

Launching A Legacy of P.E.A.C.E.

Legacy 'something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor'

"Imagine leaving a legacy that will bless generations for decades" were the words of one WayPointe Board member recently. With that, the Board signed off on the sale of the church property located at 777 Sonoma Street. But not just any sale. As it turned out, WayPointe participated in what Pastor Gary describes as a "Kingdom Sale" a 1st of its kind in California, to the Yiu Mien Baptist Church. It's a first, because this is the first Mien congregation in California to have a church home that is actually theirs.

Associate Pastor Kao Tsing exclaims with delight "The whole Mien community throughout the Bay Area has heard the great blessing God and your church has done. Even non-Christian Mien are excited, and many are interested in the Christian faith for the first time." The Mien will celebrate this blessing and consecrate the property at a celebration on June 30th.

Pastor Gary describes this as a kingdom sale for a variety of reasons. "We wanted to make the property

available to set the stage for the vision that God has given WayPointe to move beyond a single building. Further, it was our desire if at all possible to make the property available to Christians to continue ministry in the area. The Mien church was a natural, because we have had such a long relationship with them."

The Yiu Mien church is the result of a desire to respond to God's awesome kingdom work. Pioneers such as Pastor Stan Franklin, Charlie Stone, Jan Nichols and others stepped in as the first Mien immigrants arrived from war-torn Southeast Asia. They opened their hearts and this church home to the first generation in the middle 1970's. Struggling with language, customs and racism, the congregation grew dramatically in numbers and discovered its own mission.

Since Pastor Gary's arrival, the churches have worked together increasingly as equals in ministry for the Kingdom, praying, partnering and participating in joint ministries. "Our goal is to continue to partner with the Mien Church as opportunities arise, in the community and beyond. The sale reflects this unique partnership. As part of the

sale-purchase agreement, WayPointe agreed to carry the mortgage on favorable terms including a fifty year mortgage. In addition, the Mien church has offered the use of the facility on a favorable basis for events such as the Community Thanksgiving and leadership training.

The second part of the Legacy is that the WayPointe Board and Staff agreed to use the proceeds of the facility sale purely for the mission and vision of transforming our community 1 life at a time. The proceeds and monthly mortgage payments will be used to fund the three major elements of the vision: 1) Plant other sites and churches in West County and beyond; 2) Continue to recruit, develop and train strong lay leadership for tomorrow's ministry opportunities and 3) Implement and fund efforts for urban revitalization through a new entity **The 2nd Century Urban Ministry Center** "The third element of our Legacy plan is the implementation of WayPointe's P.E.A.C.E. Plan, which the Staff and Board are currently strategizing," states Pastor Gary. "Our goal is to develop and implement a long-term strategy for kingdom growth that will extend for the next fifty years or more, Lord willing."

Editors Note: More on the PEACE Plan next issue

People's Pantry - Feeding Body & Soul

"Do you have anything I could eat?", asks the senior "It's been a few days since I have had any food in the house."

Frail and shaky, we invite Eleanor to sit down. A senior, in her 70's, she's heard about the food pantry - The People's Pantry, and has walked several blocks for help. The staff fills a grocery bag; peanut butter, canned goods, packaged dinners and so on - enough food for a few days before the social security check arrives. So goes a day in the life of the **People's Pantry**.

In a real team effort, the generous people of WayPointe have, for years fed countless



folks, like Eleanor, the homeless, the hurting - the hungry. With no questions asked, grocery bags are filled, referrals to social services, prayers, and

invitations to church are given to everyone who enters.

"The food pantry has been a life-saver," states Tom Toler. Once a recipient, Tom started coming to WayPointe a few years ago, recommitted his life to Christ and was baptized in 2002. He now volunteers in the People's Pantry, handing out food items every



Sunday following church services. "It's one way of living out our mission, of reaching the lost, the least and the lonely for Christ," says Tom. He regularly invites everyone who comes for a hand-out to join the church community to worship. Many take him up on the invitation and have found a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

Living out of his car, a man wanders in looking for help. "I'm a diabetic," he declares. He explains to Pastor Barbara that he has just come out of dialysis at a nearby center. No where to turn, he remembers

coming to our Community Thanksgiving, and hopes we can once again help him.

Pastor Barbara, remembering Proverbs 19:17 "If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord..." leads Carlos to the pantry, helps him fill a bag with nutritional food and sits and prays with him. Into the afternoon he carries his grocery bag - another gift for the body and soul from the People's Pantry **Want to Help:** If you wish to donate food items or money to the People's Pantry, contact Pastor Barbara, Tom Toler or Joel and Janet Smith - 510-234-4395 or Barbara@waypointe.net

To China With Love – Clusters Minister ‘Glocally’

“The orchids really sell.” That’s the conclusion of the Richmond Cluster, as they reflect on their unique outreach effort; a local yard sale with a global mission. One of our newest Clusters, the Richmond team decided to reach across the globe with the love of Jesus. The proceeds, over \$800 will be sent to the Home of Hope Orphanage in GongYi, China. www.homeofhope.org “The day was great,” states Cluster Shepherd Danielle Andrea, ‘we were surprised by the turnout and the interest. As people heard about what we were doing, they were impressed and wanted to know more about WayPointe. We handed out fliers and copies of the Connecting Pointe. Several people said they were very interested and that they’d come to visit.’ It turns out that the orchids were



quite a hit, with Cluster member Joyce Lee having to run home to bring more from her extensive orchid collection for the yard sale.

Meanwhile, the El Cerrito Cluster, led by Charlie Stone and Gerri Capeluto will be participating in a colorful helps project with a local flair. The Cluster committing a Saturday to service, has

agreed to paint the meeting rooms of the West County’s Children’s Services building. These rooms are the first place where children, foster parents and prospective care-givers meet.



County personnel concede that the rooms look really dreadful and are in need of

brightening and freshening up. Charlie Stone, checking it out agrees. “The place looks pretty grim, not the most inviting place for first time meetings of potential families. We want to do our part to help these children in such a difficult time of their young lives.”



The grateful County personnel are curious if there are anymore like this WayPointe Cluster – to that Connecting Pointe can respond with a resounding YES – Good deeds, lead to good will which leads to the Good News – WayPointe style.

To get connected to one of our many area Clusters, check out the opportunities on www.waypointe.net or call the office for details.

World Music- WayPointe Style



With the growing cultural diversity in our area, an increasingly popular musical genre known as “World Music” is heard more and more. Blending a variety of instruments and vocals, world music has its roots in rhythm and blues, reggae and rock-n-roll.

WayPointe worship is turning this concept upside down – bringing the world into its worship. Recent immigrants from Nepal, Rufash, Ruth and Rebecca Lama have recently joined the worship team. Rufash is playing guitar alongside mentors Pastor Patrick

and David Rouggy, while Ruth and Rebecca join the other vocalists. “We are extremely excited to have them join us in leading worship”, exclaims Pastor Patrick. ‘Although fairly new to our musical styles, they have picked it up quite well.



The worship team was recently a guest of the Lama family, where proud parents, Bhima (mother) and Chandra (father) hosted an authentic Nepalese meal for all to partake.

“What a blast” exclaimed one of the participants, ‘we can hardly wait for the next get-together.”



Want to join the worship efforts? contact Pastor Patrick by calling 234-4395 or Patrick@waypointe.net

Upcoming Events...

- June 23rd—Arts Cluster Meeting, contact Steve Kilmer, 231-0618
- July 9th– 14th—Church Mission Team to Huron, California. Building and planting a Hispanic church. Call Pastor Barbara for details, 234-4395
- July T.B.A– Baptism & Pool Party
- August– Biblical Communications Course Begins

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 Tue.
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