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Jessica Barnes & Cecily Small talk and show video of “Lifebread”



Jessica Barnes & Cecily Small are both Pepperdine graduates (Jessica both with Bachelor and Masters degree) who volunteer working for a project that Cecily’s fiancée started in east Africa called “LifeBread.”

At the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of April 28th we met first met **Dusty Breeding** and

Cecily Small. Both graduated from Pepperdine University this year. Dusty was a theology student, already holding a degree in Bible, he studied culinary arts at the collegiate level, and has many years experience working in the food service industry. The couple is planning to marry in Africa in July. And that's where they will live.

Why Africa? In 2006, after Dusty's sophomore year of college, he went on a trip to Africa that made him decide what he wanted to do with his life. Spending five weeks in Uganda and five weeks in Kenya, he traveled with missionaries through the slums and remote villages of some of the most impoverished regions of Africa. They were poor and starving.

On this trip Dusty met Mark Long, a Pepperdine University graduate who had been living in Uganda for almost ten years. Mark, a handyman, decided to use Dusty's culinary arts background by building three ovens at Camp Saaka, a Christian youth camp in the Rwenzori Mountains of Western Uganda. Over the next few months, Lifebread Incorporated came into existence on a couch in Florence, Alabama, as Dusty went page by page and step by step through a book about how to start a non-profit. On August 3, 2007, Lifebread Incorporated was officially recognized as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization by the IRS. And Dusty saw how he could use his culinary arts background to develop a food based ministry which would meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the people of Africa. He put together a Board of Directors and Advisory Committee made up of chefs, accountants, business people, ministers, and a design team.

Since 2007, Dusty has returned to Africa ten times. Lifebread has grown from a vision and dream into a reality, with [bakery projects](#) in Uganda and Kenya. During the summer of 2009, another of Dusty's life goals came true when he had the chance to lead nine students from Pepperdine University to spend one month in Kenya building ovens. This July there will be 10 Pepperdine students going to Fort Portal, Uganda in Africa to help build 3 more ovens.

A 12 minute video documentary about Dusty's Lifebread story, *Lifebread: In Search of Purpose*, was made by Pepperdine graduate filmmaker JJ Star and was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on May 19th. It was made in January of this year when Dusty was in Africa searching for locations to build new ovens. It shows a conversation between Dusty and a missionary he met named Jeff Cash, who had lived in Africa for 15 years, and who challenged the American view on the "role" American non-profits should play around the world in places like rural Africa. An American non-profit may go into a third world country trying to do good. They might build a \$30,000 well to provide clean drinking water, but if the people in the country don't see the need they may prefer to use a \$25 funnel to catch rain water. It might make the do-gooders feel that they accomplished something, but it might have been a waste of money and effort. Jeff said that it is essential that someone going into a third world country with an idea of how they might do good, show the people in the country the absolute need for what they intend to do. It must be well researched.

Jessica said that kids living in an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya, were sniffing glue to get high. The good derived from the Lifebread project helps on many levels. Missionaries have taken these kids off the streets in Nairobi and sent them to a rural Agricultural Village. They are taught cooking and other skills, as well as sanitation and health skills. The importance of washing hands, that slaughtered animals must be eaten immediately if there is no refrigeration.

The ovens that Lifebread builds not only provide nutrition for the people of the village, they provide a skill and source of income for those baking the bread, who can sell what they don't consume themselves.

Jessica and Cecily explained the process in building the ovens. Each location the ovens are to be built is scouted for the needs and resources of the area. Ovens are built three at a time, from cleaned oil drums and bricks. A local welder is hired to weld the components together. They found that the ingredients needed for baking, flour, etc. is available at local market places. Each location is overseen by a leader of a church group, who keep track of things when Dusty and his people are not around. Each oven location should be self-sustaining after two years.

The costs involved for material is minimal. Oil drum and bricks cost about \$200.00. Labor for local welder, truck rental is \$2500. A big expense is air fare to get Dusty and students there.

Before leaving for Africa Dusty and Cecily plan to travel across the U.S., visiting churches and Rotary Clubs, to get the message out of what they are doing, and raising money. Film maker JJ Star is planning to join them in Africa to make a larger documentary.

For more about Lifebread see www.lifebread.org.

Malibu Rotary Club of Achievement Awards for 2009-2010



Margo Neal represented the Malibu Rotary Club at the Rotary District Conference this past week end at La Quinta Resort in Palm Springs and was able to collect 8 Club of Achievement Awards earned by the Rotary Club of Malibu for 2009-10 (actually they only gave her 7 awards because Vocational patches were on backorder and one of those was earned by Malibu Rotary). There were awards earned in several avenues of service.

Club Service: There were three achievement awards earned--for Programs (go Margo!), District Participation, and Fundraising.

Vocational Service: Achievement award for Speech, Music & Art (Thank you Geoff for High School Singing Competition).

Membership: Well we gained more members than we lost, but it was close.

Rotary Foundation: Thanks to Bob for some creative bookkeeping

Communications/Public Relations: Two awards, one for Internet and the other just says “Public Relations”, but maybe it was for bulletin, we hope so.

Other News and Guests from May 19 Malibu Rotary Club Meeting

Bill Wishard showed a picture of his newest granddaughter, Alina, daughter of Alison and Eddie Guerra. Although she was many days past due she made up for lost time with a very speedy arrival on Tuesday May 11th—it was a record 1 hour labor.

Our speakers, Cecily and Jessica, brought their roommate **Melissa**, for moral support during their presentation.

Margo’s Highlights of the 2010 Rotary District 5280 Conference

At last week’s the Rotary District Conference at La Quinta Resort in Palm Springs **Margo Neal** not only collected the Malibu Rotary Club of Achievement awards seen above, but in the Friday and Saturday events she attended she reported the following.:

Besides the traditional four areas of service that Rotary has had for about the last hundred years, a fifth one has been added: Youth, aka, *New Generation*. In the New Generation area the age of Interact Club kids is now down to 12 years old.

District has raised dues \$1.00 per year per member. The Bill Gates \$200 million Polio matching grant has now been matched by Rotarians to the tune of \$120 million and counting. And speaking of matching grants the District person in charge of matching grants is PDG Pat Cashin.

While this year’s Rotary District trip went to Ecuador, next year’s Rotary District trip will feature projects in the Dominican Republic. Does Bill have any relatives there?

Locally there is a matching grants project for school supplies. Let local schools make their requests and District will match club donation.

Rotary District sent 13,000 Shelter Boxes to Haiti for earthquake relief.

Margo ran into Paul and Melody St John at the convention, who probably have hosted more foreign exchange students than anyone, and of course Paul, who is past President of both the Malibu Rotary Club and the Hollywood Rotary Club, started the annual Tour Around the United States for lucky foreign students who are hosted in Southern California. Melody is President-Elect of the Hollywood Rotary Club, which is now smaller than the Malibu Rotary Club (10). Can you believe that two cities who are known around the world for their entertainment celebrities have so few members?

On May 22nd Rotary District Assembly is being held at the Carson Community Center, 891 E Carson, Carson, CA, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **President Elect Chris Bauman**

is planning to attend, but all club officers the Rotary Club and Rotaract Club, who can attend should go to this training session.

Malibu Rotary Club Shelve at the Malibu Library

Ann Payne of the Optimist Club was a guest at the Malibu Rotary meeting on May 12th and announced that on Sunday, May 16, there was going to be a special meeting about the renovation of the Malibu Library at the library given by the Malibu City Council from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and recommended that members of service clubs attend. She said the library has not been refurbished since 1978. She said Malibu City Councilwoman Pam Conley Ulich started the ball rolling on this when she visited other branches of the Los Angeles County Library system with her daughter and noticed that they had more to offer than the Malibu branch. She found out that although Malibu tax money was supposed to go into the system the county gave \$5 million less to the Malibu branch than the others, and she decided to do something about it. Among other amenities the new library will have a wall that will create a room in the library that could be used for such things as Rotary meetings. The reason Ann was speaking to the Rotary club at this time was because in addition to the County contributions to the club, private and service club donations were being sought, and contributions of \$1000 made before June 1 would have contributors name placed on permanent shelve named at library. There is an opportunity, through matching funds, to have this \$1000 contribution done with a cost of only \$500.00 The Malibu Rotary Club board consisting of the members present at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting of May 12th unanimously voted to make the \$500 contribution to the library.



Project TRIUMPH
(Today's Revolution Is Understanding; Make Peace Happen) is a

grassroots effort to bring Arab and Jewish teenagers together in the spirit of collaboration to build a shared vision for a peaceful future. The program was conceived by Ilan Magdali of the Newbury Park Rotary Club. It brought 10 teenage Arab and 10 teenage Jewish students from Israel to a leadership camp in Simi Valley where they all learned to work together, develop leaders skills before returning to Israel to use what they learned back home. Most of us feel helpless in trying to find a solution to the constant war in the Middle East, but at least this program is trying to do something. Initially sponsorship of this program had been mostly from the Newbury Park Rotary Club and Rotary Clubs in District 5240 and private and corporate donors. Malibu Rotary Club was the first Rotary Club in Rotary District 5280 to support the project.

Pictured above are the students who were hosted in 2008 as they visited Malibu on their way to the leadership camp. Today the program no longer is bringing the students to the US. There is a partnership with the Rotary Club of Haifa and one in Italy to get Jewish and Arab students out of Israel to a place where they can learn to work together and apply this when they return to Israel. A new Pilot TRIUMPH project is being developed. It concentrates it's efforts on the students in the City of Acre in Israel as a year long program with Jewish and Arab students working together making a video documentary that strives for lifelong results. The new Pilot TRIUMPH project is a non-profit organization with Leon Berg, as its CEO.

If you would like to help with Project TRIUMPH you can contact Shoshana Brower at shobrower@gmail.com or Leon Berg at Leon.Berg@gmail.com.



Malibu Rotary Club Supports BioSand Filters in Ecuador

Malibu Rotary Club voted to send \$500 to the Rotary Club of Pontiac Michigan to help build and install BioSand Filters in Santo Domingo De Los Colorados, Ecuador. As was noted by Carol Cousineau, who, along with husband Ron brought the project to our attention, after installing the first BioSand filters in Ecuador (and pictured left), "That money would be matched by the next District Grant, which we have been assured we will get. So, for instance \$500.00 would become \$750.00.

The filters and two 5 gallon safe water containers per unit, cost around \$60.00

each, so a donation of \$500.00 would provide 12 families of five or more with 20 gallons of water each day - enough for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, bathing and washing clothes! The filters are expected to last at least 50 years without the need to add any expense except chlorine - available and inexpensive. That means each family will have more money to provide more nutritious food for their families, since they don't have to pay for propane to boil their water. It will mean more time to spend with their children, rather than boiling or foraging for firewood. With great improvement in the health of all the family members, fewer cases of diarrhea and stomach flu from bad water and parasites, the parents will better be able to hold down a job and provide for their families, children will be able to attend school more days and have a better future.

We are excited about this project because we anticipate that this is just the beginning. All over Ecuador, there are families struggling to survive, with a high infant mortality rate, because of bad water. This successful project will be a shining example and model. Rotary is the perfect vehicle for getting the word out about BioSand and accomplishing the goal of providing safe drinking water for the world. **BioSand** is one of the four methods of purifying water recommended for Third World Countries by the World Health Organization. (We have researched the others. Since they provide only a small amount of water for drinking, are small and ceramic, so more susceptible to breakage or deterioration, or adding so much chlorine that the people won't drink it, the concrete BioSand is by far the best choice for all but mountainous areas, where a more expensive plastic version of BioSand is an alternative.)”

For a while it looked like the matching grant process was not going to happen. When Malibu Rotarian Bill Wishard visited Ecuador in March, 2010, he was able to meet with Ecuador Past District 4400 Governor, Juan Prinz, to get project back on track.

Upcoming Programs

May 26. Kevin Boling, “Talking Trash,” Malibu Rotarian Kevin Boling, whose Universal Waste Systems services trash collection in several cities in the Los Angeles and Riverside County area, will give is Rotary Craft Talk.

June 2. Tod Lipka, President and CEO of Step-up on Second (a social service agency in Santa Monica)

June 9. Kent Campbell, "Protecting Your Online Reputation"

June 16. Club Assembly 3rd Wed of the month,

June 23. Remy O'Neill, "Cornucopia Foundation".

June 30. Brian Crance, "Independent Filmmaking"

July 7. Lester Wood, “Will Rogers”

Please see Malibu Rotary Club Website www.maliburotary.org for latest Calendar and future speakers.

