

October 2018 Newsletter

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SECUELA AT THE RIVER

The last secuela was a *sweet* ordeal at The River Church in Delavan, WI. The event took place around 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 14th, 2018. It was a good turnout with over 50 in attendance, including kids and adults. The crowd was blessed with 4th day speakers Ryan and Kirstie Cunningham, who did a great job. A wonderful message was given by our beloved Pastor Ryan Bensheimer and the evening ended with a dessert potluck! A special thanks goes out to our post weekend chairs, Josh & Sarah Duesterbeck, for putting all the planning pieces together for this event!



Ryan and Kirstie Cunningham

"...and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves" Colossians 1:12-13

LETTER FROM THE WEEKEND #39 RECTORA

What a blessing this journey has been thus far! To truly watch God's hands at work is just beautiful. Deb and I have been very open to the Holy Spirit leading us every step of the way, with God in the driver's seat. He has given us some wonderful, godly women (and Jack) to serve on this team. We have been amazed at how God has weaved all of the rollos together. Team Formation Meetings have gone well.

We would love for continued prayers from the community for God to bring the women He wants to attend the Weekend. Consider sponsoring someone! We ask for community to pray for our team and families - open schedules, health, and family concerns to be covered. We would love to see you at Send-off, Serenade, and Clausura. Palanca (gifts and letters) is always welcome as well!

Joyfully His,

Vicki Hunt



Deb Smits and Vicki Hunt



LETTER FROM THE WEEKEND #39 RECTOR

Hello from the Team of weekend #39. We have completed our four trainings in preparation for the weekend of praise and worship. Just as every weekend before, we have had our challenges, especially when we thought we had it right, God would give us a change to incorporate. God has been our strength and guidance throughout it all. Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit have been deeply felt alongside us as we have prayed and prepared. I know I have had to make changes in myself to fit my role as the Rector. As I strive to be all, see all, do all things for Him, I'm sure Father has had many good laughs at my efforts to be in charge. I learned to let go and let God lead. It's just that simple.

Our team, although not filled to capacity, is one that consists of very devoted, strong and wonderfully talented men of God. They have the gifts God has called to bear the weekend's burdens in His name. The team is my strength throughout these challenges and it is very humbling to even think I have had any influence on the outcome. Each rollista has presented his rolla and with team support prepared for the weekend with prayer and the help



Ricoh Oberst and Ken Jahns

The team, Head Cha Ken Jahns and I would ask the community to partner with us in prayers for the weekend. We hope to serve many participants and we ask for your prayers to cover us and them for our 72 hours with God. I said earlier that the team is ready, perhaps I misspoke, are you our community ready? There is a hug in every prayer for every participant and team member, so please wrap your prayers around us and join the team in the Spirit. We cannot be complete without all of you. May this be the weekend of change for many, just as my weekend #21 made eternal changes in my life. Let's join in blessing this weekend with uplifting prayers. Please be a part of God's work.

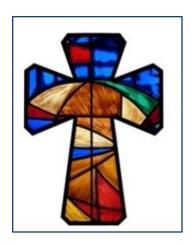
GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I

of the Holy Spirit.

Your brother in Christ,

Rickard "Ricoh" Oberst





Send Correspondence/Palanca

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PAY IT FORWARD CAMPAIGN

By: Karen Weis

Lay Director

In many fourth day communities (including several Tres Dias communities), there is a "pay it forward" process; participants on a particular weekend don't pay a fee to attend. At the end of the weekend (and with follow up shortly thereafter), they are invited to pay what they are able so the next group of weekend participants can benefit from the weekend as they have been so richly blessed. Our goal is to have 100% participation from Pescadores attending #41 at whatever level they are able to donate.

Imagine having the very real obstacle of finances removed for sponsors, churches, and participants!

ALTD has launched a "Pay it Forward" campaign this fall with the goal of having Weekend #41 in the fall of 2019 completely paid for, for up to 30 men and 30 women. At the normal fee of \$200 per person we would require \$12,000 in our treasury. This is not an impossible feat. We already have \$3,400 donated as a matching challenge from members of our community, and we have applied to the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for a \$3,000 grant. We believe we can raise the remaining \$5,600 from our community of more than 1,200 Pescadores.

A new giving system on the ALTD website is very easy to use - we have some

ALTD members already donating \$5 a month in this manner towards the "pay it forward" campaign - \$5 a month is a grand latte at your favorite coffee house. There are 12 months before the fall 2019 weekend - for \$15 a month you could completely fund a candidate to attend the weekend at no charge. You can also text to give - text ALTD to 1-206-859-9405 to donate and set up your giving account.

We are excited to embark on this journey with our community, to make it possible to attend Weekend #41 as our guest, and the challenge for our new Pescadores to "Pay it Forward" for Weekend #42.



Please feel free to use this QR code to set up your donation frequency

ALTD IS 100% FUNDED BY DONATIONS!!

Without your generous donations, we could not do what we do to encourage and motivate Christian leaders.

We thank you for your support!

REUNION GROUP ACT OF KINDNESS



A big shout out and thank you to this Abundant Life Tres Dias Reunion Group who decided to invest time into making repairs to the back drops for the Agape Dinner. Kevin Batz, Randy Weltzien, and Bill Pieters chose to bless the community by making some improvements that will benefit the community for upcoming weekends. A great example of being His hands and feet and showing love to others.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALTD Men's Weekend #39: October 25-28, 2018

ALTD Women's Weekend #39: November 1-4, 2018

Victory Secuela at Chapel of Grayslake: Nov 30, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Men's Weekend #40: March 14-17, 2019

Women's Weekend #40: March 21-24, 2019

The weekends are located at The Inspiration Ministries Retreat Center

N 2270 WI-67, Walworth, WI 53184

Send off begins Thursday around 7:15pm

Serenade meets in the lower level Saturday around 6:15pm

Closura ends the weekend on Sunday around 4:15pm

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