



HAYS PRAISE NEWS

July/August 2003

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Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

**To those of you who have contributed to the
Emmaus Scholarship Fund!**

**This fund means so much to those who
want to attend or sponsor, but hesitate due to finances.
If you are interested in contributing to this fund,
please contact Gene Sueltenfuss**

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Community Prayer Concerns

The Community's many prayer requests and concerns continue to come in. What a blessing that we can add the strength of all the prayers of our Emmaus Community! Please continue to send your prayer requests to John Hilgers or your local Lay Director.

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Please Offer Your Prayers & Continued Support for:

**Kelly Garner; Vera Griffin; Karim Aziz's father; Sammy Jones
Barry and Susan Dickens; Debra Friddle; Eric Villarreal; Corvon Hall
Kayla Berger Burns; Jason & Valerie Hoback; Bridget & Grace
Alan Greiner; Erin Breihan; Mike & Gayla McNeil and Mike's uncle
Cindy Hunter; Eliza, infant daughter of Justin and Erin Long; Karinda
Connie Loots; Bill & Jean Barber; The family of George Gault, Sr.
The family of Viola Pabst; Clay Breen, son of Scott & Patti Breen;
The James Hudson family, moving to new community
Janis Weinheimer and her mother, Theresa Segner
Darrel Burnham; Darlene Dean's cousin, Pam
The Honduras Mission Team and the people they served
Dave & Barb Pickens; J. B. Dabbs, father of Mike Dabbs
John Weiser's aunt, LeaRay Brooks and her family
Carla Venitucci; Emily; Mike Bond; Phil Bradley; Dave Stone**

Pray of Thanksgiving for Leverett Timothy Clewell, new son of the Eric Clewell's

Pray of Thanksgiving for Randall "Randy" Brice Follis, new son of Brad & Shannon Follis

Pilgrims & Team of Walk # 1092

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Make your Newsletter donation (suggested \$10 a year)!

Send to: Gene Sueltenfuss, P.O. Box 1921, San Marcos, TX. 78667

Pray for Walk # 1092, September 4 -7, 2003

Lay Director: John Hilgers

Below is a list of the Team Members. Please keep them all in your prayers, as they prepare for this special time.

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Local Community News Reports



San Marcos

We had a small turn out at last month's local gathering (expected during the summer months) but heard what I thought was one of the best fourth day talks yet. It was given by Diana Wiley, who spoke of her drive for mission work. It really struck me and there were several people who asked to help collect needed items. I am always impressed with the servant's hearts of people when taking on God's work. We also had several new pilgrims and a visitor, not bad for a slow month. I look forward to seeing everyone at next month's community gathering. Grace and peace be with you all.

De Colores
Karim Aziz

Riverbend

We were very fortunate to get a picture and a nice half page article about the Riverbend Emmaus community, in the latest "Around the Bend" magazine. It's a quarterly magazine that features ministry activities at Riverbend Church. We are continuing to grow and had 40 people at our local gathering on June 10. Not bad for a community that identified only about 30 people who'd even gone on a Walk just over a year ago. God is blessing us in so many ways as more and more people are expressing interest in and signing up for Walks. We are so grateful to the Hays Praise community for their acceptance and support of our community. We will be hosting a joint meeting with the South Austin Community in August. Pray for us as we show South Austin how Hays Praise folks love each other and love and serve God. The upcoming men's Walk #1092 has an awesome team and I am humbled to be part of it.

De Colores
Mike Dabbs

Dripping Springs/Driftwood

Well, I'm hooked up again to be the Local Lay Director for Dripping Springs/Driftwood area. The June 3rd local gathering had enough folks to raise hands to appointment me for one more year. I am so thankful to the Lord Jesus for allowing me to stand in front of such a wonderful group of servants. I was willing to step down so that someone else could feel the blessings, but was very grateful for the vote of confidence. Serving the local community in this position is such a honor for me. Amy Nichols did a wonderful job giving her testimony on the 4th Day talk, even though she shared a little extra of how I stuck my foot into my mouth when I asked her to be the speaker... another story. The upcoming walks are just around the corner. I would like to encourage the reunion groups to start early on the agape. If you're like the Men of Faith, my group, be different and don't wait till the last minute. I'm sure were the only ones that do that, right? Keep up the good work. The agape is always talked about by the new members! Also, it's never too early to start praying! See you at the July Community Gathering.

De Colores
Larry Wiggins

Buda/Kyle

Hello, and Blessings to all! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. The Buda/Kyle June gathering was a great success with Sharon Watts giving the fourth day talk. It was attended by about 20 people, but it doesn't take much to spread God's word. The next Men's Walk is coming up fast and there are lots of ways that the Emmaus community can help. There are 6 men from our community that will be on the team, but as of yet, no pilgrims. If you know of anybody that might want to be a pilgrim on the September walk, sign them up soon! There are still some openings. I would also like to challenge you to invite an Emmaus brother or sister who you have not seen in a while to the candlelight and closing for Walk # 1092. Remember that letters, agape and working the outside team are only a few of the ways that you can serve. I look forward to seeing ya'll at the next few gatherings and at John's walk. Please keep those in need in your thoughts and prayers.

De Colores
Liz Gray

Wimberley

We find ourselves at a rare "break" in the busy Emmaus schedule with no Hays Praise Walks or SW Texas Conference Walks this weekend. Consider though, this year the Southwest Texas Conference will hold 79 Walks. Think of all the pilgrims and team members whose lives will be touched on those Walks. Think of all the opportunities to serve on teams, on prayer vigils, to recruit pilgrims, serve as sponsors, etc. And one of our Hays Praise Walks in November, Women's Walk #1113, is already reported as "full". Great job community! But while we are on our brief break this weekend, the Emmaus movement continues at full tilt with 47 Walks this weekend alone in 20 states and 4 countries. So, just this weekend, some 1500 pilgrims around the world will have an opportunity to encounter Jesus in a very special way. Multiply that number by all the team members, sponsors, prayer vigil participants, agape suppliers and you begin to get an appreciation of the impact of just one weekend. The connectedness that we experience in the Emmaus community is so far-reaching. God is good!

De Colores
Mike McNeil

Next Newsletter Deadline: August 10th... don't forget!

Remaining 2003
Emmaus Events and Schedule

July 1 – Community Gathering
First United Methodist Church—San Marcos

August 5 – Local Gatherings

September 2 – Community Gathering
Dripping Springs United Methodist Church
Consecration of Team for Walk # 1092

September 4 thru 7 — Walk # 1092
John Hilgers LD / Bill Nichols SD
Camp Young Judea

September 9 — Welcome Back
Dripping Springs United Methodist Church

October 5 – Local Gatherings

November 4 – Community Gathering
Buda United Methodist Church
Consecration of Team for Walk # 1113

November 6 thru 9 — Walk # 1113
Rebecca Hatch LD / Mark Porterfield SD
Camp Young Judea

November 11 — Welcome Back
Buda United Methodist Church

December 2 – Local Gatherings

THIS IS A GOOD ONE!!

God didn't promise
days without pain,
laughter
without sorrow,
sun without rain,
but He did promise
strength for the day,
comfort for the
tears, and light for
the way.

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