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Celebration News

From Our Senior Pastor Ralph Rittenhouse

Following is an article written by Roubik Hoospianmer who has spoken at Camarillo Community Church on more than one occasion. As you read on, you'll soon discover the passion Roubik has for reaching all Muslims so that they can discover the true freedom they have in Jesus Christ!

Church Planting Proposal For The Iranian Christian Church Of Los Angeles



Greetings. My name is Roubik Hoospianmer, and God has called me to plant a new church plant in the San Fernando Valley, called Iranian Church of Los Angeles.

I was born in Tehran, Iran in 1958 into a Christian family. In Iran Muslims comprises 99% of the population and Christians suffer great oppression. At the age of 14 I was saved by Jesus Christ and the Lord healed me from kidney disease.

I started to serve the Lord in different outreach groups, giving Bibles to Moslems, and at age of 15 I ended up in jail for few days. I was working in Tehran and sent Bibles to 3000 Moslem in Iran. Later at age of 18 I was a youth pastor for 100 young people.

At age of 19 I planted my first church in Arak, 280 km from Tehran and baptized 45 Iranians. From 1981-1988 I was pastor in Ahwaz during the Iran and Iraq war. I planted my second church and baptized 50 Moslems. I was in a Khomeini jail for 28 days in December 1988 for spreading Christianity.

In 1989 I was ordained as a pastor in the Assemblies of God Church in Tehran and for three years I was pastor in Tehran for Armenians. I baptized 67 Armenian in Tehran. In 1991 Islamic terrorists began killing pastors who had Islamic backgrounds. I left Iran for Germany with my pregnant wife, Odett, and our two daughters.

In 1994 my oldest brother, Haik Hoospianmer, a superintendent in the Assemblies of God Church in Iran, was killed by Islamic fundamentalist terrorists. I have two other brothers, George, who is serving the Lord Jesus among Armenian and Iranians in Iran, and Edward who is a pastor in England.

When we were refugees in Germany in 1991-1992, we planted three churches among refugees in Germany. In August, 1993, I came to California with my wife and three children. We came as refugees to America. Since then I have planted many churches among Armenian, Afghan and Iranian refugees and I speak, read and write all their languages fluently. We have baptized 304 Muslims in Los Angeles. Representing Voice of the Martyrs I have spoken in 39 states, in 146 churches and schools.

"We want to reach them for Christ."

My present church began meeting in April, 2004. We meet in a small fellowship hall at 7060 Amigo St. in Reseda. Our core consists of 46 adults; they are Iranians and Armenians from Islamic backgrounds. Some are Jewish Iranian and some are Assyrian.

In 1994 I started a TV ministry on public access and have reached over 700 Iranian families. In June 2005 I started to preach all over the world by satellite from Los Angeles, and I have had more almost 500 response calls from Iran. There are over 5,000,000 immigrants from Iran all over the world. 1,000,000 refugees from Iran live in Southern California and approximately 78% are Muslims. We want to reach them for Christ.

I am grateful that Camarillo Community Church has agreed to help sponsor our church plant and assist in expanding the ministry to Iranian, Armenian and Afghan peoples.

Anyone who would like to assist in this exciting ministry opportunity, please call Bill or Bernice Smith at 482-4940 or Jack or Linda Lewis at 445-9306.





Host Homes Needed!

This coming September we will be having a spiritual growth campaign called 40 Days of Community at our church. This campaign is designed to answer the question, "What on earth are WE here for?" The events of the campaign will give us opportunities to not only learn about why God calls us to be connected in community with each other, but why it is also important to serve our community together through the five purposes. One of the most exciting aspects of this campaign is the opportunity to do a service project in our city with your small group. For six weeks the small groups will gather in homes, watch and discuss a weekly video teaching session with Pastor Rick Warren, the author of *The Purpose Driven Life*, then you will take action on what you are learning by doing a community service project together.

Right now, we are looking for Host Homes where groups can meet to go through this six-week Bible study together. We want to have enough homes so that EVERYONE – that's 100% of our congregation – can be in a small group study. That means we need 50 homes! Will you consider opening your home to a group for the Campaign?

Here's what you DON'T need in order to become a Host Home:

You don't need to be a Bible scholar – Rick Warren does all the teaching, and all you have to do is push play!

You don't need to be a born leader – if you've never led a group discussion before and want to give it a try, the video gives coaching tips to the hosts, and the discussion guide gives you step-by-step instructions to follow. If you don't feel comfortable leading a group, we'll assign a discussion leader to your home, and all you have to do is provide the home!

You don't need to have a decorator home – people aren't coming to look at your home or eat a big meal (although a few snacks would be nice!). People in our church want to connect with each other in a deeper way, and we need Hosts who are willing to exercise the gift of hospitality and just provide a place. It doesn't even have to be in a home – you could host a group at work, at a recreation center, or at school! The only requirement is that you have a TV and a VCR or DVD player.

You don't have to be unattached to a group right now – In fact, if you're in a small group already, we are asking your group to split up for the six weeks of the Campaign, and each of you host a group in your own homes. We need hosts who have experience being in a small group. So the next time your group meets, discuss dividing temporarily, just for the duration of the Campaign, in order to spread the blessing of being in a small group to other people in our congregation and in our neighborhoods.

(Host homes, continued)

You don't have to be a church member – If you are not a member, we will assign a member to your home to lead the discussion, but you can still open your home and host a group. This might be the time you've been waiting for to join our church!

We are excited as we envision our entire congregation connecting on a deeper level, and the impact this could have on our church and our community! We really are BETTER TOGETHER. The 40 Days of Community Campaign will run for six weeks, from September 10th. We have prepared answers to some Frequently-Asked Questions for Host Homes that you may pick up at the Small Group Counter, which is the central clearing-house for information about the 40 Days of Community Campaign and will be open every week from now until the end of the Campaign. If you know that you would like to be a Host Home, please complete the Host Home Sign-up Card at the Small Group Counter.

Any Questions? Contact Dan Schar at 498-1033 or come by the Small Group Counter any Sunday.



Volunteer Opportunity

By Dale Klugman

Process. The total production and distribution of our monthly Celebration News is the work of many minds and hands. Articles are submitted from many sources and funneled to the volunteer who assembles them all together and establishes the Page Layout.

When all the pages have been laid out and the total monthly issue has been compiled, the product goes to final editing, printing and mailing.

Blessing. We have been blessed these many months by the fine work of Loyce Whitehill, who has done our Page Layout and compiling. Sadly, Loyce has notified us that with the pressures of her full time position, she is unable to continue.

Opportunity. We are praying for a gifted, and experienced volunteer to lay out and compile this publication. Articles are normally received in Microsoft Word, and imported into Microsoft Publisher to produce the final product.

If you can help, please contact Ms. Faye Finn in the Church Office at 482-4657, ext. 107; or by email at faye@camcc.net.

Blessed by Olas

Recently the Benevolence Fund had the opportunity to help a family in crisis. The couple, along with their four children, suddenly found themselves homeless, scared, and in need of assistance. After taking care of their basic needs and finding a place for them to stay for the night, we decided to make a meal available for them at Olas, a family-oriented restaurant on Ventura Blvd. in Camarillo. Olas (which means "waves" in Spanish), features great Mexican food with a cool California surf theme.

We offered to cover the cost of dinner for the family of six, but the management refused to take our money, instead insisting on providing their dinner free of charge. This act of kindness was a wonderful reminder that there people out there willing to be part of the blessings God has in store for those in need. If you find yourself on the boulevard and your tummy tells you it's time to eat, stop in and have a nice meal, and show the folks at Olas how pleased we are to have them in our community.

Peace in a Troubled Time

Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.





By Elaine Francisco, Children's
Ministry Director

We've been having a Rock Solid Summer in Power House Children's Ministries. Our K-5th grade child will complete the Rock Solid series on July 30 and will spend the rest of the summer on "WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?!"

ROCK SOLID taught us to be **solid** in our faith in Jesus Christ, **What's Bugging You** will teach us how to "**Bee with our Attitudes.**" From Rock Climbing to Bugs, God's creation gives us awesome examples of growing up God's way.

The Rock Solid Store will continue to be open during the month of August. In June and July our kids earned **Bring It Back Bucks** for completing their devotionals at home with their families. This month they will be earning bucks for not only reading God's word but for taking it a step further and writing it on their hearts and minds! Memory verses will be the key in August! Time to get those brains working before school starts!

Water Slide Night! Sunday, August 6th 4:00 – 8:00pm Kids K- 5th Grade

Bring your parents to Community Nite and while they are in class we'll be getting wet! Wear your swim suit and bring a towel and change of clothes in your back pack.
Sign up on your worship card on Sunday!

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