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Retreat

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# Central Acts

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## Overcoming Grief – One Woman’s Journey

By Caron Oswald

Before Suzette Muth had one piano lesson or enrolled in first grade, she could pick out a tune by hearing it. Lessons began in the second grade and continued through college. “It feeds my soul,” she says. “Playing hymns are part of my morning and evening worship.”

She taught music at Modest Junior College for 21 years, expanding her skills to leading quartets, choirs, as well as individual. She has a life certificate in music.

When Leo, her husband of 63 years, became ill, she stopped playing piano. Two years later, Leo died. Suzette still had no interest in her music. “It felt like nothing could bring back my joy.”

It was her neighbor and close friend Esther Walde that brought her back to the ivory keys. Esther was dying of cancer, and every night she and Suzette shared evening worship together. “She asked me to play for her,” remembers Suzette. She couldn’t say no.

For six months, Suzette played for Esther every evening. A dying request brought Suzette’s love for music back to life.

Suzette and Leo lived in a gated retirement community in Sonora, Calif., for 11 years. It was easy to make friends. “We walked together, played shuffle board together, swam together, and attended programs at the community club house together,” she shares. And it was well



known about Suzette’s gift on the piano.

So, when several neighbors shared their desire to sing old hymns, Suzette was more than willing to accompany the group. Though from various religions, this desire

was something almost everyone had in common. Suzette agreed to play and asked a friend from church to read inspirational thoughts between songs. Her next sing-along concert is for their Christmas program.

“Now I play at my church, other Adventist churches and Sunday churches.” And she is back to her morning and evening worships, singing praises to God.

Asked how she got through the dark years, she is quick to share:

- *Talk to the Lord every day.*
- *Sit down and have a talk with to Him like He is sitting across from you.*
- *Tell Him everything!*
- *You are not alone. There is someone you can lean on.*
- *Count on it.*
- *Read the Scripture that means the most to you every day*

“God has been so good! He lifted me out of my misery and restored my joy. I am so looking forward to heaven so I can play the big pipe organ. I will be taller and can reach the pedals with my feet.” 🙏

# God's Girls' Getaway

Sixty-nine girls, 9-12 years old, attended, moms and staff attended the first annual God's Girls' Getaway weekend retreat. The retreat was held in Sonora, Calif., on April 19-21.

The Youth Evangelism Team (YET) has been holding an annual Girls' Teen retreats for years. "We realized that at ages 15 and older, girls have already made unwise choices with relationships. The idea is to reach girls when they are younger and talk about worth, purity and a relationship with Jesus," says Leah Page, one of the leaders.

Statistics show that there are higher percentages of kids accepting Jesus before age 12. To support their safety and healthy choices, the retreat will go a long way to prevent hurt and to teach them how to really know Jesus as their best friend.

Moms and a few grandmothers came too. While the girls were in their small groups, moms were in another room having round table discussions and learning opportunities. Rosa Gillham, director of children's ministries, held two seminars for them.

Girls were learning fun ways to memorize scripture, making crafts, and going to classes like Modesty Moments



*Two girls display their Bible bookmarks, one of several crafts available.*

where they learned what being a girl for God looks like. They also rotated through several stations to learn how to spend personal time with God, how to be a blessing to others, using the gifts God has given to each one, how valuable they really are, and about purity.

Hikes, practical crafts journaling were part of a wonderful weekend.

It was a great bonding time for moms and daughters! Next year's God' Girls' Getaway is already in the planning stage!



*A young girl reads a paper titled "How Much am I Worth." Scriptures on each one's worth in God were included and each girl could personalize each Scripture by adding her name.*



*A Mom and daughter discuss a Bible verse in a meeting. Girls, ages 9-12, attended the retreat together. Mom and daughters separately for small groups and seminars.*





**NEW INITIATIVE:**  
**Central California and Northern California Conferences have partnered to claim the Bay Area for Jesus.**

The territories are Oakland, San Francisco and the surround Bay Area communities. In Central, a one-year initiative for San Francisco began in June. Bay Area pastors and congregation are excited to be part this unique approach. Thirty Bible workers are on the ground to train congregations and provide support for the pastors. June 22, 2013, two rallies took place for Bay Area church members – San Francisco in the morning and Oakland in the afternoon. **Stay connected and informed at [www.bayareaforjesus.org](http://www.bayareaforjesus.org).** News posts will keep you up-to-date, Please pray for the many people in these places and safety and divine appointments for our heavenly Father.

## Finding Hope on the Radio

*By Claudia American Arias*

Mireya Ocampo is a soccer fan. Every afternoon she would listen to the game on 1600 AM radio. One morning she felt a strong urge to listen to the station in the morning. She knew there was no soccer game, but she couldn't get the urge out of mind.

After dropping her children off at school, she turned on the radio. Pastor Adrián Ramírez was talking about health and using the Bible to support his sermon. Surprised, Mireya wrote down all of the Bible texts and read them at home.

Every morning she listened to Pastor Ramírez' program in the parking lot of her daughter's school. One day she heard Pastor Hector Torres speak. She couldn't wait for the next day's broadcast. He was coming to Caruthers for a week of family and health programs.

Then she was even happier when she learned that he was coming to Caruthers. "My heart was pounding so hard, that I could hear it, and I felt butterflies in my stomach. It was a similar feeling that I experienced when I discovered that I was in love with my husband," she says.

She told her husband, her sister Aida, and her mother Maria about the radio program and what she had learned. She asked them to attend the meetings with her. Her mother invited a friend of her's as well.

On the opening day (a Sabbath) she forgot about the program. Turning of the radio on Monday morning, she heard Pastor Ramirez saying that even if you miss the last two nights, it is not too late to come to the meetings." That evening her family were at the meetings. "The sermon that night was a blessing to me and my husband," she says.

There were so many things that she wanted to tell her husband but couldn't. Pastor Torres had said all of them. That week she heard that Pastor Rodrigo Pineda visiting from Mexico. He was speak for a one week evangelistic meeting at the Fresno Hispanic



***At the close of the meetings, several family member and friends came forward to accept Jesus and His church. They are (L-R) Pastor Adrian Ramirez, Dulce Garcia, Mireya Ocampo, Maria Carachure, Pastor Rodrigo Pineda, and Humberto Avila, the sales manager for the radio station. He is currently taking Bible studies.***

Remnant church. She was determined to go as were her family.

For three days Pastors Ramirez and Pineda spent two to three hours a day studying the Bible with the family. "We wanted to know more and more of what God tells us in His Word," says Aida. "The Church we go to, they don't say things like Pastor Pineda told us, like the truth of the Sabbath, the

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# Camp Meeting News

**July 6**

- **PRAYERWALK** at Soquel

**July 11**

- **Opening Night** at 7:00 p.m. with James Doggette

**July 13**

- **Adult Sabbath School** at 9:00 a.m.
- **Worship Service** at 10:45 a.m. with James Doggette
- **African American Meeting** at 5:15 p.m. with Carmela Monk-Crawford
- **Evening Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. with James Doggette

**July 14**

- **Health Seminar** at 9:00 a.m. with Colin Ross, Rene Qusipe & Esther Neal CEUs Available
- **ABC Book Sale** at 4:00 p.m. Main Auditorium

**July 15-19**

- **Morning & Afternoon Sem.** at 9:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

**July 20**

- **Adult Sabbath School** at 9:00 a.m.
- **Worship Service** at 10:45 a.m. with Daniel Jackson
- **African American Meeting** at 5:15 p.m. with David Hall
- **Closing Meeting** at 7:00 p.m. with Daniel Jackson

## Live Satellite

### Hope Church Channel

[www.hopetv.org](http://www.hopetv.org)

**Evenings:**

7:00-9:00 p.m.



**Sabbaths:**

10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
& 5:15-6:30 p.m.

## Highlights

### African American Meetings

July 13 & July 20  
5:15-6:30 p.m.

### Sabbath Afternoon Concerts

July 13 & July 20  
3:00 p.m.

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food,” says Mireya. “Thank God for these speakers that showed us in the Bible what we are doing wrong. When we read several believes in the Bible we just said ‘Wow, and it is in the Bible and we never came across these verses.’”

Mireya’s family had been looking for God for years. “The four days that Pastors Pineda and Ramirez studied with us, we have learned more than we have learned in any other church!” Mireya exclaims.

On March 30, 2013, Aida was baptized. Mireya, Maria and her friend are studying for their future baptism.



*Pastor Adrian Ramirez baptizes Aida Ocampo, Mireya Ocampo’s sister. Their mother Maria Carachure wants to be baptized in a nearby river.*

*Note: Funds for eight months of the radio station’s programing came from the Camp Meeting Evangelism Offering. 📺*

## CAMP WAWONA VOLUNTEER PROJECT



**SEPT. 8-11, 2013**

**COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**ALL AGES, TRADES AND SKILLS NEEDED!**



#### Details:

The first meal is lunch on Sunday.  
You need to bring your own bedding/bath items.  
Evenings can be cool, so bring a jacket.  
Some carpentry tools will be needed.  
Registration will be in the cafeteria.



Registration:

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