



New Horizon Emmaus Community

Newsletter – September 2013

2013 New Horizon Walk Dates

September 12-15 Men's #39 Ray Grappe, LD & Tracy Spencer, SD
October 10-13 Women's #56 Kimberly Brantley, LD & Nathan Harvey, SD

September Community Meeting
Thursday, September 19th
Board Meeting - 5:30pm
Sponsorship Training - 6:00pm
Community - 7:00pm

**EVERYONE BRING YOUR FAVORITE SNACK.
GUESTS ARE WELCOME, AND
A NURSERY IS PROVIDED.**

Community will meet at
FUMC/Amherst

ATTENTION:

Bovina, Lubbock and Springlake/Earth will host this month's community which is at FUMC/Amherst. This means that that these cities' churches will bring the drinks and serve for this gathering!



"My life is but a weaving between my Lord and me ..." I want to thank all of you for your unconditional love and support for the Team and Pilgrims of WW#55. It was a beautiful, healing time that I will never forget. I saw weights lifted off of shoulders that women had been carrying around for years and years. To see the faces of these women literally change shape and the stress be lifted will be a memory I will forever carry with me. I have heard story after story of triumph and peace since our return to our 4th Days. To HIM be the glory ... We were changed in the presence of a HOLY, ALL POWERFUL GOD! Thank you to those that prayed, those that brought Agape or food, those who spend countless hours preparing the Ark, the WONDERFUL team, the pilgrims and their sponsors ... for all those who serve our God so faithfully. "Thank you, for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed."

Linda Cowan, Lay Director, WW# 55



A Note from Our Community Lay Director

Dear Community,

As summer comes to a close, it really makes me notice how fast time is flying by. I see all the kids' pictures on their first day of school and just can't believe that all these kids (I thought were babies still) are in 3rd grade or 5th grade or worse, experiencing their senior year.

This then makes me think how OLD I must be getting! But also, I begin to think and talk to God about how we really are a vapor. He has a plan for us as His children and I have to ask myself, "Am I listening quietly to what God wants me to do here in His kingdom on earth?" Have I spent way too much time "working on myself" trying to get ready to do what He has ask?

Well, my answer to that is YES! So, what am I going to do about it? God is asking all of us to know Him more, to love Him more, trust and believe Him more...but that's not the end of His request. Love your neighbor as yourself. What does that mean to YOU? It probably means something a little different for each of us, but for me, I need to share THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT I HAVE EVER BEEN GIVEN to Pre-Christians, as well as struggling Christians, as well as those that don't even KNOW they are struggling Christians ... Whomever God places before me!!

Please take just a moment, and acknowledge to God, "I am a vapor, and I know you have a plan for me. To whom am I supposed to share this awesome gift I have been given?"

IS IT ASKING SOMEONE TO GO ON A WALK? IS IT AGAPE GIFTS? IS IT PRAYING AND SIGNING UP FOR THE PRAYER VIGIL? IS IT AGAPE FOOD FOR THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER WALKS?

What a blessing we have with this tool of Emmaus. Thank you, community, for blessing my life and so many others I love. We are so thankful for our Christian body at New Horizon.
De colores,

Lee Ann



MEN AT THE CROSS

For information about the team and pilgrims for the upcoming walks, please visit the New Horizon Emmaus Community website at www.newhorizonemmaus.org.

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Please don't forget to reserve a time slot on the Prayer Vigil for Men's Walk #39!

There are still slots available!

- Sign up online via the New Horizon Emmaus Community website at www.newhorizonemmaus.org.
- Choose "Upcoming Walks"
- Click on the link to the Prayer Vigil of the corresponding Walk
- Choose an empty time slot
- Fill in the information form that pops up
- You will get an email reminder of your time slot

IT'S THAT EASY!!

You will be blessed by participating in the Walk in this very special and important way.

A Note from Our Community Spiritual Director

If you tuned in last month, you read about my friend Rick who wrote an allegory beginning with a young misfit in an orphanage where, *He did not know whether he was alive or dead, nor did it matter.* For sake of length I will finish with the Reader's Digest version.

There came a day when a man filled with compassion and mercy decided to go to the orphanage. Those in charge were glad to parade their best and finest prospects. They would be those any parent would want to adopt. Or so they thought. The ones who thought they deserved to be adopted weren't who the man was looking for. He came to adopt a child who had no good about himself, no love, and no hope. Initial fondness for the man quickly faded. In truth, they had grown accustomed to the orphanage and its ways and in their hearts, cared not for another.

This man came to adopt and desired not to leave alone. So asking if there were anyone left (remember Samuel, Jesse, and his sons), the staff mentioned that there was a young man who would not be suitable and should not be adopted. He went wrong at a young age, even when others under similar conditions had been able to overcome their disadvantages. They had no choice but to bind him in a room alone, because he had become evil, hurting others and was a hopeless case in the estimation of all, including himself. Upon hearing this, the man wept and asked them to bring the young man to him. Reluctantly, they did.

Asking why they brought him out, the child knew all he did and the evil that consumed his life. He knew he deserved nothing more than the chains he continued in every day. He could not look at the man, nor bear the disappointment of being rejected again, even if he did deserve it. The man spoke up and said to the child, "All those here do quite well among themselves. I came looking for a child without hope and deserves nothing." The child answered the man and said, "All my life I looked for someone who would love me and found no one. I wanted to be held and comforted and none could do. Darkness beheld me, invited me, then left me alone and broken."

The man reached out and took the boy by the hand, saying, "Child, be my child. You have been loosed of your chains and released of your prison. Darkness has fled from you and I am with you today and always." Amen?

Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor; those who are sick do. I've come to call sinners to change the way they think and act, not to call people who think they have God's approval." Luke 5:31-32

Who are we reaching out to in love? May we continue with the arms of Jesus. Thank you, Rick, for giving us something to think about. Blessings all,

Ted

Please be in Prayer for the Upcoming Men's Walk!



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