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Vermont Tres Dias

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2015 Spotlights

- Be in prayer as the past rectors meet to choose possible rectors for the fall.
- We are in need of people to host Secuelas. Please see the last page for contact information.
- Mid summer, we have a picnic. It is usually in July, so mark your calendar now for July 18th. This is a great time to bring someone that you may have been talking to about attending a weekend, as it is an Open gathering.

President's Letter



Dear Pescadores, God has blessed the community with two more glorified weekends. I am certain from the witnesses of all the new Pescadores, that they have been blessed and encouraged to renew their 4th day. This was made possible by the prayer, work and dedication of many people. The rectors, teams, committees and all of the Palanca from the community joined together to make the weekend a 'God Experience'. I believe He smiled on us and smiled frequently during the weekends. Thank God for

all His unearned grace. Thank God for His Agape Love.

As your new president, I have many thoughts about the upcoming year in preparation for the next weekends. I pray that all of you will attend Secretariats to share your thoughts as to make our mission as successful as He would desire.

Please keep in mind and prayer that Secuelas are a wonderful time to experience a mini weekend. This is an oppor-



It is Well with my Soul

The left over's have all been eaten, recreated into more dishes than thought humanly possible, as we have taken opportunity, despite the fullness of our bellies, to bow our



heads in simple thankfulness. These blessings come easily to our minds and bring warm thoughts to our hearts. Visits and conversations with friends and family,

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tunity to fellowship with and encourage your fellow Pescadores.

Again I hope to see everyone at the next Secretariat and Secuela.

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May He bless you

Dick Michaud



near and far; job opportunities, good health, successful ministries, milestones in our lives are all excitedly shared.

But in the midst of our thankfulness, we weigh out matters in our own minds sometimes making a

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2014 New Pescadores!

Name/s	Address	Church
Mark & Natalie Scovel	27 Turkey Hill Rd, Bradford, VT 05033	East Randolph Baptist
Anthony & Peggy Brock	1407 Silloway Rd., Randolph Ctr., VT 05061	Green Mountain Gospel Chapel
Jeff Marshall & Patty Bostock	2318 VT Rte 65 Brookfield, VT 05036	The Ridge
Paul & Abby Lambert	1303 Boudro Rd. Randolph Ctr., VT 05061	East Randolph Baptist
Marc Lang	56 Greenfield Rd, Essex Jct., VT 05452	Essex Alliance
Michael Marcroft	106 Pleasant St. So. Royalton, VT 05068	United Church of South Royalton
Jerry Bowen	PO Box 325 So. Royalton, VT 05068	United Church of South Royalton
Megan LaHaye	15 Cranberry Hill Rd. East Thetford, VT 054043	Thetford Baptist Church
Rachel Brown	755 South Randolph Rd. Randolph Ctr., VT 05061	Wellspring Worship Cen- ter
Travis Farnham	98 VT Rte 14 South Randolph Ctr., VT 05061	East Randolph Baptist Church
Stephen & Cindy Roy	135 Bluebird Lane Lyndonville, VT 05881	Lyndon Bible Church
Morgan Brown	105 Dustin Drive Braintree, VT 05060	East Randolph Baptist Church
Unique Small	19 Randolph Ave Randolph, VT 05060	Green Mountain Gospel Chapel
Robin Blow	PO Box 604 South Hero, VT 05486	Essex Alliance

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judgment call against God. We decide what should count as blessing and what should not. We tend to restrict the painful times to some dark corner, hoping that they will be soon covered over with the cobwebs of forgetfulness, not worthy of mention.

And as we push forward into the Christmas Season, with the glistening snow, people's spirits are seemingly magically lifted. A flood of optimism, light-heartedness and a renewed sense of hope that all is well in the world breaks forth as people smile more readily, offer a warm handshake more quickly, and for an instant treat each other with a little more kindness.

I think for many of us, the blessings are often the stuff made of fluff; the niceties, the affirmations, the crowd pleasers. The feel good stuff that doesn't

necessarily challenge or change us, doesn't necessarily stretch us, doesn't necessarily cost us anything, but generally leaves our spiritual lives lacking in the essential ingredients for True Life.

Of course we all need times of affirmation, times of encouragement, times that don't leave us feeling stretched beyond our limits. But we can't stay there. We need stretching and prodding and being pushed and pulled. We need the difficulties that persist and stay with us until we willingly bend our knee in defeat and acknowledge that we don't have what it takes. We need continuous reminders

that we are not what it is all about, that it is not our own agenda's that matter. We can't begin to be thankful until we begin to comprehend that we have nothing to offer, nothing to bring to the table. We gave up nothing, He gave up everything. And it is only when we are brought to that place that we can begin to set ourselves



aside. It is only when we are brought to that place that we can elevate Him. And getting to that place is a road of suffering. It is a place of immense struggle. It is a place of humility. It is a place of death; the dying of self. And until one dies, one cannot truly share in His Life.

So, when you count your blessings, count them all. Don't stop at the fluff that falls short of offering us true change. Don't settle for being a crowd pleaser when you could be a life changer, a life giver in Christ. Don't take the easy road that will never fulfill the deepest longing of your soul. Walk the road that He walked. Let suffering lead you to humility. Let struggle lead you to empathy. Let dying to self lead you to a place of thankfulness and gratitude that will take you beyond superficial feel good fluff to Life that fully satisfies.

De Colores, In His Love,

Bernadette Tracy



Sharing's from new Pescadores

I can honestly say the weekend was a life changer for me. I have never felt so much love and caring in my life. Total strangers wished me well and sent cards and gifts. The highlight was at the chapel and laying down of my burdens, and then we chose the words we represented what we thought we were. Inside I was breaking. I thought I was worthless. But by the grace of God, I chose new words that represent how Christ sees me, I am valued to Him. He is my

beloved. I am His. I am still walking a foot of the ground. I was sharing with my sister in law how she is valued to. Jesus loves her. I think I overwhelmed her. I have a new excitement and feel full of His grace and love. We shared laughter and tears. I made some new friends and feel they will be friends for life. We became a family and shared our thoughts and struggles. It was a safe place to do this. I am recommending the weekend to

several women I know. I hope they will consider going.

Cindy Roy

My Tres Dias weekend was the weekend that change my life for the good. My Christians friends said that I was going to have a wonderful weekend of singing, eating and experiencing the love of God.

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Sharing's from new Pescadores (continued)

They were not wrong. It started right after we arrived in dark of the night. I was cold and confused. They had a comfortable bed for me. We went to the chapel and we all prayed together. It was very calming. I could feel the stress leaving my body. We went to bed in silence; no talking until mid morning the next day. To know thyself! I prayed that night I would not let my friends down.

The three days came and went very fast. I could feel the release of stress and tension leave me and the joy and love of Christ filling my heart. My friends around me were teaching me what I needed to know, to walk with, and Pray with my Lord Jesus Christ. I learned to bring everything out into the open with Jesus.

I found new friends that were never in my life before. They gave me support and encouragement when I needed it, a pat on back that all is ok as they listened to me and guided me to let the Holy Spirt in. It was a wonderful time for me to renew my faith in my Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to my friends for giving me the Fourth Day.

Travis Farnham

When I attended the 2014 Vermont Tres Dias Women's weekend, I was really nervous and anxious. I didn't know what to expect or how I was going to feel about the whole experience. Especially the insecurity of myself now 7 months pregnant and not married to my child's father yet. I didn't want to feel judged by people who didn't even know me and have the fear I have had since finding out I was pregnant and of not being accepted. Tres Dias showed me an unconditional amount of love that was surrounded by strangers and Jesus. Taking that leap, opening up and allowing people in has truly changed my heart and knowing Jesus's perfect plan for me and my son.

I no longer have doubts about where I am in life and why things are the way they are. It's meant to be and not to be messed with as long as I have Jesus in my life and continue praising him for everything he has done. I found this scripture and it has helped me in my acceptance and going forward in my daily activities; *1Timothy 4:4 "For everything God has created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is delivered with thanks".*

Megan LaHaye

Your Tres Dias Officers

- President—Dick Michaud
- VP—Richard Chamberlin
- Secretary—Joan Cook
- Treasurer—Cheryl Lake

Your Committee Chairs

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Spiritual Director Committee
Ron Rilling, Fred Tomaselli
and Paul Ciampaglia

Secretariat at 5:00 p.m.



Secuela at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Secretariats and Secuelas

December 20th Yankee Swap/Potluck at Northfield Bible Fellowship

6:00 pm This is an open Secuela for anyone

January

We currently do not have a site for any Secuela's for the year of 2015.

Please contact Barbi Langdon if you would like to host.

She can be called at: 603-787-6119