are actively involved in



**Transforming Our Communities 1 Life @ A Time,** and we have discovered that there is no

age limit. **CP** recently sat down with busy Hercules teen, David Azcarraga to discuss his community involvement. A junior at Hercules High School, David has been a member of an organization called the Hercules Police Explorers for close to four years. In church, he can most often be found helping out in the Tech room.

Recently, David was awarded a letter of recommendation and was featured in the local community newspaper *The Herculean* for putting his police training to use during a real-life situation. We asked David to fill us in.

**CP:** We understand that you recently had the opportunity to be of real service to those in need, Care to fill us in?

**David:** *Sure. A few of us were returning in a patrol car from a national tactical competition in Chandler, Arizona. It’s a great time to meet other Police Explorers from various parts of the country, share ideas and learn from one another and the police officers who invest their time to work with us. We witnessed an accident as we returned on Interstate 5. It happened so fast, as we saw a vehicle go off the freeway, and roll several times in a cloud of dust and dirt.*

**CP:** What part did you play ?

**David:** *“When we first arrived on the scene, we were informed by our officer-advisor to stay in the car, but we just had to do something. I helped in any way possible, but for the most part I ended up translating, and comforting the passengers, because the two adult passengers spoke mostly Spanish, and did not know much English.”*

**Cluster Locations and Contacts**

El Cerrito Cluster	5 PM Sun.
Charlie Stone	559-1015
El Sobrante Cluster	7PM Mon.
Lonnie Allgaier	223-2237
Hercules Cluster	7PM Tues.
Drummonds	964-1850
*Java & Jesus	8AM Wed.
Pastor Gary	234-4395
Java & Jesus	6:30AM Thur.
Pastor Patrick	313-0224
Pinole Cluster	7PM Thur.
Joel & Janet Smith	234-4395
Richmond Cluster	7PM Tues.
Andrea’s	234-7427
Arts Cluster	Pending

**CP:** How did the experience affect you? How did you feel about being there to help?

**David:** *“Afterwards I felt very sorry for all of them, but I felt great that I as well as my fellow Explorers were able to help as much as we did. Since then I have felt grateful that all of the training that we have received can actually help to save someone’s life – even if you’re not an officer on-duty.”*

**CP:** What do you want to do when you graduate from high school?

**David:** *“Right now, I am not exactly sure what I want to do for a career, or exactly what college I want to go to. I do know that I am college bound, and I want to pursue a career, most likely in a field of law.”*

**CD Release**

**W**ayPointe Live, the first recording of our worship team is now completed and in full release. Recorded live, late last summer, the team presents a number of praise and worship favorites. The CD is now included in our guest welcome bags.

So far, we are told, the CD has made it global – even appearing in New Zealand, as well as other exotic locales. Copies are

available in the WayPointe Resource Center for a nominal fee. Support the ministry, the worship team, and share the Good News to family, friends and co-workers by handing them out.



**Upcoming Events...**

- [Christian Care Giving Course](#)  
*April 18-June 27*
- [THRIVE Conference](#)  
*April 26-28*
- [Sacred Romance](#)  
*Begins April 13th*
- [Annual Celebration –TBA](#)