



from the

Heart

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"...to strengthen women who minister to women..."

From the Executive Director

The Bible is central to the life and ministry of NEWIM, so from time to time I will be sharing my thoughts from the Bible or on biblical principles in the Executive Director's Corner of our website. In April Ann Svensson from Saddleback Church will add her thoughts to the Corner. We hope this will stimulate your interest in the Scriptures and be helpful to your life and ministries.

Here is an article that caught my interest from *The Barna Group Research*:

"The Christian faith has become less of a life perspective that challenges the supremacy of individualism as it is a faith that is being defined through individualism.

"Americans are increasingly comfortable picking and choosing what they deem to be helpful and accurate theological views, and have become comfortable discarding the rest of the teachings of the Bible.

"Faith of whatever variety is increasingly viral (caught) rather than pedagogical (study dealing with principles and methods).

"With people spending less time reading the Bible, and becoming less engaged in activities that deepen their biblical literacy, faith views are more often adopted on the basis of dialogue, self-reflection and observation than teaching.

"Feelings and emotions now play a significant role in the development of people's faith views—in many cases, much more significant than information-based exercises such as listening to preaching and participating in Bible Study."

(The report was based upon telephone interviews conducted with a random sample of 1,004 adults selected from across the continental United States, age 18 and older, in August, 2008.)

If dialogue is the preferred way of developing the world's faith views in our society, then surely it is up to those of us who love God's Word to be sure we know how to *observe, dialogue with and reflect* on God's Word and to teach those around us to do the same. I challenge you to learn how to do this yourself and to teach at least one other person to do the same. For more information on how to observe, dialogue with and reflect on the Scripture, go to www.journalkeeping.org or write to me at oasis631@aol.com.

We would love to help you!

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NEWIM's First Annual Bridge Tournament a Success

Congratulations and Thank You!

Congratulations to the winners of NEWIM's first Bridge Tournament: First Place—Mike Moreland; Second Place—Don Adkinson; and Third Place—Pat Cranford.

We are grateful to Nancy Burchell, who arranged for the tournament to be held at Lighthouse Coastal Community Church in Costa Mesa, on Saturday, October 24th.

Play began at 10:00 a.m. followed by a magnificent Fall Salad. Marty Russell and Springs team members Sharyn Evans and Sunny Schrimsher prepared and served the lunch. Karen Root and Rhoda Stanley made a fabulous dessert, Frozen Lemon Cream with Raspberry Puree (see recipe below).

Funds were raised to help scholarship twenty-five women to the next Springs retreats.

Plans are underway for this year's Bridge Tournament to be held on Thursday, September 30, at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club. Mark your calendars!



*Mike Moreland
First Place
Bridge Tournament*



Frozen Lemon Cream with Raspberry Puree

Preheat oven to 350°.

Prepare crust: combine graham cracker crumbs and melted butter. Pat onto bottom and one inch up sides of a 10-inch springform pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Let cool.

Prepare lemon cream: mix whipping cream, lemon juice, sugar and lemon peel until blended and slightly thickened. Pour into springform pan and cover with foil. Freeze overnight or up to one month. Do not thaw before serving.

To serve, remove sides of springform pan. Make topping: puree raspberries together with water and sugar. Spread topping over center of pie or cut individual slices and spoon over each slice. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired.

Crust: 1 package graham cracker crumbs
6 T melted butter

Lemon Cream:
3 cups whipping cream
1/2 cup fresh lemon juice
1-1/4 cups sugar
3 T. lemon peel, grated

Topping:
6 ounces frozen raspberries
3/4 cup water
1/2 cup sugar

Whipped Cream (optional)


Intimacy with God isn't something we *make* happen, it's something we create space *for*.

EMPTY? WEARY? TIRED?

Make Space for God
A Half-Day Guided Retreat

WHEN: SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2010 9AM-12:30PM
WHERE: NEEDHAM CHAPEL VANGUARD UNIV COSTA MESA

BRING: BIBLE, JOURNAL, DRESS CASUAL
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SNACKS, DRINKS
AND MATERIALS
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The NEWIM Springs team has offered a 3-day prayer and reflection retreat for the last 10 years. Over 700 women have attended the Springs. Now, for those who are more time-limited, there is Make Space for God.

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Short times of teaching alternated with times of meditation help re-center our distracted, anxious hearts to a place of deeper communion with God.

Marty Russell is co-director of NEWIM's Springs Prayer & Reflection Retreat and teaches at Talbot Graduate School of Theology, Biola University. She's a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and served on the women's ministry staff at First Evangelical Free Church in Fullerton, California.



For more information about bringing this retreat to your church contact
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Mark your calendar for our next Make Space for God:
Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Vanguard University.

See page 9 for information on the three day Springs retreat.

poem for a friend

she curls in pain,
she hears
the unhearable groan of God...

she was taken by those
who hated her.

she was almost
taken
into the bowels of the earth
like Christ Himself.

she wonders
if she can go on breathing.
this is her own Good Friday,
her own "Day of Darkness."

and just like those
milling around the Cross
never knew
that they were near heaven
and hell
at the same time
(as they breathed the air
near His suffering),
most do not know
that in her presence
they walk where angels stand,
weeping for her...
they cannot see
the shimmering forms
surrounding her...

they cannot hear
the sounds of love
coming from the
Lord of the Cross.
it is her Good Friday,
her "Time of Darkness."

she doesn't know
the glory coming,
she doesn't see
the Love that travels with her
into the depths,
the Power that will
change
and lift her.

but i am sitting
by her cross,
and
i remember how
He resurrected my life,
and i know
she is my destined sister.

she
will
rise—
if Jesus rose,
she will rise.

—marilyn carriere

Visit *NEWIM*

on the *Internet*

for *events,*

resources and

encouragement

from the *Lord.*



Become a Member or Re- new Your Membership...

...online and save a stamp! Just go to www.newim.org and click the online store link. Choose your membership level and receive real benefits, including a member roster and selected event discounts. Join today and we'll post your ministry report in our Member Corner (all members are welcome to contribute). See page 8 for the first ministry report.

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NEWIM is on Facebook!

Simply search for NEWIM on Facebook. You may join the group then join in the discussions, post on the wall and invite others to join.

Become a fan and look at the photos from The Springs, tell us what you're reading and learn about upcoming events.

See you on Facebook!

Meet Our New Board Member: Cheri Dale

Cheri Dale is the newest member of the NEWIM Board of Directors. Cheri came to NEWIM from an invitation by Monica Brislawn to join the OC chapter, with Nancy Burchell and Susan Booker. Cheri



has served in women's ministry with Jill Austin at St. James Anglican Church where she and her husband, Jim, have been involved in ministry for over 15 years. Cheri has also served on the board of Market-

place Women and enjoyed assisting in the ministry of Vital Connections, serving the business and working women of Orange County.

Cheri and her husband Jim recently returned to Orange County after living in Scottsdale, Arizona for three years. She loves the desert, but the ocean breezes and beach are still "my favorite place to be." Cheri also helped develop a women's ministry at Christ Church in Phoenix called WNO—Women's Nite Out—a place for women to enjoy getting to know one another and study scripture.

Cheri has been in private practice as a Marriage and Family Therapist for over 18 years. She is a graduate of Talbot Seminary and California Graduate Institute. She has a heart for helping women grow in their relationship with Jesus and applying spiritual principles to everyday life.

Cheri and her husband, Jim, live in Tustin Ranch. She has a step-son, Alex. In her free time, she loves watching the cooking channel and finding new recipes. She also directs a children's choir at St. James.

Creative Seminars Debuts in May

The Network of Evangelical Women in Ministry is committed to encouraging women on their journey with God by providing spiritual enrichment, resources and networking opportunities. In keeping with this purpose, NEWIM is launching a new feature called *Creative Seminars*.

Creative Seminars has been designed to primarily serve churches who would like to enhance their resources. We will be offering a wide variety of topics presented by a number of seasoned NEWIM leaders. This will enable you to create a meaningful event that will fit your specific need—at a nominal cost. From a seminar on healthy relationships, to Bible study tools, to stress and crisis management to name a few, the possibilities are unlimited.

It is our prayer and desire this new resource will be an enriching complement to the other ministries of NEWIM. The list of topics and scheduling information will be available May 1st at www.newim.org.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information please contact the program administrator, Kim Johnson, at kimadrog@netzero.com.



A note regarding the NEWIM Board of Directors: members have a fiduciary responsibility to NEWIM, providing accountability and direction in the proper use of funds, the vision of the organization and adherence to bylaws. For a complete list of members, please see the *About Us* section of our website, www.newim.org.

Creative Seminars is a new resource for the small church. We want to serve you where you need it most.

Deliver the Poor and Needy

By Tina Randy

As the president and co-founder of IMA, a Christian non-profit organization, I enjoyed serving on the NEWIM Orange County Chapter's leadership team. Connecting with women in ministry, through NEWIM's membership, benefits me with spiritual support and valuable resources that encourages my endeavors for IMA.

IMA's ministry spans 27 years, beginning with helping African mothers and children who were dying from poverty and ignorance, to today, where Guatemalan families benefit from our original vision. IMA's Christian Girls School is rescuing Guatemalan children by enabling them to overcome physical and spiritual poverty. Our students are becoming healthy, educated and fulfilled Christian women, empowered to impact their community and future generations.

Guatemala has one of the highest poverty rates in Latin America, as well as high infant mortality and chronic malnutrition among children. Women in Guatemala bear the brunt of poverty's burden, where their access to employment, health-care and education are virtually absent. This discrimination condemns young girls to a life of oppression.

Many girls are required to work, trading education for trivial income. Female children make up 32% of Guatemala's labor force. **Girls as young as six to eight**

are FORCED INTO PROSTITUTION not only by sex-traffickers, but by their own mothers or fathers.

According to UNICEF, educating children who live in poverty is our best hope in changing the world for the better; and proclaims that education ends generational cycles of poverty and diseases while providing a foundation for sustainable development.

Our school provides scholarships, free nutritious meals, medical attention and classes public schools do not offer, such as English, computer and

Bible classes, as well as career training. In addition, we offer scholarships at other schools for IMA students pursuing higher education and vocational training.

Ninety-four percent of IMA's donations go to our young women and children's programs. These programs instill passion and determination in our students, enabling them to become educated and to become contributing members of society, which impacts life-long opportunities.

Without an education, many girls never realize their God-given potential and become trapped in a relentless cycle of depravity, quietly disappearing into poverty. IMA is an innovative, compassionate community, which shares God's love and helps students come to "the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:8).

Volunteers and sponsors are critical to IMA's success. We partner with individuals, businesses, organizations and churches that are also committed to the protection and the welfare of children. I invite you to partner with us—to bring love, hope and a chance at a full life to IMA's students. Your love and support



Women in Guatemala bear the brunt of poverty's burden.

Rescue the weak and needy;
deliver them from the hand
of the wicked.

—Psalm 82:4, NIV



Deliver the Poor and Needy

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will inspire hope in a developing mind and potentially be a driving force in encouraging girls to rise above their poverty.

Every day young girls are left behind. Many are on a waiting list and hoping for sponsorships. Help make a difference and spread the word about these forgotten children. “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute...defend the rights of the poor and needy” (Proverbs 31:8-9, NIV). Will you be that voice for a precious, Guatemalan young girl?

The sponsorship of a child is \$60 a month or to share a sponsorship is \$30 a month. For what it costs for a dinner and a movie you can become a sponsor. If you would enjoy becoming a sponsor or making a donation please go to www.imausa.org, “make a donation” or make a check payable to IMA at the below address. Any amount you give will make a huge difference and could change the future of a child. With your help we can provide God-sized opportunities that will last for eternity.

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(Proverbs 31:8-9, NIV).*



Tina Randy is the President and Co-Founder of IMA, a non-profit, nondenominational Christian organization. IMA rescues Guatemalan children and young women from physical and spiritual poverty.

Tina has a heart and passion for missionary work and Bible studies. She has been involved in teaching Sunday school, leading women’s Bible studies and women’s leadership programs in her home church, as well as missionary activities in her community and internationally. She and her husband, Sam, reside in San Juan Capistrano with their grown children and grandchildren.

Please feel free to contact her with any ideas or questions you may have and/or to book an IMA presentation: tina@imausa.org; phone 949.545.8766; 30912 Steeplechase Drive, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675.

Man can certainly flee from God... but he cannot escape him. He can certainly hate God and be hateful to God, but he cannot change into its opposite the eternal love of God which triumphs even in his hate.



—Karl Barth

For man’s greatest actions are performed in minor struggles. Life, misfortune, isolation, abandonment and poverty are battlefields which have their heroes—obscure heroes who are at times greater than illustrious heroes.



—Victor Hugo

Member's Corner

It's all about networking!

NEWIM is increasingly aware of the diversity of ministries represented in our membership. We would like to feature as many of those ministries as possible in the Member's Corner of the NEWIM website. Following is the ministry profile from Joy Pedersen, the first of many to be posted on www.newim.org.

Your ministry may encourage another member or give her a new idea that will be valuable in her sphere of influence. We'd love to include your ministry in the Member's Corner.

It's simple! All you have to do is write a paragraph or two describing your current ministry and send it along with a photo (jpg format) to tammy.tkach@gci.org. Please include your web address if applicable or other contact information.

It's all about networking!
Jackie Rettberg

local bodies of believers and then into the world.

Presentations can be tailored to fit your need. Seminars, workshops, retreats, conferences and miscellaneous events are all places where material can be presented. We define a leader as anyone influencing Christian women wanting a deeper walk with God. If you answer yes to anyone of these questions consider CLEAR Hope as a resource:

Do you know someone in need of assistance in moving beyond their pain and into the abundant life Christ says we can live?

Do you avoid some women because you are unsure of how to come alongside them in their isolation, depression, fear, anger or bitterness?

Do you minister to emotionally and spiritually wounded women who are in need of hope and healing?

Do you need more training and/or encouragement in your labor to bring women to full maturity in Christ?

To determine whether this is your next step in training, contact Joy Pedersen at joy@clearhope.org.

*Are you
connected to
women who
share your heart
for ministry?*

*NEWIM is all
about
networking!*

CLEAR Hope Association

CLEAR Hope Association acts as a mobile ministry serving leaders in the body of Christ by training them to serve the hurting and wounded women they encounter. Applying Jesus' principles of healing through God's Word and adding counsel through prayer, leaders are taught to move women compassionately into the transformed lives God intended. When this happens they embrace clear hope so they can experience joy in their service, in their daily lives and with others around them.

As an outside source to churches, missions and other nonprofit organizations, leaders will find support, encouragement, and help as they gain understanding for women's restoration which will facilitate them in becoming healing agents within

Joy has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from California Baptist University. She has orchestrated numerous retreats, seminars, workshops, conferences and training sessions.



Come to the Springs



Augustine once said: "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

Come to the Springs three-day prayer and reflection retreat and let the Spirit show you that...

—Time alone with God is never a waste of time, but an investment in an eternal friendship.

—Seeking God is always worthy of effort...even when He is silent or seems absent.

—The actual nearness of God *is* indeed my greatest good.

—Intimacy with God is not something we *make* happen, but something for which we *create space*.

—Experiencing the depth of God's love for *me* will be enough in any circumstance.

—I will only love God to the degree His love has been internalized in me.

—There's a big difference between just saying prayers and honest praying.

—When I do most of the talking *to* God it's usually because I think I know more than Him.

—Whenever I feel *self*-confident, it means I've edged God out.

—The reason I don't pray isn't lack of discipline but a refusal to face my own helplessness.

—God chooses to show up most keenly in my helplessness.

—My weakness delights His heart because it signals my humble admission that He is God and I am not.

—I feel the most known by God in my brokenness and experience His love most intensely in my weakness.

—Anonymous

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Join us at the next Springs to experience what your head may already know but your heart has yet to fully grasp.

Select your location:

The Springs in southern California:

April 14-16, 2010 Cost: \$250

Prince of Peace Abby, Oceanside

The Springs in central California:

April 14-16, 2010 Cost: \$255

St. Anthony's in Three Rivers

For more information or to register online, visit our website www.newim.org.



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Looking for Resources?

We've added a resource section to our website. You'll find helpful websites and book recommendations which we hope will help you in your life and ministry.

We'd love to have your resource ideas too! If you're a member of NEWIM, e-mail us today. If you're not a member, join now and help make our website a resource treasure.

Make Space for God

Do you need a little one-on-one with God but pressed for time? *Make Space for God* could be just what you need. It's a half day guided retreat, tailored for the busy woman.

We offer two dates for your convenience. See page 3 for more details. See you there!

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