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The Cloudhaven Chronicle

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Ministry milestones

This has been one of Cloudhaven's busiest years. We thank God for those he continues to send here and for enabling us to persevere in ministering to them all. Here are some highlights from the last several months.



Nancy & Fred

In July, we hosted over seventy friends and relatives of Fred and Nancy Griffin in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Fred is the local Anglican minister at The Church of the Epiphany in Cloudcroft. Jim led a service in our chapel of renewal of marriage vows for Fred & Nancy and several other couples. We were all then treated to a wonderful catered meal provided by Fred & Nancy's children and their spouses.



The Donets & Tito Padilla

Chuck and Alisha Donet stayed with us for several days while on leave from the Caucasus region in Eastern Europe. We hosted a reception where we learned much about their language translation work.



The Pickett clan

Pastor Jim & Michele Pickett from Chattanooga returned with Noah & Elena. They were joined by Jim's brother and Cloudhaven Board Member Pastor John & Susan Pickett from Las Cruces.



Las Tierras PCA youth & adults

In August, Las Tierras Church in El Paso treated us to a work day. Pastor Tito Padilla brought a full team of youth and adults who helped us put up firewood, attacked weeds with brushcutters, oiled our guest house deck, moved gravel from the lower level up to our driveway, carried slash and rotten wood to our compost pit, and served a delicious lunch for us and our guests. This was a huge help and a great day for all of us!

Annual Board Meeting

In September, we had the annual meeting of the Cloudhaven Board. Due to the pressing requirements of their ministry (see sidebar,) Rick Smith withdrew from the Board. We are thankful to Rick for his faithful service of many years.



Amy, Nathanael, Vicki & Rick

We would like to make you aware of a ministry opportunity involving our dear friends Rick & Vicki Smith (shown above with son Nathanael and his wife Amy.) Rick is Northeast Regional Director for American Missionary Fellowship. Due to a change in AMF policy, Rick and Vicki are faced with raising some \$40,000 in additional support by next March.

Cloudhaven will be hosting a dessert reception for Rick and Vicki where they will present what God is doing through their ministry with AMF. If you are located near Cloudhaven, please plan on joining us—

Friday, October 30th, 2009

7:00 - 9:00 PM

You may email Rick directly at

ricks@americanmissionary.org

We are excited to announce two new Board members who were installed at the meeting. Pastor Randy Steele and Ruling Elder Mike Newnam—both from Providence Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. These men bring diverse leadership, pastoral and deaconal skills to our Board, along with hearts tuned for our ministry. They have already given us valuable new insights in planning for Cloudhaven's future.



Linno, Bethany & Randy Steele

is deeply appreciated especially in these tougher economic times.



Guest house door & window



Mark your calendars!

Our seventh annual
Christmas at Cloudhaven

Candlelight Family Service
and Festive Feast

Saturday, December 5th
at 6:30 PM

Special Music

Plan to join us!



Mike & Susan Newnam

Tell ya what...

We have tried for over seven years to get someone to finish the exterior stucco work on our guest house. Well, at the end of July, Gus Cárdenas and his friend Rocky came all the way from Albuquerque and completed the stucco work for us as a ministry from Providence Presbyterian Church! They did a remarkable job that has really enhanced the appearance as well as the outside integrity of our guest house.



Rocky & Gus

Once again, thank you for your faithful support of this ministry. It

Some other Cloudhaven guests...



Emily & Jim Angehr and family



Robin & Ruth Rose and the McMillans



Gloria & Bob Carl



Isaiah & Debbie Ruhl



Nancy & Denny Amundson & Katy

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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