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Senior Pastor's Report

This past year has been a continuing journey of faith and obedience for our church family.

As you read the following pages you'll discover how we have banded together in many ways to serve God and His Kingdom both in the Santa Clara Valley and around the world. We are also growing in spiritual and relational vitality as we are learning how better to love God and love each other in tangible and meaningful ways. And we are discovering our next vision for ministry through the work of our Envisioning Team.

I'm continually amazed at the generosity of our church family. In a valley suffering from economic stagnation and an uncertain future, people continue to give generously to the work of the Kingdom and the meeting of human needs. (When the call went out for aiding the victims of the tsunami people readily opened their check-books. Over \$7,000 was donated in only two weeks!)

I'm very proud and privileged to be the pastor of such a great and growing group of people. The challenges before us are many, but the grace and resources of our Lord are more than enough to meet them all.

Thanks be to God for His love and grace in His Son, Jesus!

Blessings,
Pastor Richard Reaves

Children and Family Ministries

AS A CHURCH, OUR VISION TO BECOME A CHURCH THAT PLANTS OTHER CHURCHES. ONE OF THE WAYS THIS WILL HAPPEN IS BY EXPANDING OUR LEADERSHIP BASE. AS WE EMPOWER AND TRAIN OTHERS TO LEAD IN MINISTRY, MORE PEOPLE WILL BE EFFECTIVELY REACHED. THIS HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OF MY LEADERSHIP IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OVER THE PAST YEAR. OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS THE MINISTRY HAS TRANSFORMED FROM ME BEING IN LEADERSHIP OF ALMOST EVERY ASPECT, TO A T E A M O F DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS TAKING OWNERSHIP OVER THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. INSTEAD OF PUTTING MYSELF IN CHARGE OF ALL THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE MINISTRY, WE NOW HAVE IN PLACE DIRECTORS OVER: NURSERY, PRESCHOOL, PRIMARY, ELEMENTARY, ADMINISTRATION, AND ALL-STARS. I AM SO THANKFUL TO THE MANY VOLUNTEER LEADERS WHO HAVE STEPPED UP TO CARE FOR THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF OUR CHILDREN. MANY THANKS ARE IN ORDER, AND SO MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE INVOLVED THAT I CAN'T NAME THEM ALL IN ONE PAGE! I ALREADY TRIED, AND IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.

A HIGHLIGHT OF THE PAST MINISTRY YEAR FOR THE CHILDREN WAS CHILDREN'S SUNDAY. WHILE THE ADULTS JOURNEYED THROUGH "PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE" DURING THE LENTEN SEASON, THE CHILDREN ENJOYED THEIR OWN VERSION CALLED "WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?" THROUGH THE SEVEN WEEKS, THE CHILDREN ENJOYED THE FUN LESSONS ABOUT INSECTS WHILE ALSO LEARNING THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING THAT WE ALL HAVE A PURPOSE ON THIS EARTH. IF BUGS HAVE A PURPOSE, THEN SO DO WE! TO CAP IT ALL OFF, WE USED THAT SAME THEM FOR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY, WITH THE KIDS DRESSING UP AS THEIR FAVORITE INSECTS. MOTHER'S DAY WAS QUITE A SIGHT, WITH WORSHIP BEING LED BY BUTTERFLIES, LADY BUGS, SPIDERS AND BUMBLE BEES.

FAMILY MINISTRIES BROUGHT SOME NEW VENTURES IN 2004. DURING THE LENTEN SEASON, WE BEGAN A FAMILY SMALL GROUP DESIGNED FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN TO ENJOY THEIR OWN HOME BIBLE STUDY. THE FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED THE GROUP REALLY ENJOYED THEIR TIME TOGETHER, WHILE NOT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT FINDING A SITTER OR HAVING THEIR CHILDREN INTERRUPT. ALL THE CHILDREN INTERRUPTED, AND THAT WAS FINE.

HOWEVER, THE HIGHLIGHT FOR FAMILY MINISTRIES IN 2004 WAS DEFINITELY FAMILY CAMP! THE 24 PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED ENJOYED A WONDERFUL, FUN-FILLED WEEK-END OF SWIMMING, ROCK CLIMBING, WATER-SLIDING, VOLLEYBALL, DANCING, EATING, CRAZY CAMPFIRE, FAMILY GAMES, WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY, LATE NIGHT BOARD GAMES, AND A ROAD TRIP TO COLUMBIA. THE CAMP TREATED US ROYALLY, AND NONE COULD REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD EVER LAUGHED SO MUCH IN ONE WEEKEND. THE DATES ARE SET AGAIN FOR MEMORIAL WEEKEND, AND ALL AGES WILL BE INVITED TO COME. I HAVE ENJOYED THE PAST 5 YEARS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES HERE AT SANTA CLARA FIRST BAPTIST. THANKS SO MUCH FOR THE SUPPORT AND LOVE YOU HAVE SHOWN TO ME AND TO THE CHILDREN.

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE,

Diaconate Department

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME AND ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD! PASTOR RICH IS FOND OF REMINDING THE CONGREGATION OF THIS FACT DURING THE MORNING SERVICE. THIS HAS CERTAINLY BEEN TRUE FOR 2004.

TO ENHANCE FELLOWSHIP AMONGST THE MEMBERS OF THE DIACONATE, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING AT MAXINE CINTAS' HOME. THANK YOU MAXINE! WHILE THE DIACONATE STARTED 2004 WITH SEVERAL VACANCIES WE ENTER 2005 WITH A FULL SLATE OF DEACONS AND CHURCH OFFICERS. GOD HAS BLESSED THE CHURCH WITH AMPLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO MEET OUR NEEDS DURING 2004.

GOD HAS GIVEN THE ENVISIONING TEAM A COMPELLING VISION FOR THE CHURCH - REACH THE LOST FOR CHRIST BY PLANTING NEW CHURCHES. GOD BLESSED THE CHURCH WITH EXCELLENT WEATHER DURING THE CONSTRUCTION AND PRODUCTION OF BETHLEHEM, 14,000 VISITORS. HOW EXCITING!

THE EDGE EVENING SERVICE IS GAINING MOMENTUM UNDER SHARON'S LEADERSHIP AND PASTOR JENNY'S PREACHING. THE STYLE OF WORSHIP SEEMS TO BE RESONATING WITH INDIVIDUALS SEEKING GOD OR A DEEP WALK WITH JESUS.

A NEW HEATING SYSTEM AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

SOMEONE DONATED THE FUNDS TO INSTALL AIR CONDITIONING IN THE SANCTUARY.

THE KITCHEN REMODELING PROJECT, HEADED UP BY BONNIE WILLIAMS, IS ALMOST COMPLETE

PASTOR JENNY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL MINISTRY OF SCFBC HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED WITH THE NEW TITLE OF ASSOCIATE PASTOR.

DIANA DODSON HAS BEEN HIRED AS THE MINISTRY INTERN AND LEAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO OVER CHRISTMAS.

WE WERE ABLE TO COME TO THE RESCUE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTIAN DAY CARE WHEN IT DESPERATELY NEEDED TEMPORARY FACILITIES.

THE 24/7 PRAYER EMPHASIS WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS - CLEARLY GOD RESPONDS WHEN HIS PEOPLE ARE ON THEIR KNEES IN PRAYER.

SO GOD WAS VERY GOOD TO SCFBC DURING 2004. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR GOD AND JESUS CHRIST IN 2005.

IN CHRIST'S NAME,
STEVE MCLENEGAN AND STEVE TRUESDELL.

Magnification Department

THIS HAS BEEN AN EXCITING YEAR IN THE AREA OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING CORPORATE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN DIFFERENT STYLES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

EDGE WORSHIP ON SUNDAY NIGHTS CONTINUES TO BE A GROWING MINISTRY. EACH WEEK WE SEE PEOPLE WITH NO PREVIOUS CONNECTION TO OUR CHURCH DRAWN TO THIS SERVICE FOR ITS INFORMAL STYLE AND COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP GOD IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. PASTOR JENNY AND THE STAFF MADE SOME CHANGES IN THE EDGE WORSHIP SERVICE LAST YEAR MAKING THEM MUCH MORE PARTICIPATORY. WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT PEOPLE WANT TO EXPRESS THEIR WORSHIP OF GOD IN A VARIETY OF WAYS INCLUDING PRAYER, JOURNALING, DRAWING, REFLECTION, AND WRITING PSALMS TO GOD IN ADDITION TO MUSIC. THESE CHANGES HAVE GIVEN PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A PRIVATE TIME WITH GOD AS WELL AS THE CORPORATE EXPERIENCE.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE GAVE SO MUCH TO MAKE THIS SERVICE POSSIBLE EACH WEEK. DUANE ESQUIBEL AND MATT MCLENEGAN, HAVE BEEN INVALUABLE BY SERVING IN AV. LES HAWKINS, JUN LAGMAY, SCOTT CHRISTIAN, DIANA DODSON, JERRY CINTAS AND TODD ANDERSON SHARED THEIR TALENTS AND HOURS OF TIME IN REHEARSALS TO HELP FACILITATE THE WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC. THEIR PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO SEE PEOPLE DRAWN INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND WORSHIP HIM IS INSPIRING FOR ME AS A LEADER. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT. BY THE END OF THE YEAR WE HAD AROUND 70 PEOPLE ATTENDING THE EDGE WORSHIP SERVICE.

ONE HIGHLIGHT FOR THE YEAR WAS "WORSHIP IN THE PARK". IT WAS A WONDERFUL TIME OF WORSHIP AND DID A LOT FOR BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF BOTH SERVICES. THANK YOU TO MANNA WHO FED OVER 300 PEOPLE AND THE YOUTH FOR INVITING THE COMMUNITY BY HANDING OUT WATER BOTTLES, THEIR EFFORTS HELPED MAKE "WORSHIP IN THE PARK" A SUCCESS.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP CONTINUES TO BE A MIX OF TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY MUSIC. WE FEEL THAT THERE IS GREAT VALUE IN BOTH THE RICHNESS AND CONTENT OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND THE PERSONAL NATURE OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP CHORUSES. THE SHEKINAH! PRAISE BAND CONTINUES TO BE THOROUGHLY COMMITTED TO WORSHIPPING OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. JOAN FRIESEN AND PASTOR JENNY STEPPED INTO LEADERSHIP AND HELPED SHARE RESPONSIBILITIES BY DESIGNING AND LEADING THE WORSHIP SERVICE ON A ROTATING BASIS. BILL WRIGHT, DEBBIE REILEY, DAVID LAGESCHULTE, KEN LEISTEN, LISA NGUYEN, DIANA DODSON, MATT MCLENEGAN, MATT STEVENS, ROLAND GARZA, AMANDA WATKINS AND JERRY CINTAS ALL HAVE A HEART TO SEE THE NAME OF JESUS LIFTED UP AND SERVE FAITHFULLY LEADING US IN WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC. GARY WHITE, LE NGUYEN, JERRY CINTAS, CHRIS MCLENEGAN, LISA ROBINSON AND GREG ROBBINS ARE THE SILENT SERVANTS BY ALLOWING US TO SEE AND HEAR THE WORDS AND MUSIC EACH WEEK THROUGH THEIR AV MINISTRY.

THE CHOIR MINISTERED TO US SEVERAL TIMES LAST YEAR LED BY SUSAN NGUYEN AND GREW IN NUMBERS UNDER HER LEADERSHIP. THEIR VOICES HELPED DELIVER US INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD AS THEY SANG PRAISE TO HIM. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS COMMITTED TO THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY.

Youth Department

Jr High/High School

2004 WAS AN EXCITING YEAR FOR THE YOUTH STAFF AND STUDENTS AS THE GROUP CONTINUED TO GROW EVEN AS WE WERE FACED WITH SOME BIG CHANGES. DARREN POZZI WHO HAD BEEN THE YOUTH DIRECTOR SINCE JANUARY 2003, RESIGNED IN SEPTEMBER LEAVING A GROWING YOUTH GROUP IN THE HANDS OF THE VOLUNTEER YOUTH LEADERS. ANDREW WONG VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD UP THE HIGH SCHOOL "REFLECT" GROUP, JERRY CINTAS VOLUNTEERED TO HEAD UP THE JR HIGH "ELEMENT" GROUP, AND JOE SOARES VOLUNTEERED TO TEACH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. WITH OTHER VOLUNTEERS COMING IN TO ACT AS MENTORS, THE GROUPS WERE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THE TOUGH TRANSITION AND GROW EVEN CLOSER TOGETHER AND CLOSER TO GOD.

ONE OF THE EXAMPLES OF HOW GOD TOUCHED OUR STUDENT'S LIVES WAS EARLIER IN THE YEAR WHEN WE HAD THREE OF THEM GET BAPTIZED BY DARREN POZZI. KATRINA DUBORD, RUDY DUBORD, AND BRENTON LINDSEY ALL PUBLICLY PROCLAIMED THEIR DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS AND HAVE BEEN GREAT INSPIRATIONS TO ALL OF US. OTHER STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY THIS AND MANY HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO BE BAPTIZED THIS YEAR.

ANOTHER THING WE FOUND IS THAT THE STUDENTS LOVE TO WORSHIP AND OUT OF THAT WE STARTED JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL WORSHIP BANDS. JERRY CINTAS LEADS THE JR HIGH WORSHIP BAND ON ELECTRIC GUITAR WITH JESSE HAWKINS ON DRUMS AND KATRINA DUBORD ON BASS. THE HIGH SCHOOL WORSHIP BAND IS LED BY JARAD BACKLUND ON GUITAR, MATT MCLENEGAN ON BASS, ELIZABETH POCHE ON GUITAR, AND NICK SEELY ON DRUMS. IT IS AWESOME TO SEE THE STUDENTS USING THEIR MUSICAL ABILITIES TO GLORIFY GOD.

WE HAVE HAD MANY FUN TIMES TOGETHER AS WE PARTICIPATED IN: WINTER CAMPS AT SIERRA PINES, SUMMER RETREATS AT ROLLINS LAKE, TRIPS TO THE SANTA CRUZ BEACH BOARDWALK, EXTREME CHALLENGE GAMES, SCAVENGER HUNTS, LASER TAG, 12 MILE HIKES, AND MANY MORE FUN EVENTS (A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE LINDSEY'S FOR THE USE OF THEIR SUBURBAN OVER AND OVER AGAIN). THE STUDENTS WERE ALSO CHALLENGED WITH SOME SERVICE PROJECTS LIKE FEEDING THE HOMELESS IN DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE AND SPENDING THEIR SATURDAYS BUILDING BETHLEHEM.

WITH THE NEW YEAR UPON US, WE STAND IN AWE OF WHAT GOD IS GOING TO DO WITH OUR GROUP OF FINE STUDENTS. OUR HIGH SCHOOL GROUP, WHICH MEETS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS, HAS A REGULAR ATTENDANCE OF OVER 20 AND OUR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GROUP WHICH MEETS ON THURSDAY NIGHTS HAS A REGULAR ATTENDANCE OF OVER 14. WE'D LIKE TO SEE BOTH OF THESE NUMBERS GROW NEXT YEAR AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE EVEN MORE STUDENTS BE BAPTIZED INTO LIFE LONG MINISTRY. WE PRAISE GOD OFTEN FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY YOU ENTRUSTED TO US. IT IS SHEER JOY TO BE HERE AND TO GET TO WORK WITH YOUR YOUTH AND THEIR FRIENDS.

ANDREW WONG	HIGH SCHOOL MENTOR	HIGH SCHOOL LEADER	JOE SOARES
MARY WONG	HIGH SCHOOL MENTOR	JERRY CINTAS	JR HIGH LEADER
DANIJELA TOMIC	JR HIGH MENTOR	CHRISTINE ROBBINS	HIGH SCHOOL MENTOR

Membership Department

WE STARTED OUR YEAR WITH 222 MEMBERS. THROUGH THE YEAR, WE ADDED 13 PEOPLE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP: 2 BY CONFESSION OF FAITH AND BAPTISM AND 11 BY CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE. TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS, 16 WERE TRANSFERRED TO OUR "ONCE-A-MEMBER" ROLL: 7 MOVED OUT OF OUR AREA; 4 RETURNED TO OR STARTED ATTENDING ANOTHER CHURCH; 3 BECAME INACTIVE; AND 2 ARE DECEASED. THIS BRINGS OUR TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO 219, USING OUR DEPARTMENT RECORDS, BUT TO ADJUST TO OUR CHURCH DATA BASE (AFTER ALL THESE YEARS) WE ARE STATING OUR TOTAL "MEMBERS" AT 215
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BALANCE WITH THE DATA BASE.

DURING THE PAST 13 YEARS THAT I HAVE SERVED IN THIS DEPARTMENT, SEVERAL MINISTRIES WERE ADDED OR CHANGED TO REACH OUT IN A MORE PERSONAL AND HELPFUL WAY TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY. WITHOUT OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND CHURCH STAFF, THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED ME OVER THE YEARS WITH THE MINISTRIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT. FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF THOSE INVOLVED IN 2004:

- **BAPTISMS – PASTOR RICH AND PASTOR JENNY**
- **BEREAVEMENT/ILLNESS MEALS - DORIS SMITH**
CHURCH MEAL FUNCTIONS (MANNA) - BONNIE AND GLEN WILLIAMS, MARTIN AND IKUYO BAYNES, MARY ANN FAIRALL, PAT GRAHAM, ESTHER MARTOSOETJIPTO, CHRISTINE RAINES, GREG AND CHRISTINE ROBINS, ANDREA ROBICHAUD, DORIS SMITH, JESS STEPHENS, STEVE VICTORSON AND PAT AND GARY WHITE.
- **Fellowship Fund** – THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT GAVE OUT \$3323.71 TO HELP PEOPLE PURCHASE MEDICATIONS, EYE GLASSES, PAY RENT AND RECEIVE NEEDED COUNSELING. YOU CAN GIVE TO THIS FUND BY WRITING "FELLOWSHIP FUND" AND THE AMOUNT ON YOUR GIVING ENVELOPE.
- **Food Pantry** – DAVE WILSON GAVE OUT 140 BAGS OF FOOD TO PEOPLE WHO CAME TO THE CHURCH ASKING FOR FOOD.
YOU CAN GIVE TO THIS MINISTRY BY WRITING "FELLOWSHIP FUND" AND THE AMOUNT ON YOUR GIVING ENVELOPE.
- **Hospital/Home Visitation** – PASTOR RICH, PASTOR JENNY AND OLA BROWN.
- **PRAYER CHAIN** – BETTY HASTINGS, TELEPHONE AND JIM LOVELACE, E-MAIL.
- **GOOD SAMARITANS** – GEORGE GARCIA, ELLEN IMHOF, ED LIANG, GLEN STOWELL AND STEVE VICTORSON.
GOOD SAMARITANS, RELIEVING CAREGIVERS – GENEVA ASH, OLA BROWN, BARBARA CHICKS, VIRGINIA GEHMAN, DONNA HAMPTON, ELLEN IMHOF, BETTY KORTE, VERA MASTERS, LYNN MARTIN, GLADYS MCFARLAND, VIRGINIA NEWCOMB, SHIRLEY O'KELLY, MARGE RATCLIFF, DOTTIE REAVES, HELEN RODOLARI, AND RUSTY WEBBER.
- **Shut-in Visitation and Communion** – PASTOR RICH, PASTOR JENNY AND HELEN RODOLARI.
- **SHUT-IN TAPE MINISTRY** – CAROLYN ELBERT, DOROTHY DEPEW, GAYLE WILSON AND RON WILCOX.
- **SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP** – DORIS SMITH AND OTHERS WHO BRING COOKIES AND HELP SETUP AND CLEAN UP.
- **EDGE FELLOWSHIP** – LISA ROBINSON AND HER VOLUNTEERS.

Statement of Income and Expense

(Consolidated)

	2004 Jan-Dec	2003 Jan-Dec
Income		
General Fund Income	375,865	354,095
Designated Fund Income	121,741	52,810
Memorials Fund Income	597	18,318
Missions Fund Income	47,934	45,807
Total Income	<u>546,137</u>	<u>471,029</u>
Expense		
General Fund Expense		
Payroll Expense	204,758	197,189
Staff Expense	35,028	20,022
Membership	1,514	1,810
Evangelism	12,676	9,196
Magnification	5,403	7,159
Property	71,997	62,848
Maturity	17,938	13,926
Finance	12,617	16,099
Other Funds		
Designated Fund	138,956	88,387
Missions Fund Ex-	31,150	44,439
Total Expense	<u>532,037</u>	<u>461,074</u>
Net Income	<u>14,099</u>	<u>9,955</u>

Comments:

Once again, the Lord has been very faithful to Santa Clara First Baptist Church. We were able to complete a couple major property projects yet still have overall income for the year. We ended the year with a strong cash

balance and will be able to use this surplus to offset our 2005 budget spend-

Missions giving increased in 2004 by 4%.

We are again trusting in God to continue to provide financially for our church and programs.

ALLYSON LAGESCHULTE
TREASURER

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF SANTA CLARA

PURPOSE: ABW MINISTRIES OF SANTA CLARA CONTINUES TO BE A VITAL PART OF THE MINISTRY AND MISSION OF SANTA CLARA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH THROUGH CIRCLES, SPECIAL EVENTS AND MISSION PROJECTS

CIRCLES: THREE CIRCLES MEET MONTHLY, FOR FELLOWSHIP, TO SUPPORT MISSIONS, AND DO PROJECTS. A FOURTH CIRCLE WAS FORMED, WHICH MET IN THE EVENING, BUT IT DISBANDED AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS.

SPECIAL CIRCLE MEETINGS: A TEA WAS HELD IN THE SPRING TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECT OF ABW MINISTRIES OF THE WEST, MISSION WORK IN LAOS. IN SEPTEMBER ALL THE CIRCLES MET FOR A SALAD LUNCHEON WITH MYLINDA BAITS, MISSIONARY TO COSTA RICA, AS THE SPEAKER.

WORKDAYS: A WHITE CROSS WORKDAY WAS HELD MOST MONTHS. DURING SEVERAL MEETINGS BANDAGES WERE ROLLED. IN THE FALL SHOE BOXES WERE WRAPPED TO BE FILLED FOR OPERATIONS CHRISTMAS CHILD. THE WOMEN FILLED ABOUT 125 BOXES, AND MANY MORE WERE WRAPPED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE CHURCH MEMBERS TO FILL.

SPECIAL EVENTS: THERE WERE 5 SPECIAL EVENTS DURING THE YEAR WHEN ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH WERE INVITED. FIRST WAS THE SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON IN MARCH. THE MOTHER'S DAY TEA WAS IN MAY. A VISIT TO THE SEAFARER'S MINISTRY OF THE GOLDEN GATE NEW HEADQUARTERS IN OAKLAND WAS IN JUNE. THERE WAS A FALL KICKOFF IN OCTOBER WHEN JERILYN LIGHT-FOOT SHARED ABOUT BEING THE MOTHER OF A MARINE IN IRAQ AND THE GIFTS FOR THE SEAFARERS WERE PACKED IN DITTY BAGS. THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON WAS IN DECEMBER.

DONATIONS/GIFTS: IN 2004 \$1,163.60 WAS GIVEN TO LOVE GIFT, \$1,328.70 WAS RAISED FOR ABW MINISTRIES OF THE WEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, \$479.29 WAS SENT FOR SPECIAL PROJECT. AND CHRISTMAS GIFTS WERE SENT TO VARIOUS MISSIONARIES. ONE CIRCLE ALWAYS SENDS A BOX OF CANDY.

WHITE CROSS: MANY ITEMS, SUCH AS CLOTHES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES WERE DONATED AND SENT TO CURTIS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER. SOME OF THESE ITEMS WERE MADE AND OTHER PURCHASED. THE COST OF THE POSTAGE, OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE SENT, AND CASH DONATIONS, WAS \$488.37. ABOUT 100 BANDAGES WERE ROLLED AND SENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO.

OTHER PROJECTS: CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE SEAFARER'S OF THE GOLDEN GATE WERE COLLECTED. SEVENTY-FIVE BAGS WERE PACKED AND TAKEN TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS PLUS AN ADDITIONAL BOX OF GIFTS WAS DELIVERED. APPROXIMATELY 1700 CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS WERE SENT TO HELP THE HOPI INDIAN MISSION SCHOOL AND 10 POUNDS OF STAMPS TO A HOSPITAL IN NORWAY FOR CHILDREN.

RAISING FUNDS: MOST FUNDS CAME FROM DONATIONS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS. THE WOMEN HELPED WITH THE 2 RUMMAGE SALES AND RECEIVED A PORTION OF THE MONEY RAISED.

WORKING TOGETHER: THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH ARE NOW WORKING TOGETHER TO TRY TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS

Envisioning Team

THE ENVISIONING TEAM CONTINUED TO GATHER IN ORDER TO DISCERN A LONG-RANGE (THREE TO FIVE YEARS OR MORE) VISION FOR OUR CHURCH. AT THE END OF 2004, OUR SECOND YEAR AS A TEAM, WE HAD COMPLETED 40 MEETINGS DESIGNED TO GUIDE US IN THIS PROCESS WHICH INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DIACONATE AND OPEN FORUMS WITH THE CONGREGATION.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSION HAS NOT CHANGED,

The purpose of Santa Clara First Baptist Church is to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley.

HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN THIS MISSION TO REACH OUR COMMUNITY WE BELIEVE GOD IS CALLING US TO FOCUS ON A NEW VISION,

WE WILL BECOME A CHURCH THAT PLANTS CHURCHES.

IN ORDER TO REACH THIS VISION WE WILL FOCUS ON TWO GOALS FOR OUR IMMEDIATE FUTURE,

WE WILL INVEST OURSELVES IN UNSAVED AND UNCHURCHED PERSONS IN ORDER TO HELP THEM FIND JESUS

WE WILL MULTIPLY OUR LEADERSHIP BASE.

NOW THE REAL WORK BEGINS AS WE SEEK TO MAKE THIS DREAM A REALITY! BESIDES THESE 2005 VISION-PATH GOALS THAT HAVE US REACHING TOWARDS OUR PRIORITIES, WE WILL FOCUS ON

- COMMUNICATING THIS VISION IN WORSHIP, SMALL GROUPS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER WRITTEN AND MEDIA-BASED FORMATS UNTIL EVERY MEMBER KNOWS AND UNDERSTANDS THIS UNDERTAKING.
- EMPOWERING THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP IT WILL TAKE TO GROW OUR CHURCH AND DEVELOP A NEW CONGREGATION OUT OF OUR MIDST.
- AFFIRMING OF THIS VISION BY THE CONGREGATION IN WORD AND DEED.
- TUNING OURSELVES TO STAY FOCUSED ON THE PATH THAT GOD HAS LAID OUT FOR US.

IS THIS A GOD SIZED VISION? ABSOLUTELY! THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN WE AS A TEAM WONDERED IF THIS REALLY IS OUR FUTURE AS A CHURCH AND AT THE SAME TIME GREAT EXCITEMENT THAT GOD COULD USE SANTA CLARA FIRST BAPTIST IN THIS POWERFUL WAY.

WE WANT TO BE ABOUT REACHING THIS VALLEY FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST AND HAVE MADE THE COMMITMENT TO PURSUE THIS VISION AS GOD LEADS US. WILL YOU JOIN US?

IKUYO BAYNES

SHARON CINTAS

DAVID LAGESCHULTE

Ministry Department

THE MINISTRY DEPARTMENT HAS SPENT THE PAST TWO YEARS HELPING OVER 65 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR CONGREGATION FIND THEIR SHAPE THROUGH THE INTRO TO MINISTRY, A 3-HOUR CLASS HELD ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS. IT HAS BEEN SO ENCOURAGING TO SEE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS LEARN ABOUT HOW GOD HAS SHAPED THEM UNIQUELY TO DO VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND TO HELP CONNECT THEM WITH THOSE AREAS OF MINISTRY.

IN 2005 OUR GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE MORE OF THE CONGREGATION TO INVEST AN AFTERNOON TO DISCOVER THEIR SHAPE AND BECOME CONNECTED IN SOME AREA OF MINISTRY IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR THE VISION GOD IS GIVING US THROUGH THE ENVISIONING TEAM TO BE A CHURCH THAT PLANTS NEW CHURCHES.

IN THE INTRO TO MINISTRY CLASS WE WILL HELP YOU DISCOVER YOUR SHAPE. YOUR SHAPE IS DEFINED:

S: SPIRITUAL GIFT(S)

H: HEART (PASSION)

A: ABILITIES

P: PERSONALITY

E: EXPERIENCES (LIFE, EDUCATIONAL, SPIRITUAL, ETC.)

WE WILL BE OFFERING THE INTRO TO MINISTRY CLASS APRIL 10, JUNE 12, SEPTEMBER 11, AND NOVEMBER 13. WATCH THE BULLETIN AND CELEBRATE NEWSLETTER FOR SPECIFIC TIMES AND LOCATIONS.

IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO SERVE YOU AS THE DEACON OF MINISTRY AND TO HELP CONNECT SEVERAL PEOPLE INTO VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS IN OUR CHURCH.

JAY E. NORDGAARD
DEACON OF MINISTRY, SANTA CLARA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Missions Department

GOD CALLS EACH ONE OF US TO BE MISSIONARIES/SERVANTS FOR HIM.
MATT. 28:19-20 "THEREFORE GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND SURELY I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE."
MATT. 5:16 "IN THE SAME WAY, LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS AND PRAISE YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN."

THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE MISSION DEPARTMENT FOR 2003 WAS TO "GET SCFBC MEMBERS AND ATTENDEES INVOLVED IN GOD'S MISSION TO THE WORLD". INVOLVEMENT WAS THROUGH PRAYER, BY GIVING AND/OR BY ACTUALLY GOING AND DOING.

MEMBER AND FRIENDS OF SANTA CLARA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ONCE AGAIN GAVE GENEROUSLY TOWARD PROGRAMS TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND PROVIDE RELIEF TO THOSE IN NEED. WE RECEIVED MORE THAN \$12,460.52 TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

IN 2003, A TEAM OF SIX FROM THE NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH IN LIMON, COSTA RICA VISITED WITH US AS A NEXT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. THE GROUP STAYED IN THE HOMES OF OUR VISITORS AND HAD MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY. THEY ALSO SPENT A DAY AT THE CHURCH CLEANING AND PAINTING.

IN JULY, A TEAM OF FOUR FROM SANTA CLARA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RETURNED TO LIMON TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESTROOMS IN THE PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS AT CENTRO EDUCATIVO BAUSTISTA DE CARIBE - THE PRE-K THROUGH FIFTH GRADE SCHOOL MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH. THE MISSION COSTA RICA TEAM INCLUDED: GEORGE GARCIA, BOBBY RAMER, JOEL ROBINSON AND LISA ROBINSON. THE TEAM STAYED WITH GRACIOUS HOSTS FROM THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL. THEY ONCE AGAIN WORKED HARD BUT WERE REWARDED BY THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONSHIPS.

SCFBC ALSO BEGAN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EMERGENCY HOUSING CONSORTIUM (EHC) IN 2003. THE EHC IS THE COUNTY'S LARGEST PROVIDER OF SHELTER, HOUSING PROGRAMS, AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND YOUTH. THIS YEAR WE SPONSORED A BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE AGENCY AND AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN A BOWL-A-THON TO TAKE PLACE IN 2004.

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FOR THOSE PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH WHO ARE COLLEGE AGE AND YOUNG SINGLES, THIS HAS BEEN AN EVENTFUL YEAR. AT THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY, 2004 THE EDGE BIBLE STUDY SPLIT AND WE DECIDED TO HAVE A BIBLE STUDY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS/ YOUNG SINGLES, LED BY SHARON AND JERRY CINTAS. THINGS BEGAN TO GROW AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SUMMER, AND DIANA DODSON TOOK OVER THE MINISTRY AS SHE CAME ONBOARD AS THE MINISTRY INTERN. IN ADDITION, DWIGHT WHIPPLE PRAYERFULLY DECIDED TO BECOME A MENTOR IN JULY.

THE SUMMER MONTHS WERE BUSY AND WE GREW TOGETHER BY DOING BOOK BY BOOK STUDIES OF THE BIBLE (INCLUDING PHILEMON AND COLOSSIANS) AND THEN BY JOINING WITH THE CHURCH BY DOING THE EXPERIENCING GOD SERIES. WE CAME UP WITH A NAME FOR OUR GROUP: IMPACT, WITH OUR GOAL TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE PEOPLE AROUND US FOR CHRIST. WE HAD A SUMMER RETREAT IN TUOLUMNE, CA WHERE WE SPENT THE WEEKEND DISCUSSING COMMUNITY AND THE BONDS THAT GOD WANTS TO FORM BETWEEN CHRISTIANS.

THE FALL AND WINTER MONTHS WERE NOT QUITE AS ACTIVE AS THE SUMMER BECAUSE THE STUDENTS RETURNED TO SCHOOL BUT WE CONTINUED TO HAVE SOCIAL OUTINGS ON SUNDAY NIGHTS AFTER THE EDGE SERVICE. SINCE SEPTEMBER WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE BOOK OF LUKE DURING OUR TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES, WHICH WE WILL FINISH AFTER WE COMPLETE THE ORDINARY DAY WITH JESUS SERIES. IN LUKE WE'VE SEEN JESUS' HEART FOR THE POOR AND FOR THE LOST AND S O W E CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON WAYS TO SERVE THOSE AROUND US WHO NEED TO SEE JESUS. MANY OF THOSE IN OUR GROUP PARTICIPATED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND PRODUCTION OF BETHLEHEM, WHICH WAS OUR MAIN SERVICE PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

OUR GOAL FOR THIS YEAR IS TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH'S VISION AND IN DOING SO WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE AND TRAIN THOSE IN GROUP SO THAT THEY CAN GO OUT AND REACH THOSE WHO NEED TO KNOW THE AMAZING SALVATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. OUR BIG EVENT IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10, WHERE WE WILL DO A BLOOD DRIVE ON THE CHURCH'S CAMPUS IN ORDER TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE BY RECRUITING THEM TO GIVE BLOOD. IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT GOD WOULD USE THIS EVENT TO BRING GLORY TO HIS NAME AND MORE PEOPLE INTO HIS KINGDOM.

Report on Tijuana Mission Trip:

IN DECEMBER WE TOOK A TEAM TO TIJUANA, MEXICO. WE WENT WITH AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION, GLOBAL PASSION MINISTRIES, WHICH IS BASED IN NAPA. THE SIX MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH THAT WENT WERE KARENA BERTOS, DIANA DODSON, KAREN FONG, JASMINE JACKSON, BOBBY RAMER, AND MATT STEPHENS. WE WERE JOINED BY EIGHT OTHER PEOPLE FROM SAN JOSE AND NAPA.

OUR MISSION ON THE TRIP WAS TO WORK ALONGSIDE A LOCAL CHURCH IN TIJUANA (CRISTO LA ROCA: CHRIST THE ROCK), AND OUR ORIGINAL INTENT WAS TO DO OUTREACH DRAMAS TO CHILDREN DURING THE DAY AND ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICES WITH ADULTS AT NIGHT. AT THE END OF THE WEEK, WE WERE GOING TO RENT A HALL AND SHOW MEL GIBSON'S MOVIE, *THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST*, WITH SPANISH SUBTITLES. GOD, HOWEVER, HAD DIFFERENT PLANS FOR OUR TRIP. AS SOON AS WE ARRIVED, THE RAINS CAME AND INSTEAD OF DOING OUTREACH IN THE DAY, OUR TEAM WAS LIMITED TO SOME INDOOR ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS HELPING WITH A LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE THAT THE CHURCH WAS SPONSORING THAT WEEK.