Cooking Classes in Cedartown, GA
Margie Seely, Cedartown, GA

Throughout the months of October and November four cooking classes were held at the Cedartown Church in Georgia. Each class begins with a health lecture on a specific topic, such as protein or carbohydrates. This was followed by six recipe demonstrations centered around the theme presented in the lecture. Small recipe booklets containing the demonstrated recipes were given out to each attendee so they could follow along with the demonstrations. The finale was, of course, an opportunity to sample all the delicious dishes presented and enjoy a time of fellowship.

It takes a lot of helping hands to make each cooking class a success. General Conference officers, church members, missionary students, children, and teens all happily chip in to help with advertising, registration, lecturing, demonstrations, running the children’s cooking classes, making the recipe booklets, setting up, cleaning up, and much more. Everything is done for the honor and glory of the Lord, with the hope that souls will be reached for eternity.

Advertisements are printed in the local newspaper, announced over the local radio station, and printed on flyers handed out in the neighborhood. However, the largest percentage of visitors are those who hear about it because they have attended one of the other programs already presented here–such as the Vacation Bible School, Cedar Christian School, or Spanish classes.

No cooking classes will be held during the month of December because of other activities. Classes will resume on a monthly basis in January. Please pray that many will be reached through the cooking classes here.

*Top Photo: Sister Lisbeth Hunger demonstrates a recipe.*
*Bottom Photo: Brother Richard Eaton shows two health books presented as prizes for those who achieved the highest scores on a nutrition quiz given at the end of the last cooking class.*
A Lesson Learned
Pastor Oscar Valles, Riverside, CA

On Tuesday, October 11, 2011, I worked hard to remove the tall, thick weeds growing in the four-inch gap between our wooden and chain-link fences. It was not an easy task, but I kept at it and continued to make slow progress. One bunch of weeds was particularly difficult. I reached over the two fences and grabbed the weed stems to loosen them from the ground. I pulled with all my strength. Suddenly, the bunch jerked loose and struck me in the face. I felt immediate pain as something hit my right eye.

The next day, still in pain, I made an appointment at Internal Care. The doctor checked my eye, decided I had an infection, and prescribed antibiotic eye drops to be used for seven to ten days. I faithfully followed the instructions given, but without result. I went to see a primary doctor. He thought I might have pink eye, which is highly contagious, and gave me more drops. From there I was referred to an eye doctor, who, upon closer examination, discovered that I had neither pink eye nor an infection; but, rather, a tiny weed splinter that had pierced my cornea and imbedded itself there.

I was then sent to the Ophthalmology Clinic in Loma Linda for more evaluation by a specialist. He carefully tried to remove the stubborn splinter, but it would not budge without breaking. He had to cut away some of my cornea to pull out the weed, piece by piece, with tweezers. I have follow-up appointments for my eye, but for now the doctor’s orders are to refrain from all physical activities–like yard work, exercise of any sort, and, to my surprise, preaching. In other words, I am supposed to just relax, although reading and studying are still all right.

This experience with my eye caused me to think about the eye of faith and how it gives light to our spiritual life. After carefully studying the life of Jesus through the eye of faith, I can see that, even if I were the only sinner here, the Creator of heaven and earth would take interest in me personally, to refine and make me a new creation in His image. Human thought cannot fathom what great love God has for one soul. “Herein is love, not that we love God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 John 4:10.

We go through life carrying our baggage of sin. Is it not time that we lay our burdens upon Jesus, follow Him, and allow Him to change us? “The refining influence of the grace of God changes the natural disposition of man. Heaven would not be desirable to the carnal-minded; their natural, unsanctified hearts would feel no attraction toward that pure and holy place, and if it were possible for them to enter, they would find there nothing congenial. The propensities that control the natural heart must be subdued by the grace of Christ before fallen man is fitted to enter heaven and enjoy the society of the pure, holy angels. When man dies to sin and is quickened to new life in Christ, divine love fills his heart; his understanding is sanctified; he drinks from an inexhaustible fountain of joy and knowledge, and the light of an eternal day shines upon his path, for with him continually is the Light of life.” –The Acts of the Apostles, p. 273.

When my eye heals, I will again enjoy my former activities. However, through the eye of faith, I can look beyond the mere activities of today to a glorious future with Jesus. I end with these words found in Colossians 3:1-4. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.”
Cedar Christian School of Cedartown, Georgia, held an Arts & Crafts Exhibit at the Cedartown Public Library on November 14, 2011. The purpose was to share God’s magnificent creative powers as displayed throughout the vast canopy of space as well as to raise public awareness for Cedar Christian School. Students painted, colored, sculpted, and baked their art projects. The Cedartown fire chief, librarian, and a newspaper reporter did the judging. (The newspaper reporter also wrote an article about the exhibit and the school for the local paper.) Various local companies donated money for the first, second, and third place prizes in each division. We pray that all who visited this display were touched by the beauty of God’s creation.

Photos (top to bottom): Solar System Cake by Damaris Hunger; Solar System Model by Nikki Seely; Solar System Model by Kane McKinzy; Astronaut on Moon Model & Painting by Persia Suárez; Solar System Salt Painting by Cadmiel Hunger
Family Camp Weekend
& Southeastern Field Conference
December 29, 2011-January 1, 2012

“Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:19.

For four days, the Education Leaders of the Southeastern Field will host a Family Camp Weekend at the Christian Retreat Center in Bradenton, Florida, near Tampa. Since the New Year will be welcomed during this event, quite appropriately its theme is “New.” On Sabbath, December 31, the Southeastern Field will conduct its field conference at the same location.

This is a wonderful opportunity to escape from the distractions of the world in a peaceful location overlooking a tropical lagoon on the Manatee River. Comfortable, hotel-style, air-conditioned rooms, at a good price, await you. Worship services, Bible-related learning activities, crafts, and games, delicious vegan meals, as well as time to play and make friends are all a part of this fun, spiritual weekend experience. May God make NEW what is old in us!

Make your reservation as soon as possible! For more information, or to request a registration form, contact Lisbeth Hunger at 770-715-0419 or lisbethhunger@yahoo.com. Registration deadline is December 23, 2011.

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2011-2012 Calendar

• December 29, 2011-January 1, 2012: Children and Family Camp Weekend in Bradenton, FL
• December 31, 2011: Southeastern Field Conference, Bradenton, FL
• January 10, 2012: Second Quarter of the Missionary Seminar begins
• April 10, 2012: Missionary Seminar Field Training begins
• June 2012: General Conference Session, South Africa (Details coming soon!)
• July 26-28, 2012: Missionary Seminar Graduation and Evangelistic Event

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