

TriState Tres Dias Newsletter

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Christ is counting on you!

Remember your week-end

Do you remember that "mountain top" experience of your own Tres Dias week-end? Perhaps your faith became more focused; perhaps you finally understood what the words "relationship with Christ" means; perhaps the Holy Spirit moved you to correct personal issues in your life. Whatever your experience was, the significance of the Tres Dias experience is powerful and purposeful. Listen to some of the words of our most recent pescadores, the men of Tres Dias 56, as they share their thoughts at closing.



St Mark

"Thank you for the refreshment, renewal, and regeneration. When I walked through the doors three days ago, I was broken down. My song was gone. [Turning to the musicians] Let's sing 'Shout to the Lord.' We're not going to entertain. We're going to worship." [We all sang with him.]

"Focus on Him. It can't wait until tomorrow."

"I love God and I always will. God bless America. God bless our troops."

"I am thankful. I have new definitions for the terms 'to be broken.' To be broken is a good thing. Walls down, roof off."

St. James

"I found out that the bigger you are, the harder you fall. I'm thankful God was patient with me."

"I had several God moments while I was here: hearing the 4th day sing 'Saints Go Marching' In,' hearing the names of the hundreds of people praying for us worldwide, coming down the steps at Candlelight. God came and helped us men. I praise the Lord I've been here."

"Very moving, very touching."

"I knew when I came in I needed to be closer to God. I learned how to do that."

St. Luke

"I learned a lot about myself. I learned I'm an emotional person. I've seen Jesus."

"The love He has for us is awesome. Thank you, Jesus, for what you're doing for me."

"I'm very stubborn. When I was leaving for this weekend, my wife said 'Don't put up a wall. If things are meant to change, let them change.' I'm thankful God is more powerful than my stubbornness!"

"I was a drug addict about five years ago. God saved me. He put all you people around me to help me through it. Saturday night the angels were there. I was in the same room with Jesus."



Remember your weekend, continued

St. Peter

"I had no idea of what to expect. It can get lonely in the workforce especially when you're the only Christian. I learned I am not alone. God is faithful."

"I thank the Lord for these three days, for putting me in the presence of these men who've had the same obstacles and pressures that I had."

"I didn't realize I had so many things blocking the way of praising Him. I can see God in everyone."

"I came in expecting a lot. I was kind of an angry guy Friday. I've tried to run with sin, like the barbed wire in the posters. I have renewed hope that I can run; without that wire. How quickly God used my brokenness to help the next broken guy!"

St. Barnabus

"This was the greatest experience of my life. I hope everybody goes through this and feels what I felt this week-end."

"I've been searching for answers a long time. I carried my *Bible* but never opened it. The letters, the speakers, the cooks, (the dog) -- each touched our hearts."

"I've been trying to hold these tears in all week-end. They're going to come out now! I learned I am loved by God. Go forward and share God's love and grace with other people."

St. Andrew

"I didn't realize there could be so much caring, that much love in one little building. The Holy Spirit came down. It was awesome!"

"I thank the Lord for calling me to be here. So much love through all our brothers. Safety and love, showered with prayers."

"At first I wanted to leave because I felt this was for married people. But I know God has plans for us, to make friends. Letters have overwhelmed me."

"I asked the Lord to allow me to have compassion. Tears have been flowing ever since. I made a commitment to pray with my wife."

St. Paul

"Experiencing love, that's what God has showed us. The whole time I was here the Lord was filling my heart with energy. God has planted the seed and given me direction."

"Bless everyone who helped get me here. I've learned a lot, that the Lord will let a beat-up old man into his fold!"

"I was doing this for my wife. I thought I was making a sacrifice for her. Then I began to realize this wasn't a sacrifice but a blessing. I stand before you now a changed man."

Remember your week-end! Pass it on and sponsor a candidate. Go to Tristatetresdias.org for an application. Christ is counting on you! Stay involved as an active member of the 4th Day by participating in the week-end activities.

Christmas at Secuela!



Meet the men and the women of TD 56 at the Christmas Secuela, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. December is an open Secuela. Anyone may attend regardless of involvement with the Tres Dias community. Bring your friends and family! A special worship service is being planned by musicians Jeff Kleinschmidt and Darren Carnahan. Snacks will be provided by Secretariat.

Upcoming events

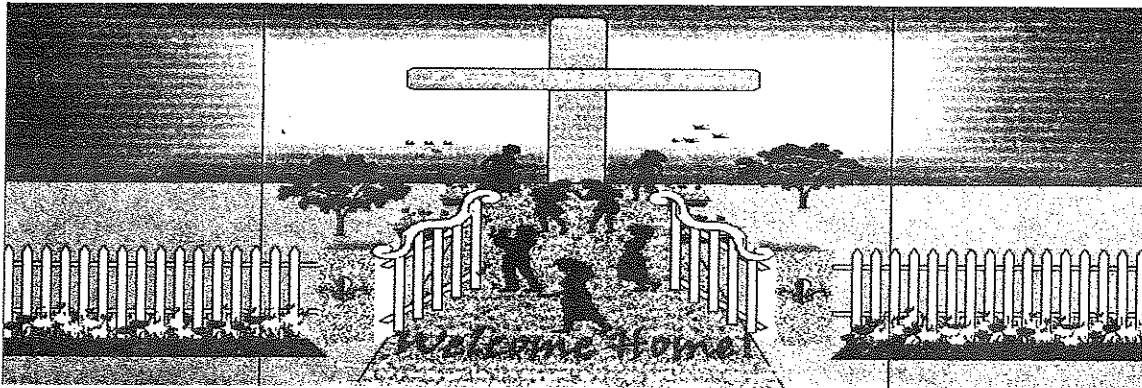
November 17-20, Women's TD56

December 6, 2005 and January 3, 2006, Secuela

January 21, next newsletter with comments from the women's closing, and names and addresses of the men and women of Tres Dias 56

March 2-5, 2006, Men's TD57; April 6-9, 2006 Women's TD57





DeCloses!

Greeting from the Women of Tres Dias #56. The thirty individual candles that saw the first flame at the gathering are molding as one. God has chosen an awesome team, and we are becoming one in unity. Anyone who witnessed the Tres Dias 56 men's closing knows that God showed up in a big and mighty way! As I was driving, I noticed the aroma of a fireplace burning and was reminded of the candidate who said, "I smelled the Lord as He walked by in the chapel this weekend."

We thank you for your prayers as we taste the aroma of His love and power in formations. We have been touched by His spirit through the teachings and messages by our awesome spiritual directors, and by the support of the 4th Day. We are holding tight to our verse for the weekend: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, and YOU are mine." Isaiah 43:1.

No matter how deep the waters may become, we know God has us in the palm of His hand. We will not sink! In the verses following Isaiah 43:1, we are comforted to know that we don't walk alone and to remember WHO walks the journey with us.

Peace,
Suzanne

Women's Team 56

Head spiritual director, Dave Mills, Spiritual directors: Bill Rasch and Paul Rupprecht Rectora, Suzanne Herrenbruck, Assistant Rectora, Linda Jackson [Please call Linda at 476-5878 to sign up for the prayer vigil]; Liturgy director, Jan Thuerbach, Head song leader & assistant: Fran Apfelstadt, Kristin Ehmen, Head Stew + stewardesses: Margo Borre, Carla Axton, Sally Powers; Head cook + cooks, Diana Powell, Becky Nelson, Cheryl Smith, Linda Haddix, Head warden + wardens Marty Custis [Please call Marty @ 853-5012 to serve a meal] Sharon Hocker, Doris Rutledge; Palanca chair + angels: Gail Sickman [Please call Gail @ 401-7907 to provide table or snack palanca], Kathy Denk, Kelly Woosley, Mary Dentino, Ideal: Ann Taylor; Church: Phyllis Cooling, Piety: Carol Ann Lukens; Study: Judy Briody; Action: Diane Schroeder; Leaders: Ruth Smith; Environments: Kris Hartman, CCIA: Kathy Ettensohn.

Candidates for Tres Dias 56

Evansville: Shellie Aust, Vickie Breivogel, Susan Cravens, Carol Fehr, Chris Fulton, Carla Harris, Luzanda Hayes, Angie Higgins, Julie Jackson, Carol McMillen, Beth Nelson, Connie Nord, Linda Patterson, Jane Peerman, Melanie Ruppel, Kathy Schmitt, Paula Sills, Annette Smith, Jenny Smith, Ann Springer, Connie Steinman, Gayle Thompson, Marilyn Tizer, Holly Whitten, Mary Ann Wilson, Marilyn Zinn, Laura Williams. Newburgh: Terra Myrick, Amy Pollard, Jamie Webb, Mt. Vernon: Keren Hoehn

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Weekend schedule for Women's TD 56

- Wednesday: Team sets up Sarto from 6-8 p.m.
- Thursday: Greet candidates: 6 p.m. Sponsor's chapel service: 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: Fourth Day communion: 8:15 p.m. Candlelight: 9:15 p.m.
- Sunday: Assemble for closing: 3:00 p.m. Closing celebration begins: 3:15



Bears Repeating!

For ideas & comments on the newsletter, contact Debra Forrest, editor, debraforrest@sigecom.net. Changes in name, address, phone or email? Contact Craig Ettensohn at ettensohn@sigecom.net. Has God given you a message for the 4th Day? To give a secuela witness Environments talk, contact Ken Hansen, 867-0529. Can your group bring snacks for secuela? Contact Gloria Clark 963-8141. Invite your pastor to make a Weekend! Call Norm Snyder, 867-2162, or Bill Rasch, 423-8349, for helpful advice. Go to Tristatetresdias.org for a sponsorship application.