

SUMMER NEWSLETTER-JULY 2008

CYBER COMMUNICATION

In addition to telephone, cell phone, and fax. I also have CCR website, e-mail accounts with four different servers, Facebook, and instant message for chat with three servers! And I use them all!

Many of our inquiries come via e-mail from our website. I reach others by on-line chat, for those unwilling to make phone call, or are at a distance. I am learning to multi-task with chats. Recently I was chatting in Spanish with an Argentine contact, laying the ground work for friendship evangelization in French to an Iranian, and answering some questions for an American teenager! At the same time! Actually, two at once is stretch, as I am not adept at maintaining three for long periods. Please keep me in your prayers as I am in the learning curve.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST: you may have noticed that our website has not been updated this year. Our faithful webmaster of past years was unable to continue with us. I have been looking for a new webmaster. Please help us with your recommendations!

And thanks again to Brian Davidson of CEPC for our website CCR video clip
www.enformed.net/ccr

CCR entered the DSL world last year, and we now have WIFI to connect me while out of the office.

We still would like to transfer our bi-annual mailings to computer generated e-mail, which would help us financially. We would be able to keep you more current, but we need e-mail addresses from about 1500 of you! Please keep us updated on new addresses!

-Wanda and Edrice are on a six month leave of absence from **UPLIFT**. Wanda has new job responsibilities, and Edrice has an ill family member which requires a lot of her. In the meantime, I continue to talk with parents, and meet with them as necessary.

-Many have graduated from the men's group in **COLLEGE STATION** that started in November, 2004. I stay in touch with various ones of them through email and Facebook! One of our guys is now a short term missionary! Another is now working in Houston. Please pray about reaching new Aggies

-Thanks to the generosity of **AWAKENING** friends, we have scholarships for Nick Dombrowski and Ana Graves, Intervarsity staff working with college students in San Antonio, and the Valley. They will attend the International Exodus Freedom conference with me at Ridgecrest, near Asheville NC July 15-20. I look forward to spending time with them in fellowship, mentoring, and training.

BARNABAS men's group continues in weekly monthly modules. We will be concentrating more on accountability and personal prayer ministry in the next few months.

- I hope to be able to participate with First Baptist Church-Houston with the Houston Project July 5-10, as I have the last four years.

-I am brainstorming on new CCR brochure

-Most of clients recently have been fathers with 14-16 year old sons. I really encourage fathers in their spiritual leadership

The fifth **LIVING WATERS TRAINING** took place in La Falda, **Argentina** May 17-24. On the flight to Buenos Aires I connected with Campus Crusade staffers Mark and Katie Bouchillon who work at Western Kentucky University. They were going to La Plata for a summer project with university students. As this was their first trip to Argentina. I was glad to help them find hotel, get settled, and have lunch that first day in Buenos Aires. I also was able to share with them about CCR.

There were only three Americans at this year's training since local leadership has really grown. I am the only American with perfect attendance at all 5 trainings, and have joyously served in ministry, helping mentor small group leaders, and some translating. Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay, and Spain were represented in participants and leaders. I rejoice in seeing the leaders maturing, and being raised up. This year I talked with two participants who came as recommendation of their therapist, who assisted me with my small group in 2005. I also saw one of my small group graduates from 2004, now involved in leadership. I had urged an Argentine emailing me to come to the conference, so I met him in person. Our Spanish participant knows my Living Waters friend in Madrid!

We began at 7 AM and usually ended at about 9:30 PM. Full days with prayer/confession sessions every morning, , ministry during morning plenary session, two small group sessions, optional workshops in the afternoon, supervisory sessions in the afternoon, and ministry during the evening plenary sessions! Again I did most of the translating in the team meetings. I was so proud of my guys in my small group, 3 from Argentina, one from Ecuador, and one from Colombia. God did some great work in their lives. My assistant, very appreciative of my mentoring him in group leadership, was truly amazed that a gringo would be so interested in the Latin culture! To access my Argentina photos, copy and paste the following into your browser: www.picasaweb.google.com/miguelhouston/ARGENTINA5282008

I have also been invited to help with the first training in Chile October 11-18, 2008. This will be my first trip there, and I look forward to helping my Latin friends again.

P.S. I was thrilled to see my godchild, Denise Palacios, born April 1, 2008 to proud parents Daniel and Alejandra Palacios in Cordoba.

LIBERANDO TU VERDADERA IDENTIDAD

This is the Spanish version of my FREEDOM FROM HOMOSEXUALITY seminar which I have offered since 1988. This is the first time I have presented it in Houston in a number of years, and the first time in Spanish. As a concerned pastor, William Messenger of Iglesia de Jesucristo/Palabra de Miel invited me to do daily programs 2pm -3pm in Spanish on KYST 920 AM 28 April- 2 May. We offered the seminar to about 30 people at his church May 3. Thanks to them for translating my outlines and providing us with the power point presentation in Spanish.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

** My 77 year old mother Phyllis Newman (multiple stroke survivor) in nursing home in Pensacola, FL . Her health continues to seriously deteriorate.

More opportunities for speaking engagements in Houston area

Donated office space (office has been in my apartment since February, 2005)

Frequent flyer miles (i.e. Continental, 50,000 minimum) 2008 trip to Chile

More volunteer staff (for all groups)

More dedicated monthly pledge partners to join our faithful ranks (\$1335 committed monthly, minimum budget need is \$5000)

Remember, this is our **ONLY** fundraising effort during the year!

Thank you so much for your financial support, prayers, and words of encouragement

Pastor Michael R. Newman

NON-FUND RAISING EVENT FORM

____ Sorry, I don't trust you and amateurs at a CARWASH. Here's the \$10 donation anyway.

____ My life is too busy to find junk for you to sell or to buy any of yours. Here is \$30 to save me the aggravation.

____ I have fallen arches and can't stand the heat, so I don't want to participate in walk/ride/bike/anything A-THON. Here is \$50 to avoid medical expenses I may have had afterwards.

____ I'm terrible at soliciting pledges or selling stuff, so it's worth it to me to give you \$20 so I don't have to.

____ I can't face another partners' luncheon, so here's \$100 for me and the friend I couldn't find to invite.

____ My wife/doctor/scale tells me to stay away from those sweets, so I'm willing to pay you \$75 to avoid those dessert gatherings.

____ Nor do I need to bake any goodies for aforementioned dessert gatherings. I will donate \$25 instead.

____ I hate phone solicitations, but hate to be rude. Here's \$50 to soothe my conscience.

____ Here's \$125, which is what a session with Michael would cost in the real world

____ I realize that if there were larger numbers of dedicated financial partners, CCR would not be so dependent on fundraisers. I will pledge _____ monthly from _____ to _____ so CCR treasurer will not have those monthly headaches!

PS. Don't forget CCR has accounts at Randall's (1982) You can also contribute through www.PayPal.com or www.Guidestar.org

