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August 24th was another groundbreaking year for Cantinas Ranch Foundation as they hosted the 2nd Annual Cantinas Music Festival. Under the warm central coast sun, The Paso Robles Event Center opened their gates and was flooded with games, activities, concerts, contests, guest speakers, and much more. The children enjoyed face painting, tie-dying, drawing with chalk, and even the creation of junkyard hats. They were able to take a moment to reflect on “repurposing” their lives for the Kingdom of God while meeting new friends and celebrating the Lord’s name. The remarkable dance team, God Squad returned again this year to the “WaterMusic Stage” for an encore performance, followed by exceptional performances pouring grace onto the audience from CIRCLESIGHT, Hayley Mac, Oaks Christian Dancers, Kyle Sherman, and The Adventures of Rodeo & Juliet! Along with the energetic Embassador Skateboarders, professional skateboarder, Tom Schaar was featured for an autograph signing session. The festival expanded this year including Parable & Hope Bookstores in the Special Events Building which featured Phil Cooke, famous writer and speaker, Cindy Steinbeck, winery owner and writer, and Pattie Mallette, writer, producer, and influential speaker. The excitement increased as Jason Castro stepped onto the Frontier Stage to open The Cantinas Music Festival! The Groovaloos heightened the energy level by dancing in the crowd with the power of their freestyle dance moves followed by Francesca Battistelli who charmed the audience with hits like, “Free To Be Me.” Michael W. Smith took the stage with his timeless worship music as our headliner to conclude the 2nd Annual Cantinas Music Festival.
The Cantinas Art Gallery was enjoyed by many who attended the festival. It featured repurposed ordinary materials which were made into fun art forms, bringing scripture alive. People wandered through the gallery gazing upon “Junkyard Robots”, “Open Doors”, and “Garments of the Master Tailor.” There were great photo opportunities with the Cantina’s “Got Fruit? Instant Portrait Frames.”

Hundreds attended our first ever CityWide Worship Service at The Event Center in Paso Robles. Michael W. Smith led us in worship which had everyone on their feet praising the Lord in Unity! We were blessed to have Rabbi Jason Sobel, from Ascend Malibu Fellowship and Pastor Matthew Barnett, from The Dream Center give meaningful testimonies about what God is doing in their communities. Dr. Ed Silvoso, best selling author and transformation strategist closed our service with a powerful message about uniting our communities.
There once was an argyle sock that lived in a comfortable spot, amongst other soft and comfortable coverings, in a cozy comfortable bag, in a dark and quiet space; and on occasion the argyle sock would get to come out into wide open spaces and enjoy the sunshine of the great outdoors. The sock lived on the end of a golf club at a country club. Although he was uncomfortable with the cold feeling of the steel rod inside of him and wondered if this is all there was to life; he learned to endure and settle into his environment. When he compared himself to all the other coverings amongst the golf clubs he seemed resolved that he was where he was supposed to be, and learned to harden his heart to the unrest inside of him. “Is this all there is?” he would question himself. “Is this what I was created for?” the sock would contemplate and wrestle with the feelings of discontent, but slowly the feelings would drift away and the sock would slip into a compromised state of existence. Feeling useful, but perhaps not fulfilled. I share this story to see if you too feel like the argyle sock. Are you restless and unfulfilled? Are you searching for more meaning in life? Do you desire to walk in your God given destiny? There is only one source that I know of that can direct you to your God given purpose. The question is do you have the courage to ask Him? Look at what scripture says about our purpose.

“For I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, they are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

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“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.” Proverbs 19:21

“I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills His purpose for me.” Psalm 57:2

“The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever—do not abandon the works of your hands”. Psalm 138:8

Each person has the free will to ask and receive by faith the true calling for their life from God. Each of us can be “repurposed” for God and for His kingdom. Many of us will settle and know only what “we think” the world expects of us. We can find useful occupations for our gifts, time, and resources. We can learn to be like an argyle sock hanging on the end of a golf club, or we can step into our destiny by seeking the Lord’s purpose for our life. The Lord has a plan and a purpose for your life. It is a plan for hope and a future. He forgives our shortcomings and has divine insights to using all our experiences for His glory. He created each one of us in our mother’s womb with intricate design and heavenly purpose. Our challenge is to be open to His revelation for our abilities, to be able to surrender to His leading. Will you allow Him to repurpose your life?

“...for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” Philippians 2:13

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

One day as the sock was enjoying a trip around the fairway and the excitement grew as he was lifted off the cold iron rod and placed onto the sweet smelling grass of the golf greens. The sock lost in the sensory of the moment, never noticed until much time had passed by, that he had been forgotten and left behind when the golfer moved to the next hole. Suddenly, panic and an incredible emptiness overwhelmed the sock. Even the beauty of the outdoor environment no longer offered any peace. Fear ran through the socks mind, “What will happen to me?” was his cry. “Someone help me!” was his prayer. Shortly afterwards a gentleman and master golfer spied the sock on the runway and picked it up appreciating the details of its unique craftsmanship. He brought the sock home with him that day. He washed the sock clean and warmed him in the dryer. Then the master took the sock, sat down, and gently pulled it over his foot. The master golfer stretched out his other foot delighting that he was witnessing a perfectly matched pair of socks on both feet. For what was lost, was now found. His misplaced sock in the country club locker room had serendipitously found its way home. The sock in amazement immediately knew that this is what he was made for; to be a covering for the master’s foot. The warmth of the master’s foot warmed him from the inside out, and the cold uneasy feeling was gone. At last he had found his purpose.

“With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.” 2 Thessalonians 1:11
“Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 6:9

The theme of the Celebration of the Arts workshop at World Impact was “Courage,” and the band CIRCLESIGHT taught an inspirational message. Steven Peters, the lead singer, taught that being courageous is learning how to trust the Lord. The goal of the workshop was for each student to master an instrument or song, and perform it at the end of the day. Each member of the band took a group of students into separate rooms to teach them their musical craft: vocals, percussion, bass, and guitar. At the end of the workshop the whole group joined together and played “Every Move I Make.” The participants learned to be courageous in using their craft to perform for an “Audience of One,” and not for each other or the world.

Cantinas Ranch hosted a “Celebration of the Arts Hip-Hop Christmas” at The Dream Center. The participants were greeted with holiday music performed by CIRCLESIGHT, as they were given Christmas sugar cookies to decorate with colorful frosting and endless toppings! Everyone gathered to learn freestyle hip-hop dance moves from Keeley and Bradly, who are in the dance troop, The Groovaloos.

Steven Peters-Lead Singer CIRCLESIGHT

“Working with the World Impact kids was one of our most enjoyable experiences as a band. We came to inspire kids and left being equally inspired by their love and openness.”

Participant Quotes:

“I learned about courage & being bold, to continue to follow the Lord’s footsteps.”
“Thank you! We love Cantinas Ranch!”
“It was the most fun I have had in a long time!”
“It was encouraging to know that if you work at something hard enough, you could be great one day. It was a reminder to let God work through you and be open to His calling.”
“In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him.”
1 Samuel 18:14

The Young Life leaders from Pepperdine and California Lutheran University came to the Cantinas Ranch new office space to learn how to play “In The Word.” Attending from Young Life were sixteen leaders, three district managers, and one board member. It was an evening filled with laughter and the Holy Spirit. Casey, a Young Life leader, led the devotional on “Success” with much participation. She taught that, “Success is knowing who you are in Christ, and how much your heavenly Father loves you.” Afterwards, two of the leaders showed an interest in bringing “In The Word” to their Young Life groups and using it as a tool in their schools! The leaders wrote scripture all over the floors before our carpets were installed to cover our new office space In His Word. This was our first event in our remodeled office space; it was a great way to set the tone for future events.

Amber McDermitt
“In The Word hosted an event for the Young Life leaders in Malibu and the Palisades. They made us feel so welcome and cared for. The leaders are always pouring into kids and it was such a blessing to be poured into with the devotion and thoughtful discussion questions. Between the fun Scrabble competition to great food and discussion, this was a night that we won’t soon forget.”

Upcoming ITW events...
We’re very excited to have our first “In The Word” event at our new Paso Robles offices in January. We’ve had great response and should have a big turn out! Also, in January we’re very excited to start up “In The Word” with our Malibu women again! In February we’re scheduled to have another “In The Word” event with the Young Life group in our office space in Malibu. We plan to have an ITW event twice a month! Should be a very busy but exciting 2014.
Paso Robles Pastor’s Events

December Christmas Paso Breakfast

Denner Vineyards Summer Dinner

Malibu Pastor’s Events

Penguins, Polar Bears, and Pastors

Christmas Luncheon

Unity Malibu Pastor Dinner
What you can do...

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Give online @ cantinasranchfoundation.org
Volunteer at a Celebration of the Arts or “In The Word” event
Join us as an intern
Contact us at 310.774.5320 for more information

Upcoming Events!

January - “In The Word” at New Offices in Paso & Offices in Malibu
February - “In The Word” with Young Life leaders in Malibu
March - Celebration of the Arts; Rocketown, Nashville

“Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. By doing this they will be storing up their treasures as a good foundation for the future so that they may take hold of real life.”

1 Timothy 6: 18-19

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