

This Week

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GLOBE PROJECT

**Hope Enterprises Feeding Center
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Each morning except Sunday, the center's helpers drive around the places in the city where street children sleep – in parks, doorways, bus and



train stations, abandoned buildings—and pick them up. They are brought to the center

where over 500 children are given a nutritious breakfast of rolls, a banana, and milk. For most of these children, it is their only meal of the day.

This represents only half of the meals the center will provide each day. It only takes a quarter to provide one meal and \$250 will provide an entire day of meals. Through the Global Ministries Globe Project, we are able to reach out around the world and share the love of God through the simplest means of a nutritious meal. Pick up a “bank” at the Global Ministries table after the services and fill it with your change, bills, checks—anything you can afford.

Return your banks and/or checks (designated for the “Globe Project”) by the last weekend in March to the Global Ministries table.

INDIA CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Join us this month by sponsoring a child at the school in Gangoh, India. Our India short-term mission team visited the school in Gangoh, India during their



February trip. Below is an excerpt from Cheryl Bencala's update letter:

“I have just returned from India where I visited our school in Gangoh. Our team held medical camps for the school and village for two days. I was amazed at the changes at the school in just one year. Last year, the school had just been completed when we held medical camps. This year, there is a beautiful concrete wall that surrounds the school property. This is for security and safety for the children.

They have proposed a parcel of this property to build a church!!! This will be the only Christian church in a 30-mile radius. They have almost completed a bathroom block that includes seven boy stalls and seven girl stalls with a septic system. This is very advanced by India standards—the rest of the village has an open sewer system.



They also have running, drinkable (by India standards) water at the school. They

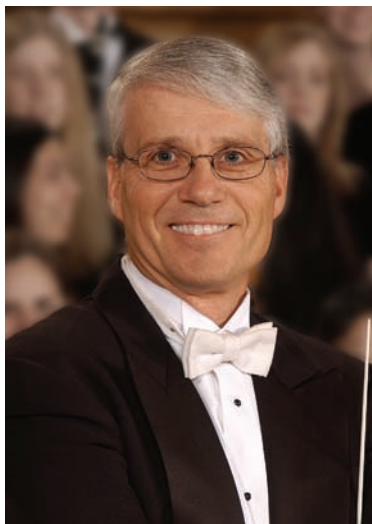
have already grown out of the current building and are praying for funding to add three additional classrooms. The children helped us with translation and “door guards” at the camps. They also impressed us with their knowledge of multiplication.”

MOODY SYMPHONIC BAND

The Moody Symphonic Band from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago will be performing on Friday, March 20, at 7:00pm in the Worship Center. The band's repertoire includes band and orchestral concert

music as well as hymn and gospel song arrangements of both traditional and contemporary style. The band is conducted by David Gauger II, Artist/Professor of Sacred Music at Moody and a trumpeter with the Chicago Symphony and the Elgin Symphony Orchestra. There is no admission charge for the performance (a free will offering will be taken).

Also, we're looking for homes for these young people for Friday night. If you have a spare bedroom or hide-a-bed, please call Karen Gentrup at 997-4604 and let her know how many musicians you can host.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School: Superheroes of the Faith...coming June 22-26 to Venture. This week-long program will run from 9:00am to noon each day. VBS is for kids who have completed kindergarten - 4th grade. Mark your calendar now—you won't want to miss it! Stayed tuned for more details.

Hume Lake Wagon Train—July 12-18:

This overnight camp is an incredible experience for kids who have completed 3rd or 4th grade. Sign-ups began last week and space is limited. The cost is \$475 (note correction in price); \$150 deposit is due at registration. For more information, contact the KidVenture office (997-4645).

Volunteer Appreciation and Training:

The KidVenture Ministries Appreciation Breakfast and Training is scheduled for **Saturday, March 14**



from 9:00-11:00am in Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we gather as a team for a time of encouragement and training—breakfast will be served! RSVP by March 10 (emapes@venturechristian.org or 997-4646). If you are interested in finding out more about serving in KidVenture Ministries, we would love for you to join us!

Child Baptisms: The next Baptism Class for children in 2nd-5th grade is

scheduled for Sunday, March 29 from 9:15-10:20am. If your child is interested in being



baptized or would like to know more about baptism, sign up today. Parents are not required but strongly recommended to attend this class with their child. To sign up, contact Diane Clemons (997-4645 or dclemons@venturechristian.org).

GET LINKED

Small Groups Ministry: spiritual growth and transformation occur best in the context of relationships developed in a small group environment. Become part of a small group at VCC where you can experience in-depth Bible study and fellowship in an environment of genuine love and support. Brochures are available at the Information Center. Contact: Gary Hess (997-4610 or ghess@venturechristian.org).

Improv: a new Sunday morning elective for adults (9:15am in Room 211); check out this friendly group with a heart and desire to do Bible study in depth. The current study is the Gospel of John using Serendipity materials for the guide. For more information, contact Aaron and Holly Carmichael (448-5551).

Truth Project follow-up meetings: For those who just finished the Truth Project, there will be meetings on Wednesdays from March 4 through May 6 from 6:30-8:30pm in Room 235. For more information, contact Clyde Beck (723-1190).



GLOBAL MINISTRIES

“God Talk” Kiosk at Oakridge Mall

March 10-April 10: Looking for a great place to share your faith? Sign up to be a part of the God Talk kiosk at the Oakridge Mall March 10-April 10. There is one more training session this Sunday, March 8, from 12:30-1:30pm in the Conference Room. Contact Rich and Charlene Sevcik (354-3966).

GM Prayer Calendars available: Pick up the March prayer calendar in the upper foyer for the daily prayers for our missionaries.

Short-term trip to Ethiopia June 27-July 11. Spend a week doing VBS with the children in our adopt-a-child program in the village of Heeraraa and bless a community in Addis Ababa. For more information, contact Jack Elwell (227-5389; jack.elwell@gmail.com).

HEALING MINISTRIES

Celebrate Recovery: Join us Friday nights at 6:00pm for a barbecue followed by a powerful message at 7:00pm. For details, contact CR (997-4641; CR@venturechristian.org).

MEN’S MINISTRY

(Check out The Herd’s Web site at [venturechristian.org/Ministries/Men’s Ministries](http://venturechristian.org/Ministries/Men’s_Ministries).)

Men’s Breakfast: Join us next Saturday, March 7, at 8:00am in Fellowship Hall. The topic is “Be A Servant.” RSVP to Karen Gentrup (997-4604 or kgentrup@venturechristian.org).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Hume Lake sign-ups for middle school and high school have begun.

Spaces usually fill up quickly, so don’t delay. The total cost for an incredible week (July 12-18) of summer camp is \$495. A deposit of \$150 is required to sign up. For more details and to download the application, go to www.venturestudents.org. You can also contact Judie Christensen (997-4663; jchristensen@venturechristian.org).

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

New Wednesday morning women’s Bible study: *Conversation Peace:*

The Power of Transformed Speech by Mary Kassian (Biblical principles to help women revolutionize their speech habits). Seven-week study begins March 18 at 9:15am in Fellowship Hall. For more information,



contact Linda Dunning (268-5771; sunflower38@sbcglobal.net).

May 15-17—Women’s Retreat, *Under Construction: Built Up In Him*

Join us at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center with guest speaker CJ Rapp, founder of Unfading Beauty Ministries. Sign up early and be one of the lucky ladies of a drawing to receive \$25 off a full-time retreat registration. You don’t want to miss this special time away with other ladies from Venture. Register in the upper foyer after all services. Check, cash, or credit card accepted. If you have questions, contact Kay McCloskey (356-2050; jkmccloskey@msn.com). Brochures are available in the upper foyer.

July 10-11—Women of Faith

San Jose—HP Pavilion. For details, please contact Sandee DeBella (421-8411 or sdebella@cityteam.org).

“THANK YOU” FROM DEB LEE

Dear VCC Church Family:
I wanted to thank everyone for all the outpouring of love, prayers, kind words, and support during this difficult time. Jerry had a passion for technology all of his life and, in his later years, desired to find ways to use technology to help those in ministry be more effective in their work. Again, thanks to everyone for all the cards and love; I have been blessed and will remember it always.

Blessings to you all,

—Deb Lee

“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are going to start taking photos for an upcoming church directory and are looking for the following volunteer positions:

- amateur photographers to take church family photos
- data entry persons to input photos into the church database
- data collections persons to get release information to use personal information in the directory



If you are able to help, please contact Deb Omori in the Connections and Hospitality Ministry (997-4614; domori@venturechristian.org).

JOIN THE PARKING TEAM!

We are looking for shuttle drivers and parking lot attendants. For details, please contact Rob Walter (997-4660).

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Are you a mom with little ones who is looking to meet other moms with little ones? MOPS II is a great way to get connected. Registration for Fall 2009 begins in May. For more information, contact Kristi (266-0404).

PROJECT IRAQ

Our next big shipment will be in early April to arrive in time for Easter. It's warming up over in Iraq so, please, no more chocolate. Stop by the Project Iraq table after the weekend services to see our newest photos and get more details on needed items (donation barrels are in Common Ground). For more information, contact John and Millie Evans (267-2363).



PRAYER

Please join us for prayer every Thursday from 12:00-12:30pm in Room 219. Prayer focus for this week: recognizing the need for change in our country—we will be praying for foundational change that is rooted in a spiritual transformation.

****Intercessor Prayer Lists** for our church family are available at the Information Center.**

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please fill out a survey to let us know about your visit (on the Web at http://www.venturechristian.org/visitform_.html).





Joint Community Band Concert

8 p.m., Saturday, March 28
Venture Christian Church
16845 Hicks Road, Los Gatos

The San Jose Metropolitan Band and the Cupertino Symphonic Band join with Venture Christian Church to present a free evening concert to benefit CityTeam Ministries of San Jose.

San Jose
Metropolitan Band
Greg Bergantz,
Conductor

Admission is free, however, donations are encouraged and appreciated: canned goods, warm clothing, personal hygiene items and monetary donations.

All goes to benefit
CityTeam Ministries.

Cupertino Symphonic Band
Tom Narcisso, Conductor

Venture Middle School Minister Rob Walter was recently honored in the Youth For Christ newsletter for his volunteer work...



Volunteer Spotlight

Rob Walter has been a Campus Life volunteer for approximately 10 years! He has served at Rolling Hills, Dartmouth Breakfast club and Castillero. Rob is also the junior high youth pastor at Venture Christian Church. Even though he has a dynamic youth group he is not satisfied with staying inside the church walls, he has a huge heart for the lost. We at YFC have been inspired by Rob's dedication, servants' heart and willingness to do whatever it takes to reach kids.

If you have the ability to volunteer in any capacity, please contact the YFC office at (408) 265-4600, and let us know what your availability.

...Good job, Rob!!!