

# Tidings

3 Way Thrift Store Newsletter



THRIFT STORE, INC

## Volunteers

Bill Camping has been a volunteer at 3 Way Thrift for 12 years. When he was 2 years old his family moved from Denver, Colorado to California, so he is practically a native Californian.

As a volunteer, Bill has been specializing in working with neckties and men's & women's belts. He visits both stores twice a week. He takes the belts and neck ties home, where he sorts them. He spends time measuring the belts and preparing them to be put on the sales floor. Bill puts out the new belts and removes the belts that have spent 5 weeks on the sales floor. Recently, Bill decided that he needed to pass the job of processing ties to someone else and only do belts going forward.

Until 4 years ago, Bill's daughter, Melinda helped him. Melinda would come to the store with Bill and help by removing the empty clothing hangers from the clothes racks. She also helped Bill at home with the belts and neck ties. Melinda went to be with the Lord 4 years ago.

We, the Board of Directors, the Employees, the Volunteers, Salem, Ontario Christian School, and Inland Christian Home, THANK YOU BILL! We appreciate the many hours and devotion to your volunteer work. May God continue to bless you.



## Another Location To Drop Off Your Donations



Please help us in approaching 2 million dollars in donations to Inland Christian Home by donating clothes & household items. A new donation box can now be found at Inland Christian Home along the north wall of the kitchen.

Inland Christian Home is located on Mountain Avenue just north of Philadelphia. Please feel free to drop off items anytime of the day. For big items schedule a pick-up by calling 909.902.0025.

## General Manager's Notes

By John Reyenga

Recently, a number of our staff attended a Leadership Summit and were touched by Mama Maggie's Ministry in Egypt named the Stephen's Children. It serves 7,000 families providing holistic care for children in Egypt's garbage dumps. She has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times and contributes all her success to God. She was introduced to a standing ovation, and as she slowly walked to the podium lifted her hands with tears pouring out of her eyes, saying, "Lord, I am not worthy of this attention." The following were some of her comments during her powerful presentation:

*"We don't choose where to be born but we choose to be sinners or saints. We choose whether to be a nobody or a hero. If you want to be a hero do what God wants you to do. Everyone who carries the fragrance of eternity has to experience the dark valley of death. To be elegant comes from the inside. True love is to give and forgive. To give until it hurts. Forgiveness is not between you and another, forgiveness is between you and God. People laugh when they hurt. We are forgiven much but live so little. With God's grace I left everything and found Him waiting for me with a crown of love. When you die to yourself you discover the beauty and power in yourself. When one has nothing, God becomes everything. When I touch a poor child, I touch Jesus Christ. When I listen to a poor child, I'm listening to God's heart beating for all humanity. Silence is the secret. To be in silence is to be fully inside your own self. It's not easy, but there you discover the taste of eternity. The Kingdom is within you. The silence is the secret – the first step – to finding treasure. There are secrets in silence. Silence your body to listen. Silence your tongue to listen to your thoughts. Silence your thoughts to listen to your heart beating. Silence your heart to listen to your spirit. Silence your spirit to listen to His Spirit. In silence you leave many and be with the One. If God has chosen me, believe me when I say I'm the least of any of you here."*

During the past 3 years, 3 Way has had strong operating results, significant distributions to Ontario Christian Schools, Salem Christian Homes and Inland Christian Home. We have been blessed with many dedicated volunteers and hardworking employees. PRAISE BE TO GOD for all the blessings He has given us at 3 Way Thrift in letting us touch the lives of many with love.

## Annual Summer Volunteer Luncheon

By Gloria Myers

In July, invitations went out to approximately 70 volunteers and spouses for the Annual Summer Luncheon in appreciation for all the time and energy the volunteers so freely give. The event took place at Inland Christian Home Fellowship Center, and Janet Zimmerman prepared pulled pork sandwiches with corn salad, coleslaw and baked beans. For dessert she served brownies and her deliciously famous pudding

cake. Tena Meinders welcomed the guests and offered devotions. A game concluded the event, and the prizes consisted of the centerpieces, which were roses in yellow pots. Guests also received a 3 Way Thrift writing pen.

The Board members and Social Committee want to say a big THANK YOU to the volunteers for another year of service.



## Newest Board Members



***Dee Van Dam***

Member Chino URC  
Resides in Ontario

I recently retired giving me the opportunity to be an active volunteer with 3 Way Thrift. I enjoy being involved in the lives and supporting the residents of Salem Christian Homes and Inland Christian Home.



***Tena Meinders***

Member Ontario URC  
Resides in Chino

I have worked at Salem for over 27 years. I attend Ontario URC. I grew up in Redlands but graduated from OCHS. Dordt College BA in Elementary and Special Education University of La Verne - MPA (Master of Public Administration)



***Jeff Steggell***

Member CrossPoint Church  
Resides in Chino Hills

I am business owner in the Chino Valley. I live in Chino Hills with my wife, Jennifer and our four boys, Joshua, Jeremy, Justin and Joel. Our family has attended Crosspoint for 4 years. My family has a long line of pastors and missionaries. Loving God, Living a life that offers a helping hand and cultivating a strong Christ-centered home has been a been Our way of life. I look forward to serving on the board of 3 Way Thrift along with the other members.



***Gary Zondervan***

Member CrossPoint Church  
Reside in Ontario

My wife Mavis and I live very active lives even though I'm retired. Currently, I'm working at Crown Toyota which is more fun than work. This job with the John Elway organization allows me to meet people daily with different backgrounds and interests.

## From the President's Pen

By Rick Jasper

At our most recent board meeting, we as board members had the opportunity to meet and greet the leaders of the three organizations supported by 3 Way Thrift. It was good to finally be able to put faces together with names and to also share with each other some of the blessings that God has been pouring out on our community for so many years.

Dan Copland represented Salem Christian Home. He told us about some of the exciting (and challenging) changes that have taken place just in the last 15 years that he has been the director and he reminded us of God's continued faithfulness as this month Salem is celebrating its 50th anniversary! It was good to hear how 3 Way's financial help these past 15 years has helped Salem through some of their more trying times. We were glad to know that just this past year alone 3 Way's contributions have been able to help alleviate some of the financial burdens that had previously been shouldered by Salem's employees.

The administrator of Inland Christian Home, Mary Wolf, told of how--even in these financially challenging times when so many people find themselves unable to sell their homes--God has been working to help fill the new apartments at Inland. We were happy to know that so many people are now being blessed by the ministry and care provided by this institution. She shared that the monies provided by 3 Way this past year were used to upgrade the phone system at Inland. We also

provided the funds necessary for redecorating the dining facility in order to help it look less dated and more like a modern-looking facility. Since this is the main focal point of so many first-time visitors to Inland, it's good to know these monies are being well-spent to enhance future growth and prosperity.

Finally, Ontario Christian School's new superintendant, Ryan Groen, introduced himself and he told of how God brought him and his family to Southern California to serve our community. He spoke of the evidence he has already seen of God's providential hand providing for and blessing generations of students and their families at O. C. He also shared how difficult it is for some families to currently meet the financial challenges of keeping their children in a Christian school. We were informed that all of the monies generated by 3 Way go directly into the school's tuition assistance fund, that these monies represent a substantial portion of that fund, and that without these financial contributions many students would be unable to continue to attend Ontario Christian School.

We were glad to meet each of these individuals and hear of their work in continuing to nurture and build God's community here in the Inland Valley. We're thankful for the continued support from our many volunteers and for the many donations provided to 3 Way. These, along with a dedicated staff of employees, are helping to bless these organizations and further Christ's Kingdom in this valley.



### THRIFT STORE, INC

#### Montclair Location:

10174 Central Ave.  
Montclair, CA 91763  
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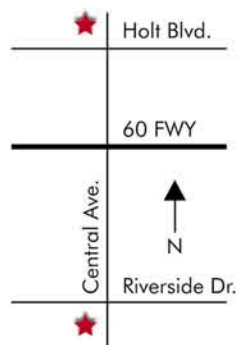
Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 8:45 pm  
Saturday  
9:00 am - 8 pm

#### Chino Location:

13390 Central Ave.  
Chino, CA 91710  
909.902.0025 • fax: 909.902.0065

Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 8:45 pm  
Saturday  
9:00 am - 8 pm

Donations gladly accepted at both locations.  
Mon.-Sat. 9:00 am - 6:00 pm



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