

THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

QuickConnect

Transforming Lives and Communities

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Journey to Mosaic Squared (j2m² 2010). Beginning July 10, nine young adults from across the PSWC and the Covenant lived an intentional three-week “immersion” into Kingdom living in the heart of Oakland, CA. Participant, Marlin Payton (Oakdale Covenant, Chicago, IL) reports on this PSWC sponsored experience, “...*Things I learned have changed the way I think...Being here teaches you to appreciate everybody...I’m going home a different man...it’s taught me to view God in all aspects of my life.*” Dominique Gilliard and Aune Carlson served as co-facilitators of this urban adventure. Go to pswc.org to see a video recap!

As of August 1, the Pacific Southwest Conference is partnering with The Evangelical Covenant Church to launch Mission Hope Covenant Church in Tustin, CA led by church planting pastor, Erin Kerr. Send a note to Erin as he begins at ekerr@missionhopechurch.com. ►



In early July, Modesto Covenant (Modesto, CA) completed a 9-day VBS outreach that registered 703 kids with 89 making first-time commitments to Jesus. The kids brought in 2,505 pounds of pennies (\$3,670) for the ECC children’s service project, “Bed Nets for Life”. ◀ More photos and details at pswc.org.

There are many other fun reports of VBS and Day Camps this summer — To connect further with their mission project, kids at Hillside Covenant (Walnut Creek, CA) skyped with Sarah Ago, Hillside’s director of children’s ministry currently in Thailand. Pasadena Covenant Church (Pasadena, CA) took an inter-generational approach while venturing to Narnia. Crossroads Covenant Church (Concord, CA) tweeted about their Day Camp, focused on the life of Joseph.



On Friday evening July 23, participants in the Origins Conference and the Fred Jordan Mission served up a banquet-style meal on LA’s Skid Row to over 1500 persons—homeless and church volunteers together. Evening participants included leaders from Rolling Hills Covenant Church, Newsong Irvine, and Newsong LA. Walter Contreras, PSWC Director of Hispanic Church Planting and Outreach, helped to coordinate. For more on the banquet see covchurch.org. The Origins Conference was sponsored by the Origins Project, a network of persons passionate about Jesus, humanity, and innovation. ◀



At left, 16 high school students from Cornerstone Covenant Church (Palm Desert, CA) lived out their faith for several days in Winton, CA, an agricultural community near Merced hit hard by economic crisis. Student leaders served local families, helped provide needed basic resources, and took on weed and graffiti abatement.

UPCOMING:

- A PSWC Youth Pastors’ Retreats will take place August 22—24 at Mission Springs (north and south combined). The retreat starts with dinner Sunday and runs through lunch on Tuesday. This gathering designed to encourage and refresh all those serving in youth ministry within the PSWC. Registration is required. Go to pswc.org/events to download a registration form.
- Retired Pastors’ Retreat, September 14-16 at Mission Springs. For more info call Mission Springs at 831.335.9133.
- Women Ministries Retreat, September 21—23 and September 24—26 at Mission Springs. Go to pswc.org/events for more information.
- October 1-3 Women’s Retreat at Alpine Camp and Conference Center with theme, “In His Hands World Tour”. Go to pswc.org/events for information.