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2016 YEAR END NEWSLETTER

CALIFORNIA RAPID RESPONSE TEAM #17

2016 was somewhat of a slower year for California Rapid Response Team #17. With the California Regulations becoming even more strict, it has become even more difficult to get our team involved in helping those that have been struck by disaster. We did, however, have one good opportunity this year!

Even though the year was a slower one, the month of September was not! Team #17 had the opportunity and blessing to help those affected by the Soberanes Fire. The fire swept through the mountainous Palo Colorado Canyon Community of Big Sur, CA, burning fifty-seven homes and numerous outbuildings. Our team was able to spend four weekends in that area helping homeowners clean up their destroyed homes. Most of the homes had been built on the hillsides, so a lot of the clean up consisted of hauling ash and debris UP the hills! Each evening volunteers returned to camp dirty and tired, but also happy! The new shower trailer that we received from CAM was a huge blessing, and volunteers had no problems putting it to use! All meals were prepared out of a travel trailer by the ladies, and the lunches were brought to the jobsites.

The team had many comments from homeowners expressing how they saw the love of Jesus in the volunteers lives as they helped with the dirty hot work.

Thank you to all those who donated of your time and money, and to those of you who sent and helped prepare food. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Statistics of the Soberanes Fire Clean up...

- 22 homes were cleared out of the 57 reported lost
- 110 volunteers from 4 different states (CA, ID, AR, WY)
- 16 different church groups participated
- 2,409 hours worked in 8 days







BILLBOARD

We continue to fund the billboard along Highway 99, and it continues to proclaim the truth of God's Word to the many souls that travel past it each day.

One change from last year is that the message on the sign is changed every four months instead of six months, like it had previously been done.

In 2016, 94,217 total calls came in from ALL the billboards, and of that number 20,164 of them pressed the extension to talk to a team member.

Heritage harmony

Heritage Harmony once again blessed those in our community by their singing this past year! Several of their performances include the January Lamb Banquet, Modesto Gospel Mission, and a Gideon's Dinner. Heritage Harmony is a great opportunity for young and old alike to spend time together and to encourage others!

When practicing for an event, the choir generally gets together every other Tuesday evening to sing for two hours.



Prison Ministry

Imagine a country where the inmates filled their loneliness by the Word of God. Would the nation be changed if men stopped reverting back to their old lifestyles and instead gave their lives to the Lord? The prison ministry continues to distribute comic Bibles to many searching souls every month.

 25 Favorite Bible Stories
 provided by CAM are sent to children of inmates. This is one way that inmates can influence their children's live



in a positive way!

Many write and request • us to pray them... acknowledging the power and effectiveness that there is in prayer!

- Stanislaus County Jail– new and used Bibles from last years dinner meeting were a real blessing for our local inmates.
- CAM also supplies additional, high quality books for the edification of the inmates.
- Correspondence continues to be blessing for the inmates that have re-

quested ongoing communication.

- Since the prison ministry started in 2010, we are nearing 50,000
 Good & Evil books that have been sent to inmates in CA.
 - 2017 LAMB BOARD

Rod & Claudia Flory Doug & Karen Balsbaugh Aaron & Janet Rumble Nathan Flora Janice Jarboe Randy & Sarah Jenkins Scott & Becky Oyler

The lamb packs

Its been another busy year of sending out supplies to others in need!

- Raisin packs this year, between three different packs, we packed 8,000 pounds of raisins. These were then shipped to CAM to be sent to thirdworld countries across the globe.
- Layette kit pack- we had

one day of packing bundles for new babies. We sent fifty of them to CAM and distributed the other fifty to needs in our own local area.



- Hygiene and school kit packs - we packed 500 of each assembled this year to help meet the needs of others who can't afford to buy these basic items on their own.
- Salvation Army Christmas pack - 304 dozen cookies were baked by the young folks and to then be packed in little



red boxes to be sent to help out with the Salvation Army's Christmas dinner.

Modesto gospel mission

Meals: Once a month on the first Saturday night, LAMB volunteers serve two meals. The first meal is at 5pm for the people in the New Life Recovery Program. The second meal is then served at 8pm. This meal is for the homeless who are in need of a hot meal.

Devotions: The MGM pro-

vides a 1 hour devotional service in the evening to homeless and needy in the community. Those who wish to eat are required to sit and listen to the message. One of our brothers takes care of the devotions on the night we serve dinner. This has given us an opportunity to share the gospel with those who may have never heard it before.



EXTRA MILE TRIPS

Rod & Claudia Flory and Aaron & Janet Rumble took those involved in the extra mile program to three different places this past year. The destinations were: Last Supper in Santa Cruz (March), Yosemite (June), and Forestiere Gardens in Fresno (November). This was an great chance to spend time with the elderly and enable them to visit places they may not be able to visit on their own.