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July 20th
Tres Dias Picnic

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Words to live by:

The heart holds things that the mind forgets

... for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' . . .

. . . And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' (NKJV)

Matthew 25: 35-40

Presidents Letter



Dear
Community,
As summer
draws near
and the blues
of winter pass,

I look forward to my second year as president. I can't believe it has been 1 year. I want to thank you all for your prayers, not just for myself, but for all the officers that serve our community, and for those who have served on our committees.

With the warmer weather upon us, we all get busy with vacations, gardens, travel and before we know it it's already fall. Let's not let this sneak up on us. Start praying for God to place someone on your heart for the fall weekends. Let's get the applications in early!!

As I approach my second year, I want to go back to the basics of Tres Dias. I'll admit all the weekends are special, but we need to remember why we have the weekends and that is to develop leadership with in our church communities.

I encourage our younger Pescadores to start attend-

ing secretariats and Secuelas. You are our future, not just in Tres Dias but in our home churches. I encourage you to look back on your weekends and remember how God's love influenced your lives through those who served. Seek God's purpose in your lives and use what you were taught at Tres Dias to advance God's kingdom.

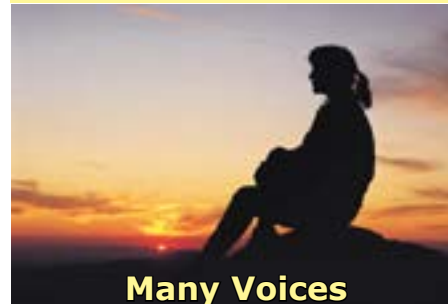
Matt 28:19—"therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

We will be having an annual picnic again at the Kenyon's. What a beautiful spot they have. The date is July 20th. More information will follow on the website. We also have openings for several committees. We will need people for the nominating committee to start searching for our next set of officers. This will be quite a task. As I close, may you all have a happy and safe summer. Continue praying for our rectors and teams. See you at the picnic!!

Decolores

Mike Williams

Reflections



Many Voices

by Bernadette Tracy

I hear many voices. But wait. Before you dismissively label me as a little over the top, think for a moment. Be honest. Don't you as well? We all hear them. It is an unavoidable part of being human. The voices, they come from many different places; our own thoughts, the enemy, the Holy Spirit, as well as others who have crossed our paths and spoken into our life. The messages are many, and varied.

Our own thoughts and emotions can be overwhelmingly strong and convincing. If we allow, they can become our compass, casting the deciding vote on how we live out our lives. Many today are seeking a compass for their lives and in their quest have come to one conclusion; there is

no one who holds all of the answers. This is called relativism. It has become the answer for today's world. Relativism holds the false belief that all points of view are equally valued, and that all truth is relative to the individual. Relativism in the end refuses to allow a judgment about right and wrong, there is no sin and there is no ultimate Truth. Human emotion and wisdom will lead us that way. They leave us to our own perceptions about ourselves, others and ultimately God. They give us leeway to excuse sin in our lives and to make our own truth. They dictate who we will love, what we will and will not do and ultimately how we will respond to our Creator. They quickly become master over our lives.

Today, more than ever the voices have become stronger and more intrusive. We live in a multi-media environment heavily influenced by our enemy. We are barged with the thoughts and opinions of many while simultaneously being conditioned to see any single

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view as bigoted and intolerant. They tug on our emotions and play on our sense of fairness. They seem reasonable and humane. They lead to compromise of our convictions. In the midst of this outside assault, we must sort through the hundreds, if not thousands of thoughts and emotions that we encounter daily. Proverbs 14:2- There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. Left to our own thoughts, we are doomed; doomed to live a life of wrong thoughts, wrong motives, and wrong actions; in essence we may miss hearing God.

How can we possibly be overcomers in the midst of this and find a voice of reason in this daily battle that intrudes into our own thoughts and emotions? Jesus said, "I am The Way, The Truth and The Life." There is only One Way, One source of Truth and Life. Jesus assured us in John 10:27 "My sheep know my voice." How can we know His voice, separating it out from all others? God's voice, His Truth is heard through His Word. The

scripture reveals the Truth about God, about others and about us each individually. It is His voice speaking to us in letter form, penned over thousands of years. It is The Father's heart to His children, His lesson plan for life, and His road map to reveal Himself to us. It is and has been the answer to the human condition. Time marches on but God never changes. He has always provided a way for those who have ears to hear. For all of time and eternity, there has only ever been one Absolute, One Voice that is pre-eminent above all others and that is God Himself. He is Truth and In His midst all other voices fall shamefully silent.

DeColores,
In His Love,

Bernadette



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Weekend dates are set. Start praying and thinking about how you might serve: make a banner, bake a pie, serve a meal, sing a song . . . Sign up soon. Consider and pray about pilgrims you might sponsor for the weekends now.



Men's Rector Letter

Hi to the Vermont Tres Dias community! My name is Dave Satre, the rector for the upcoming men's Tres Dias #48. First I would like to say I am honored and humbled in being extended the honor to rector the weekend. Thanks for the opportunity to serve! Please keep me in your prayers that I hear clearly what God would have done over the weekend.

I did my weekend in the fall of 1995, on Men's #25, and have served on several teams over the years. When asked to be the rector I was quickly led to a Bible passage which I am fairly sure will be the theme for the weekend. It is Philippians 3:14-16 "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God

has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

The team is beginning to come together and am blessed to have already had five people agree to come along side to serve; but still have many calls yet to make. If you do receive a call, please prayerfully consider serving on team.

In Christ,
David A. Satre

Help!

VTD could needs the help of anyone in the community familiar with accounting procedures to assist in re-establishing our non-profit tax status. Please contact Eva Ciampaglia if you can assist in some way. Her phone is 485-9411; email is evaec2011@gmail.com

Also, VTD is looking for people to serve on the Nomination Committee. Officers terms expire in May of 2014. Candidates for officers need to be solicited.



Women's Rector Letter

Greetings to Vermont Tres Dias! I'm Carolyn Satre from Randolph Center, Vermont, and I will be the rector for the Women's Tres Dias weekend #53, November 7-10th. My husband and I made our first Tres Dias weekends in 1995, when our two daughters were still small, and I can honestly say that I've been blessed each weekend that I have served on team since. Now, our kids are 20 and 22, and although being rector seems like an overwhelming job at the moment, I know I will be amazingly blessed as I serve.

Just as Christ has transformed our lives, I consider it a privilege to watch the weekend unfold and see the transformation in each of the women in attendance. My verse for the weekend is Romans 8:1: "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus", and my prayer for the weekend is for the women (myself included) to fully realize that we don't have to beat ourselves up over past mistakes. If God chooses not to condemn us, what

gives us the right to do it to ourselves???

Anyway, please be in prayer for cohesiveness as this team is formed, and also that many lives will be blessed as a result of serving on team this fall. Thanks so much!

In Christ
Carolyn Satre

Committee Positions

VTD needs people to help with recently opened committee positions.

Food Committee: Duties for this position include buying food and kitchen items for the weekends. Items are packed and brought to the Inn for both the men's and women's weekends and re-packed at the conclusion of each weekend.

Supply committee: Duties include buying items for the rollo room and general facility usage such as markers, poster board, notebook paper, kleenex etc. The committee person also assembles 4th day packet materials.

Call Mike Williams for details. 802-276-2171

Secuela at Georgia Plain Baptist

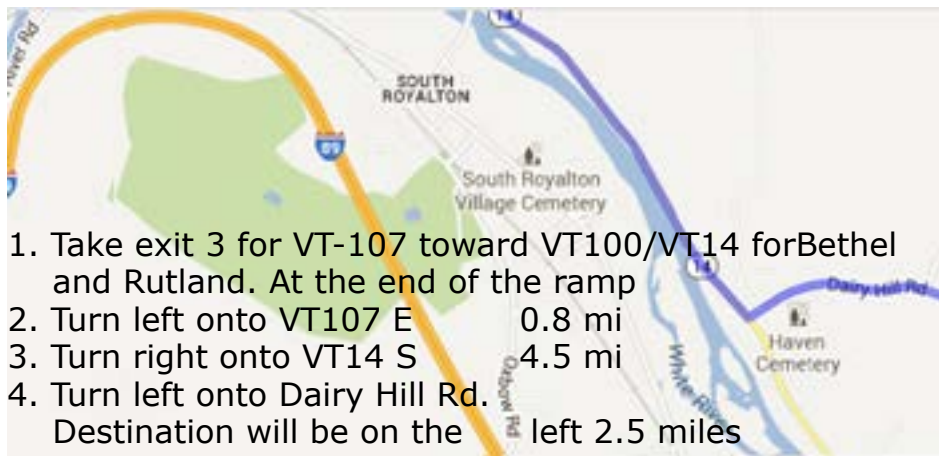


The next secuela (June 15) is in beautiful Georgia - Georgia, Vt, that is. Secretariat at 5:30; Secuela at 6:30. Bring your singing voices and any instruments.

Directions: For most of the travelers, you will be heading north on I89. North of Burlington, past the Champlain Island Exit 18 for Georgia.

At the end of the ramp, turn Left onto RT 7. Stay on RT 7 for about 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Plains Road. Go .6 miles and bear left to continue on Plains Road for another 2 miles. You're there!

Directions to Kenyons (Tres Dias Picnic)



1. Take exit 3 for VT-107 toward VT100/VT14 for Bethel and Rutland. At the end of the ramp
2. Turn left onto VT107 E 0.8 mi
3. Turn right onto VT14 S 4.5 mi
4. Turn left onto Dairy Hill Rd. Destination will be on the left 2.5 miles

Annual Tres Dias Picnic - July 20th at Ted and Bonnie Kenyon's "Park" in South Royalton



Food, Games, Music
and Fellowship



All are welcome!

Bring your family
and friends



Decolores!

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