

# THROUGH THE TREES

A NEWSLETTER FOR SUPPORTERS OF THOUSAND PINES & SAN MARCOS

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPANDS

Fall's changing leaves signal the start of the school year and the beginning of outdoor science school here at camp. The Thousand Pines Outdoor Science School recently began its 32-week long program, in which it serves over 50 local schools. As our program continues to increase registration and improve curriculum, San Marcos Camp will introduce their own outdoor school, starting with just a few weeks this year.

San Marcos recently hired Aaron Ryssemus, a new full-time staff member who trained under the Thousand Pines school, to develop their program. San Marcos provides an ideal setting for outdoor education; located just fifteen minutes from Santa Barbara, it's nearby marine environment and year-round creek provide diverse ecosystems for the students to study. With its abundant opportunities for hands-on learning and serene location, San Marcos has the potential to be a first-class outdoor science school. In the future, this increased camp attendance could dramatically impact revenue and improve their opportunity to reach young people through God's creation.



### PRAYER REQUESTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- Please pray for the hearts of the students who will attend winter camp, running Jan- Feb.



### 2011 NEEDS LIST

#### Thousand Pines

- 2 Projectors for WWC, \$450 ea
- 2 Screens for WWC, \$250 ea
- 250 Pew Chairs for WWC, \$25 ea
- Sound Board for WWC, \$2,000
- Security Gates & Signage at Camp Entrance, \$2500
- Camp Mattresses, \$75 ea
- Chairs for Scott Building, \$55 ea
- Commercial BBQ/Grill & Smoker w/ Trailer, \$10,000
- Commercial Ovens, \$5000
- 2 Cocoa Machines, \$880
- Manitowoc Ice Machine, \$4000
- Immersion Blender, \$350

#### San Marcos

- 10 Patio Umbrellas, \$80 ea
- 120" Projector Screen for Main Dining Hall, \$400
- Entrance Road and Parking Lot Resurface, \$15,000
- Foosball Table, \$400
- Roofing Material for Dining Hall, Material bid \$8,000

## GOD MEETS MEN AT WEEKEND RETREATS

This September men gathered at Thousand Pines for a weekend of rest and renewal. They had the opportunity to enjoy recreation such as swimming, high-ropes, paintball, and tournaments. In addition to adventurous guy-time, the men were challenged with engaging chapel sessions. Speaking to the men about being the man who God has called them to be, Dr. Deryl Lackey, the Director of Missions at the Inland Empire Baptist Association & college professor, looked at the men of the Old Testament. Lackey shared that a common characteristic among men such as Abraham and David was integrity.

The Lord's call to live a life of integrity through the men's retreat has proved very influential, year after year. A single church's camp attendance doubled this fall because last year's retreat had such a profound effect on their entire church. This year, one of their men was struggling through a divorce, but after he encountered God at camp that weekend, he called his wife to seek reconciliation. Their pastor noted, "I know that all of my men drew closer to God, one marriage was saved, one guy received Christ and I as a Pastor was ministered to, thank you."

