

"Life Letter"

Mission News, & Events for the
River Valley Mission Network
Spring 2011



"Where we're bringing life to the desert!"

Coming Up In River Valley...

- **Laughlin "River Run" Mission Project**, Apr 28th - 30th – sponsored by 1st Southern Baptist Church, Bullhead City
- **Brotherhood Group Meeting, Thursday**, May 5th, 10 am – Calvary Baptist, LHC
- **Holy Mountain Gospel Music Festival**, Saturday, May 7th – All day singing & dinner on the ground, hosted by Meadview Baptist Church
- **Administrative Team Meeting, Tuesday**, May 17th, 10 am – River Valley Mission Network office
- **Transformed Men's Retreat**, May 13th - 15th Lost Canyon Ranch. Sign up now!
- **Crossover Arizona**, June 5th - 11th, Phoenix & Tucson
- **SBC Annual Convention**, June 14th & 15th, Phoenix



Join Us On The Mountaintop!

Holy Mountain All Day Singing & Dinner On the Ground Saturday, May 7th 9 am - 3 pm

Featuring the Bluegrass Music of the Hinkle Family and many local groups. Great fellowship, great food, and great gospel music! See your church office for details on this 11th annual event.

From Our Missionary...



We are serious about bringing life to the desert!..

As you may have heard, the River Valley Mission Network is involved in the formation and implementation of a new

strategy and structure that we believe will enable us to resource the vision of our churches more effectively. The focus of this strategy is on developing missional leaders and churches who will be more intent than ever before on invading and impacting their communities with the gospel.

Here is an update on how our new strategy is unfolding. . . For the past two months, we have been conducting missional interviews with our pastors, hearing their heart, vision, and passion for what God has called them to do in their field of ministry. We are asking very strategic questions that gauge the missional mindset and approach of our leadership. The information and perspectives gathered in these interviews will be used to flesh out this new strategy. By the end of May our strategy should be complete and ready for our pastors to make a special presentation in their own church. We plan to unveil the final version of this new strategy at our September Annual Celebration of Churches.

It's all about "making disciples of all the nations" . . . Our nations (ethnos/unreached people groups) are represented in many unique ways – prisoners, truckers, Native American families, bikers, and, of course, the enormous population of lost people in our communities and our world. Please note the new section in our newsletter that describes what we are doing together in making disciples of the nations. At the writing of this newsletter, we are preparing for our major biker project in Bullhead City. Please pray for a great harvest through this ministry.

If you haven't scheduled a "River Valley Day" in your church. . . Please contact us. I would love to come and share about the incredible opportunities God has put before us, how your prayers & support are making a difference!

Tommy

Making Disciples of All the Nations...

"On Mission" News From Our Churches...

Church Planting

Both of our newer churches in Bouse and Yucca are securing land and making plans to begin to develop these new church sites. Having a permanent presence in these communities will make a huge difference. To find out how you can pray and help, contact Bouse Pastor Ted Finkbeiner, tfinkbeiner3@gmail.com or Yucca Pastor Wayne Basye, pastorbasye@gmail.com. We are now looking at the possibility of new church plants in the Bullhead City Mesa area and a new cowboy church ministry in the Kingman & Golden Valley area.

Truckstop Ministry

The River Valley Mission Network has the special privilege of working with Joe Hunter & Truckstop Ministries, Inc in launching a new Missionary Driver program. We are envisioning hundreds of Missionary Drivers, constantly on the go, taking the gospel to over 8 million drivers nation-wide! Please pray for the number of Missionary Drivers to be greatly multiplied this year. You can learn more about this program at www.truckstopministries.org.



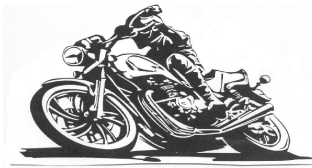
Prison Ministry

We continue to have see some incredible opportunities at Arizona State Prison to impact the lives of inmates with the gospel. Pastor Chris Zeller of the Golden Shores church, also serves as Senior Chaplain. In addition to our Celebrate Recovery Ministry, there is a need for more bible study teachers, counselors, and pastors to teach new seminary classes now forming. We appreciate the participation of Calvary, College Park, Golden Valley and 1st Southern, Kingman in this ministry. For more information on this ever-growing opportunity, contact the River Valley office at rvba@citlink.net.

Native American Ministry

Future outreach events include a school carnival on May 26th, sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church. This year both Peach Springs & Supai are included in the annual Women's Missionary Union "Christmas in August" campaign. Be watching for how you can participate!

"River Run" Project **April 28th - May 1st, 2011**



1st Southern, Bullhead City – Once again this church is the mission station for "Church in the Wind" and other biker groups ministering to over 70,000 bikers. The church is providing meals, showers, and a place of worship and fellowship. Bob Rose is currently serving as Interim Pastor.

1st Southern, Parker - Preparing for a GREAT VBS which starts June 19th. Youth are also making plans for lots of activities over the Easter weekend.

1st Southern, Ft. Mojave - Adult choir just presented "Because He Lives" on Palm Sunday. Women's Ministry is expanding to include bi-monthly MOPS and a Women's Bible Study. Summer Mission Team is preparing to go to Vancouver, British Columbia June 29th - July 5th.

Desert Shores Community Church- Desert Shores is proposing a new Purpose & Vision that will bring them together as a congregation & keep them focused on what they are called to do.

1st Southern Baptist, Mohave Valley & 1st

Baptist Church, Bullhead City - Please continue to pray for these churches as they continue their searches for new pastors. Pray that God would sustain and unify these churches as they wait for God's man in God's time.

1st Southern Baptist, Kingman – The Kingman choir recently presented their Easter cantata at Arizona State Prison on two yards and received a great response and a great blessing!

Chloride Baptist Church – Recently conducted a block party at the town park in partnership with Canyon Community Church.

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and if your church has a newsletter, please see that we are added to your mailing or email list!