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Vermont Tres Dias Newsletter

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Secuelas

September 21th
Journey Church
South Royalton

October 19th
United Church
Randolph

November 16
Green Mountain Chapel

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Pathways

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:11 (NKJ)

Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.

Psalm 77: 19 (NIV)

Presidents Letter



Dear
Community,
It is with a
heavy heart
that I write
this letter to
you. Recently,

I was in the hospital suffering from major depression. It has effected my decision making and my short term memory. I tell you this to relate not only what I experienced, but also what my family endured. I am doing much better now, but I'm told it will take at least a year before I really recover.

This has been life changing. I thought I had lost all hope in the Lord but it took a wonderful nurse to point out that I had not lost my faith. Praise God!! But because of the work I need to do for myself, I need to step down as President of VTD. This was a very hard decision. Not only do I have to think of myself, but also the community as a whole. You need a leader that will make the decisions that will benefit all and glorify God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Richard Chamberland, our Vice President has agreed

to take over as interim president until new officers can be found next year. Please keep Richard in your prayers as he takes over. He is a wonderful man of God. I believe he will continue to bless our community and bring us to where my vision was, and still is, and that's to bring more pescadores back to Tres Dias. We need help form the community. There are committees that need filling quickly before the weekend.

I will not be totally out of the picture. I still plan on attending Secuala's and being involved. I thank all the officers that served with me for their physical and spiritual support. I especially want to thank all of you for your prayers and support.

I have learned that when Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself", that the love of Christ has to be within your own heart before we can share it with others. Again, thank you all. May God Bless Vermont Tres Dias.

In Jesus Name, Decolores

Mike Williams

Reflections



Run the Race

by Bernadette Tracy

Hebrews 12:1-2: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with the endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

As I think about the "race set before us", I see a great marathon, with Jesus, who has Himself run the race triumphing in complete perfection cheering us on. As we run, the goal is the same; finishing the race. But, what I sometimes fail to see through the masses are the individuals who

are running alongside me. They have names, they have faces, and they have stories and lives that are unique to them.

I must confess that at times I have pridefully run past those who have seemingly had trouble from the starting gate and were lagging behind, competitively tried to out run those within reach, and had a jealous envy of those who were so far ahead of me that I swallowed their dust in my pride.

I must also confess that on more than one occasion I have not been happy with the course that the Lord has personally laid out for me. *Acts 20:24 But I do not account my life of any value or as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

I was angry that I did not get to choose which roads I would travel, who my companions would be, or even much more personally, who

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I as the runner would be. I wanted control over all the details; how many hills, rocks and holes, how many stops for rest and lastly how long and how hard I would have to run to reach the finish line. Each of us has been given a course that is uniquely ours. We may not have chosen it, but we would be wise to humbly accept what He has graciously set before us.

As we run, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, let our goal be to finish well. What does finishing well look like from God's perspective? Obviously it is not about coming in first- Jesus did that and rightly so. So, it makes sense to realize that it's all about the course itself. It's about the humility in which we bow our hearts to His will in acceptance for the journey He has uniquely set before each one of us. It's about the hills and the rocks and the holes. It's about whose strength we rely upon as we run, and whether we curse or cry out to Him when we fall into the holes. It's about the other runners and cheering them on, cups of

cold water we willingly and lovingly slow down or even stop to give, and helping the fallen back to their feet instead of pridefully running ahead.

When we complete our race, how well we finish will not be judged by which place we took, or the ease in which we ran, but rather the attitude of our hearts as we humbly laid aside our own vision of gold, took on God's vision for our lives and willingly placed others before ourselves in reaching the finish line.

De Colores, In His Love,

Bernadette



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Visit the link, check it out. Get monthly information about Secuela sites, and maps for directions. Find PDF files of Brochures, Applications, and Sponsor forms. Send your feedback to pj_smithers@comcast.net We would love to hear from you!!

Weekend team meetings have begun. Start praying and thinking about how you might serve: make a banner, bake a pie, serve a meal, sing a song . . . Sign up soon. Contact Richard Chamberlin (men) or Cathy Carlson (women) to sign up. Also, consider and pray about pilgrims you might sponsor for the weekends now.



Men's Rector Letter

Hi VTD community!

First I want to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers, they are sustaining me through the process of building the team! Things are progressing very well with getting ready for the upcoming men's Tres Dias #48. The team is almost complete with only one kitchen Auxiliary opening to fill.

The next thing we will need are pilgrims to attend the weekend, so prayerfully consider if the Lord is putting someone on your heart to sponsor, and follow-up with them soon. Also as everyone already knows the significant blessings that come from the Palanca, please consider committing time to provide Palanca for the pilgrims, and also coming out to the closing meetings.

I am not sure if age is affecting my memory, but it seems like years ago the community was much bigger and more involved. I know life can get busy, making it difficult to get involved, but

the rewards found in blessing others is worth the time! Please keep praying for the weekend, that the Lord would have his way in every aspect of the weekend.

In Christ,
David A. Satre



Help!

VTD needs the help of anyone in the community familiar with accounting procedures to assist in re-establishing our non-profit tax status. Please contact Eva Ciampaglia if you can assist in some way. Her phone is 485-9411; email is evaec2011@gmail.com

Also, VTD is looking for people to serve on the Nomination Committee. Officers terms expire in May of 2014. Candidates for officers need to be solicited.



Women's Rector Letter

Dear Community,

Dave summed up much of what I wanted to express in his letter to the Tres Dias community, but I'd like to just add the following: The process of building the Tres Dias women's team for the fall has been quite the experience! Through my many, many phone calls, I discovered a group of women who love God and are ready and willing to come together for regular team meetings, and ultimately, a Tres Dias weekend that brings glory to God through serving Him.

My theme for the weekend is based on Romans 8:1- "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". I'm so excited to see what is accomplished in the lives of the women attending the Tres Dias weekend this fall!

In Christ
Carolyn Satre



Committee Positions

VTD needs people to help with recently opened committee positions.

Food Committee: Duties for this position include buying food and kitchen items for the weekends. Items are packed and brought to the Inn for both the men's and women's weekends and repacked at the conclusion of each weekend.

Supply committee: Duties include buying items for the rollo room and general facility usage such as markers, poster board, notebook paper, kleenex etc. The committee person also assembles 4th day packet materials.

Call Richard Chamberlin for details. 802-728-5819

Extra Tres Dias Crosses?

Anyone having extra mission crosses from past weekends may return them to an officer at a secuela or contact Sandy Rilling, 728-6543



God, Your Refuge

by Max Lacado

He has a price on his head. No place to lay his head. But somehow he keeps his head. He turns his focus to God and finds refuge! Refuge is a favorite word of David's in the Psalms. But never did David use the word more poignantly than in Psalm 57 a song of David when he fled from Saul into the cave. On his face, lost in shadows and thought, nowhere to turn. But then he remembers he is not alone. And from the recesses of the cave his voice floats:

"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me.

For my soul rests in You;

And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge."

Make God your refuge. Not your job, your spouse, your reputation, or your retirement account. Make God your refuge! Let Him encircle you. Let Him be the foundation upon which you

stand! And that foundation will support you right into eternity.

Documents Online

Don't forget, you can get important documents like applications, sponsor forms and brochures on the web-site: www.vttresdias.org, under the "Info" tab. You may also obtain them from team members or by contacting Peter and Janet Smithers, phone 728-9639, or email pj_smithers@comcast.net



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2013 Team Lists



Men		Women
Dave Satre	Rector	Carolyn Satre
Jerry Cole	Chief Auxiliary	Eva Ciampaglia
Greg Smithers	Rollo Room Aux	Terry Kenison
Dean Stanley	Rollo Room Aux	Joan Cook
Joel Messier	Rollo Room Aux	Linda Dimmick
Dick Michaud	Rollo Room Aux	Marilyn White
Rich Chamberlin	Chief Kitchen Aux	Cathy Carlson
Jason Jarvis	Kitchen Aux	Cheryl Lake
Gary Irish	Kitchen Aux	Karen Warner
-----	Kitchen Aux	Theresa Dezan
Fred Tomaselli	Spiritual Director	Paul Ciampaglia
Ron Rilling	Spiritual Director	Janet Smithers
Mark Lake	Music Director	Doreen Puopolo
Glen Norton	Ideals	Shawn Norton
Don Jones	Church	Claudette Goad
-----	Piety	Barbi Langdon
John Rizzo	Study	Lorinda Michaud
Ed Chase	Action	Ginny West
Pete Smithers	Leaders	Donna Guiel
Jim Guiel	Environments	Jen Smithers
Wayne Warner	CCIA	Carole Richards
Kenny Smith	Reunion Groups	Peggy Lewellen
Dave Satre	Fourth Day	Carolyn Satre
-----	Table Leader	-----

International News

I can't believe I am saying this but summer is almost over and fall is on it's way. Anyone who knows me well, knows that I am in LOVE with summer. I love the sun and the warmth and being able to be outside more than I am in. That being said there is one fall event that I am looking forward to, That event is the secretariat meeting that Ron, Pat Maynard and I will be attending in October, all the way out to Cleveland, Ohio. We will be driving and we will be blessed to have two other pescadores traveling with us. Jeannie Norwood from the NH community and Rosann Miloscia from the Mid-Hudson Community are coming along for the ride. Pray for Ron as I assume he will be doing all the driving. I will be in the back seat as I am a true "back seat" driver.

These meetings are always encouraging, enlightening and edifying. We are about the business of Tres Dias and fellow shipping with God's children who are a part of this business because of the love they have for God and

Tres Dias International and their local communities that they represent.

On September 6th we will be having the first team meetings of the men and women's fall weekend teams. The History and Essentials of Tres Dias along with the Statement of Belief will be presented at that time. If you are interested in Tres Dias International I urge you to attend this part of the meeting. If you are on team it is important for you to attend this meeting. If you are not serving on a team this time it will be very informational and useful for you when you are asked in the future.

Though fall is coming and winter right behind and the sun shines less, it is comforting to know that even when the sun isn't shining the SON always is.

DeColores,

Barbi Langdon



Upcoming Events

Clip & Save

Secretariat at 5:30 PM Secuelas at 6:30 PM

Secuelas:

Sept 21	Journey Church - So. Royalton
Oct 19	United Church of Randolph
Nov 16	Green Mountain Chapel

Weekend Dates:

Oct 31 - Nov 3	Men's Tres Dias #50
Nov 7 - 10	Women's Tres Dias #53

(Maps and directions may be found on the web site)

Carpool to Secuela . . . its great fun and fellowship



Decolores!

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