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Ministry updates

The scary Spring time of drought is winding down here in the Sacramento. We're getting some lightning with the rain. But in moments of clarity we remember that our security is based in the One who restrains evil—not in the machinations of a fallen world.

You may notice that for economic reasons (and our laziness, I suppose) we have decided to produce three newsletters this year rather than our usual four. Here are some of Cloudhaven's guests and events since last April...



Sarah & Raul

Sarah Spraitzar and Raul Issa came several times while God grew their mutual love to the point where they are now married and are planning a wedding celebration for a small group of family and close friends this fall here at Cloudhaven.

In May, Jim & Katy and folks from as far away as Canada and California gathered at a lake house near Huntsville, Alabama for the wedding of Bronwyn Bennett to Josh Lane. Wynn is the daughter of our long-time friends Pastor Roy and Norma Ben-

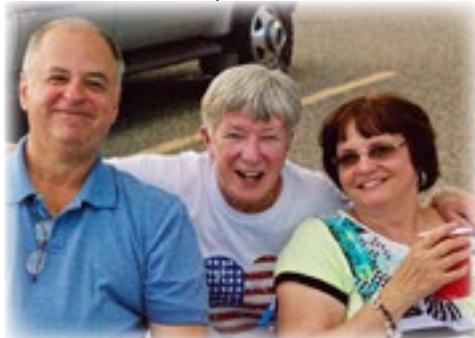


Will, Lauren, Matti, Becky, Lisa & Dan Young • Rachel, James & Hans Anderson

nett of Ojai, CA. A great time was had by all. Congratulations, Josh & Wynn!

In June, our good friends the Youngs gathered at Cloudhaven for an almost complete family reunion. Unable to make it this time were Ben and Sofia due to their work demands. The (younger then) Youngs were Cloudhaven's first guests back in 2003!

In what has become a mini-tradition, missionaries Gene and LuAnn Bowman came to join us in celebrating Independence Day with tailgating and fireworks at the Space Museum in



Gene & LuAnn Bowman & friend

Alamogordo. The banner at the top of the page is a rainbow we saw at that event which formed in what seemed to be clear skies. (Actually, there was a dark cloud overhead...) We noted the passing of our friend Janice Fogarty

into the presence of her Lord. Her sons Brad and Ryan were able to be with her in Alamogordo, and Brad spent a few days with us before the funeral. Pastor Moon gave a clear presentation of the gospel and of our hope in Christ for all who attended.



Brad Fogarty

Our stalwart Board member Pastor Tito Padilla came with his wife Kim for a brief time of refreshment. They had planned to bring Mexican Pastor Samuel Lopez and his family, but they

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had unexpected problems crossing the border. As you may be aware, the situation at our southern border has deteriorated and tensions are palpable on both sides.



Kim & Tito Padilla

We were blessed to host some new neighbors who hail from Fort Worth, Texas, but are in the process of purchasing property here on the mountain. Maria teaches physics and Jerry currently works in security, but has extensive experience in the graphic arts. Welcome, guys!



Jerry & Maria Crump

Tell ya what...

The big news for the Baileys and Cloudhaven this spring is that we have invested in extensive renovations of our home and ministry facility. Following many external repairs, we installed six new windows and a door, then



The renovation crew



Baylee likes the new paint and windows!



Light and views via the new the kitchen windows!

Painted the entire outside plus the inner entranceways and "galleries." Troy Chandler headed our work crew, continuing the upgrades he's done for us over the years.

While trying to complete the painting, we were inundated with swallows who somehow lost their way to Capistrano.

After knocking down their constructions and shooing them away three times, they came back in force and built over fifty elaborate mud nests on our new paint! We are also feeding several dozen hummingbirds (including rare Calliopes) which are gobbling up some two gallons of sugar water a day.

Soli Deo Gloria!

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"I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."—Is. 44:22